

# Friday Blast 11/9/18

**November Office Hours:** Don't forget that our next Office Hours parent/teacher conference night is on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 6:00pm. If you have a concern in one or more of your students' classes, sign up for a time to talk with their teacher. You do not need to schedule an appointment if you have no concerns at this time. Sign-up times are currently available. [CLICK HERE for Office Hours Sign Up](#)

## **From the PTA:**

PTA would like to support our teachers and staff next week during Office Hours by providing snacks and drinks during their extended evening. Please help us do this by signing up to provide snack donations. [Sign up for Donations here.](#)

## **Book Fair:**

Bell Middle School will host a Scholastic Book Fair next week, **November 12-16**. Bell's library is hosting the fair in an effort to increase its book-to-student ratio. Bell currently has 7 books per student; other local middle schools average 12-15 books per student.

A large percentage of sales from the book fair will come back to Bell directly in the form of credit for deeply-discounted Scholastic titles. This is our chance to make a big difference in the Bell Library!

Students may purchase books before school, during Bobcat time, and after school each day. On November 16<sup>th</sup>, the Book Fair will remain open from 2-6pm during parent Office Hours. Thank you, Bell community, for your support!

## **We Need Your Pictures!**

We would love to have your help with yearbook photos! Yearbook is always looking for photos from any and all of Bell's awesome events. If you have pictures of after school sports, the talent show, bike club, or any of the great things going on at Bell, please send them our way! Just attach your photo to this Photo Form and submit. Thank you so much for all you do!

## **Barnes & Noble:**

Come to Barnes & Noble in Denver West (14347 W. Colfax Ave.) ALL DAY on Tues. 11/13 or Wed. 11/14 to pick up great books, eReaders, and gifts for birthdays and holidays.

**\*\*Tell the cashier that you are shopping to support Bell Middle School!\*\***

## **Attention Parents of Sixth Graders:**

We will be holding an informational meeting regarding Outdoor Lab for ALL sixth grade families on the evening of **Thursday, December 6 at 6pm** in the Bell Middle School auditorium. Please plan to attend this meeting with your student! We will be sharing important information about your student's trip to Outdoor Lab. If you are unable to attend the meeting, the slideshow with important information will be loaded to the sixth grade website for you to view under the Outdoor Lab tab.

**\*\*Please also remember to fill out your student's medical form and have them return it to their Science teacher as soon as possible.**

## **Bell GeoBee**

National Geographic's 2019 GeoBee is coming and 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Bell Bobcats have a chance to compete. The final competition to determine a school champion will be held Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at Bell Middle from 2:30 to 5:00 pm. A qualifying first place winner will

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be invited to compete in the State GeoBee in March to compete for \$1,000 and a paid trip to Washington, D.C. in May to compete at the National level for a \$25,000 scholarship. The interest meeting to join will be held Thursday, November 8th afterschool at 2:15 and end no later than 3 pm. If you as a parent or community member are interested in volunteering for the event as a judge or coach, please contact Mr. Pullen or Mr. McGinnis for details. This is a free activity and participants will meet every Thursday after school to practice and prepare for the competition happening shortly after winter break.

## **Bobcats of the Week**

Teachers and staff members nominate 2 students weekly from each grade. Students are nominated based on consistent or exceptional R.O.A.R. (Respectful, Optimistic, Accountable, Responsible) behavior. Congratulations to our most recent Bobcats of the Week:

### **GRADE 6**

Isabela Perez for being Responsible

Cal Gordon for being Accountable

### **GRADE 7**

Taylor Czarnecki for being Optimistic

Maggie Toohill for being Responsible

### **GRADE 8**

Jaelynn Beaber for being Responsible

Justin Douthit for being Responsible

**CONGRATULATIONS Bobcats! Keep up the great work!**