Checking Students’ Work/Assignments in Google – The most accurate information about a students’ grades and/or work completion is found in the Jeffco Connect (Grades) for each class (this can also be found on the Bell Website under Family Resources and Family Portals). We want parents and guardians to be aware of this because it has come to our attention that it is possible that students can click a button on Google Classroom that says “Turned-in” but they haven’t actually turned anything in. In other words, they turn-in a blank assignment. If parents/guardians are relying on students showing them what they have “turned-in” through Google Classroom, it may not be accurate. That said, understand that Jeffco Connect (grades) is updated when teachers enter grades after grading the assignments. Therefore, there is a delay between when the assignment is due and when Portal is updated. If you have questions, please reach out to your child’s teacher.

Just a reminder that Staff Appreciation is the first week of May. We have a variety of ways you and your student can participate. The PTA will be purchasing gift cards for our incredible staff members. If you would like to make a donation towards our staff gift cards purchase, please USE THIS LINK. The donation link can also be found on the Bell Middle School website. 100% of your donations will go to staff appreciation gifts, so thank you in advance for your help in making it special!

Our counselors will have links on their Google Classroom to send thank you messages to your teachers, office staff members, admin, counselors, or ANYONE you would like to share gratitude towards. Again, this information is on the Bell Website, so visit for more information.

Now more than ever, I think we can all appreciate our incredible staff and the work they do. Please help us to shower them with the biggest THANK YOU we can muster.

Here's the latest episode of Bobcat News. For those of you that aren’t aware, Bobcat News is a production of Ms. Zimmerman's Interactive Media Classes. Great job, Bobcats, in continuing with the news during remote learning.

Bobcat News WeVideo Link
Bobcat News Google Drive Link (downloadable)

Families, if you are having trouble with devices for online learning, please click on this flyer from our IT department for simple troubleshooting steps and contact information for the IT parent support hotline: TECH SUPPORT FLYER & PARENT HOTLINE INFO
We would like to congratulate the following Bell teachers for receiving this year’s Value Awards:

**EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE – TERRI BURUSE**
**Practices:** Demonstrates a consistent, daily, focused effort to reach organizational goals; seeks feedback; actively listens to customers; participates in staff development; examines data and results for opportunities to grow and improve; aligns resources with employee growth and student achievement.

**INTEGRITY: ALLISON JOHNSON**
**Practices:** Adheres to a high standard of professional conduct and honesty. Matches words and actions; meets commitments; takes responsibility for actions; acts professionally at all times.

**TEAMWORK: JESSICA SWIFT**
**Practices:** Works together to attain organizational goals. Communicates effectively; balances unity and diversity; defines team roles, goals and norms; establishes an atmosphere of trust.

**VALUING PEOPLE: LANCE KRISL**
**Practices:** Respects, supports, and treats people with dignity. Treats all students, employees, parents and community members with respect; deals with conflict honestly and respectfully; encourages civil discourse; promotes autonomy in decision making as long as the decisions and actions are in accord with the district’s core values.

Congratulations to all the award recipients!

Have a great weekend!