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DASH4CASH

It Was Time To Run And Have Some Fun!

Story by: Jordyn G.

On September 13th we all ran our hearts out and had a blast during Dash4Cash.

This year Coach Jones and Coach Hiatt put this wonderful event together in order to help raise funds for the P.E. and Athletic Departments. In the previous year, when the event was called Run4Funds, an outside organization claimed 60 percent of the money leaving us with only 40 percent of what we raised.

Some of the first things the coaches will be purchasing with the monies raised during this year's event are new equipment like volleyballs, and soccerballs. They are also thinking about purchasing new uniforms. Another idea for the funds is to make more improvements/upgrades to the sound system in the gymnasium.



*The day and event was such a success.
Thank you to everyone that participated.*

WE DO HAVE SPIRIT

And it was showing all week!

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PICTURE DAY

Ahhhh, picture day. The day in which you do your hair up just right, you put on your best clothes, you've been practicing your smile the day before, and then what happens...your picture is taken when you least expected it.

NOT AN ACTUAL BELLE CREEK STUDENT -->



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SUPERHERO DAY

This is always a popular day at Belle Creek. Most everyone got in to the spirit by dressing as their favorite hero, while some, as their favorite villan.

WHO'S YOUR FAVORITE HERO?



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BOOK CHARACTER DAY

Whether young or older, everyone can find a character in their favorite book that they like.

HI HO, HI HO, IT'S OFF TO WORK WE GO...



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ERA Day

Students had an opportunity to time travel to the past or future. This set of students all picked the same era...

HAPPY DAYS ARE HERE, AGAIN!



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CAREER DAY

Can you guess who they all want to be?

IF YOU CAN DREAM IT, YOU CAN BE IT



The Solar Eclipse

The Great American Eclipse

On August 21st most Americans were enthralled and captivated by the solar eclipse that stretched across the United States from Oregon, on the west coast, all the way through South Carolina, on the east coast. Students and staff alike at Belle Creek CS were also interested as most were experiencing their very first solar eclipse. Students and staff gathered outside a little after the noon hour to take

in the sight. With solar filtered glasses on and some pulled snugly around their faces, students saw the wonderment of the eclipse. The weather and clouds cooperated as there were no issues looking at the phenomenon.



STUDENTS WERE GETTING THEIR FIRST GLIMPSES OF THE SOLAR ECLIPSE, WHILE THE ECLIPSE WAS CASTING SOME PRETTY COOL SHADOWS AND EFFECTS.

In case you missed it or want to know when the next few eclipses will be occurring, here are some dates to keep in mind:

Feb 15, 2018: Partial - can be viewed in the extreme Southern Hemisphere

July 13, 2018: Partial - can be viewed south of Australia

August 11, 2018: Partial - Extreme Northern Hemisphere north of Canada and also including most of the Asian continent.

April 8, 2024: Total - next time in North America (Texas going northeast in to and through Maine)

(<https://www.timeanddate.com/eclipse/list.html>)

And, in case you were wondering when the next total eclipse will be that will pass directly over Colorado...August 12, 2045. Mark it on your calendars now so you don't forget. (<https://www.denverite.com/next-colorado-eclipse-41292/>)



CONSTITUTION DAY

Constitution Day - September 17th, 2017

On September 17, 1787, the delegates to the Constitutional Convention met for the last time to sign the document they had created.

Belle Creek Charter School, with the planning from Mrs. Yurchak, our middle school Social Studies

teacher, decided to create the US flag with the assistance of all the students and staff and the Crusaders Equestrian group to help conclude Constitution Day. All gathered out on to the field at around 3:00pm to get in position to help shape our flag. Kindergartners lined up and

formed the bottom part of the flag with each grade there after. The field of blue and 50 stars was made up of 8th graders and a few staff. After getting in to place an overhead picture was taken to commemorate the moment.

Some facts about the United States Flag:

Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes as the American flag on June 14, 1777.

For a while, the U.S. added stripes and stars to the flag when welcoming new states. At one point, the flag had 15 stripes and 15 stars.

As the country continued to add new states, they decided to go back to the 13 stripes for the original 13 colonies.

The colors of the flag have important meanings. Red symbolizes hardiness and valor, white symbolizes purity and innocence and blue represents vigilance, perseverance and justice.

The first Flag Day observance



Thank you to the Crusaders Equestrian for coming out and helping us with Constitution Day

Getting in to place before the overhead picture was taken



was on June 14, 1885, when 19-year-old school teacher Bernard J. Cigrand placed a 38-inch star flag in a bottle on his desk. He assigned essays about the flag and its significance.

In 1894, the governor of New York directed that the flag be displayed on all public buildings on June 14.

On May 30, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a presidential proclamation establishing Flag Day as the anniversary of the Flag Resolution.

On August 3, 1949, President Truman signed an Act of Congress that would designate June 14 of each year as National Flag Day.

When the flag can no longer be repaired or used, it must be destroyed in a dignified matter, such as burning.

If dirty or soiled, an American flag may be washed and dry cleaned.

If a flag touches the ground, it does not have to be destroyed. Instead, just wash it if it's dirty.

“ MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT

When you get a new drone...and it attacks you ”



The day was Wednesday, September 20th. The time - 2:50pm. Before we get to what happened, we must first recap the day. Mr. Novak was giving demonstrations of his drone to each of his classes during the day. With all of the students at a very safe distance, Mr. Novak proceeded with his demonstration and lesson.

It was simple: turn the drone on, fly a few feet off the ground, grab the underbody of the craft, show the camera to all of the students, then, safely land the drone. This worked very well for the first six classes of the day - no problems whatsoever. Then came the last class of the day: sixth grade. Everything started off the same as all the other classes: start the drone, fly it a few feet off the ground, grab the underside, show off the camera, then let go of the drone to land it. EXCEPT this time, after letting go of the drone and stepping away to land it...the unthinkable happened: THE DRONE ATTACKED Mr. Novak. Flying straight for him with the drone slightly tilted down at an angle with the blades peering right at his neck, instincts took over...

Mr. Novak raised his right hand to block the drone from hitting him. SLICE SLICE, SLICE, baby slice. 3 1/2 cuts later and a partially broken drone (all four propellers), Mr. Novak's hand was dripping blood. Okay, it was more than just dripping, but you can use your imagination for how it really was. We will spare you the graphic details. And, to make matters worse, he couldn't find anything to stop the bleeding as students were looking on. Walking around the room he finally found some paper towel. He took multiple sheets and wrapped them around his right hand to put pressure on the wounds. Not exactly how you want to end the day - except his didn't end then. Instead, he decided to wait a few hours to go get stitches. Too bad the drone's camera wasn't turned on and filming. 🤪

Story by: Jordyn G. & Brizeis R.

DEAR CHATTY

Answering the questions that you have.
Have a question? email us at dc@bellecreekcs.org



How can I reduce the chances of me and my mom fighting?

Advice: Get to know your mom better. Understand her struggles and problems. Tell your mom what's going on in your life. Spend some time with your mom in a less tense, more fun environment. Explain your life to your mom. If she acts out tell her how it makes you feel. Let her know your feelings and hopefully your mom will understand.



How can I be a better friend?

Advice: If you want to be a better friend, you need to invite this person to do fun activities with you and never make your friend feel left out. If a problem or conflict occurs, let them know about it and let them help you. Lastly, make time for them in your life. Make sure they can trust you and you can trust them, so they know you care about them... so they know you care about them.

WE SHOW RESPECT

THE FIRST QUARTER OF THE YEAR WAS ALL ABOUT RESPECT! HERE ARE STUDENTS WHOM HAVE BEEN NOMINATED BY THEIR TEACHERS FOR SHOWING RESPECT EACH AND EVERY DAY! WELL DONE!

Annabelle M, Eyzabelle F, and Samantha C - These three ladies show respect at all times! Ms. Lear - Kindergarten

Everett S - Everett always follows the class rules, never interrupts, and treats both adults and his fellow students like a gentleman. Mr. Stewart - Kindergarten

Harper T - Harper always follows directions and has positive manners. Ms. T - Kindergarten

Aaron A and Celeste S - These students are both true signs of what respect stands for. They are always respecting the teacher by listening, focusing, and performing for the task at hand. Whenever these students need something, they always use their manners, and always show respect to others by making sure their peers are taken care of too. Ms. Coleman - 1st Grade

Gabriel A, Aletse R, and Vanseth V - All three of these students are always respectful to adults and peers alike. Ms. Luna - 1st Grade

Liam H - He is always sure to raise his hand in class, and focuses well on the tasks at hand. During whole

group vocabulary practice, he is my ball catcher and quietly praises anyone who gives a good answer to the vocabulary word. Ms. Greiner - 1st Grade

Miranda S - Miranda never fails to use a respectful tone of voice when she addresses anyone - adult or child. She stays on topic in class and pays attention to answers made by others. - Ms. Greiner - 1st Grade

Polina L - Polina demonstrates respect by listening and following the expectations. She always does as she is asked, and tries to find the positive in all situations. Ms. Heredia - 2nd Grade

Hudson P - Hudson demonstrates respect by following the expectations everywhere he goes. He is respectful to teachers and to his peers, and always waits for his turn patiently. Ms. Heredia - 2nd Grade

Ella G - Ella is kind to all students and adults. She follows all classroom rules, and listens to instructions well. Ms. Zern - 2nd Grade

Marcus M - Marcus is very respectful of other students. He

always gets his work done and turns it in. He never talks out of turn. Ms. Zern - 2nd Grade

Eliana L - Eliana is extremely respectful to her teachers and peers. She is very quiet, follows directions, and is always willing to try - even when she may not understand something. Eliana is not afraid to ask for help, and she's willing to give help where needed and when asked. Eliana also plays well with other students and is respectful of everyone throughout the school. Ms. Pearce - 3rd Grade

Alani R.D. - Alani is very helpful to teachers and students. She demonstrates a willingness to work hard and volunteers to help wherever she sees a need. She is always smiling and offering a kind word to others, whether in class or in the hallway. Alani is also very respectful out at recess and in the lunchroom. Ms. Pearce - 3rd Grade

Abby W and Chris Z - These students are very respectful to adults and peers on a daily basis. Ms. Beggs - 5th Grade

Talen E - Talen shows respect in the classroom by paying attention to

the teacher, using kind words with others, and helping others. Ms. Hunt - 5th Grade

Abhi S and Landen W - These students show respect at all times. Ms. Hannah - 6th Grade
Alexa T and Alayna W - These student show respect each and every day. Mr. Pollack - 6th Grade

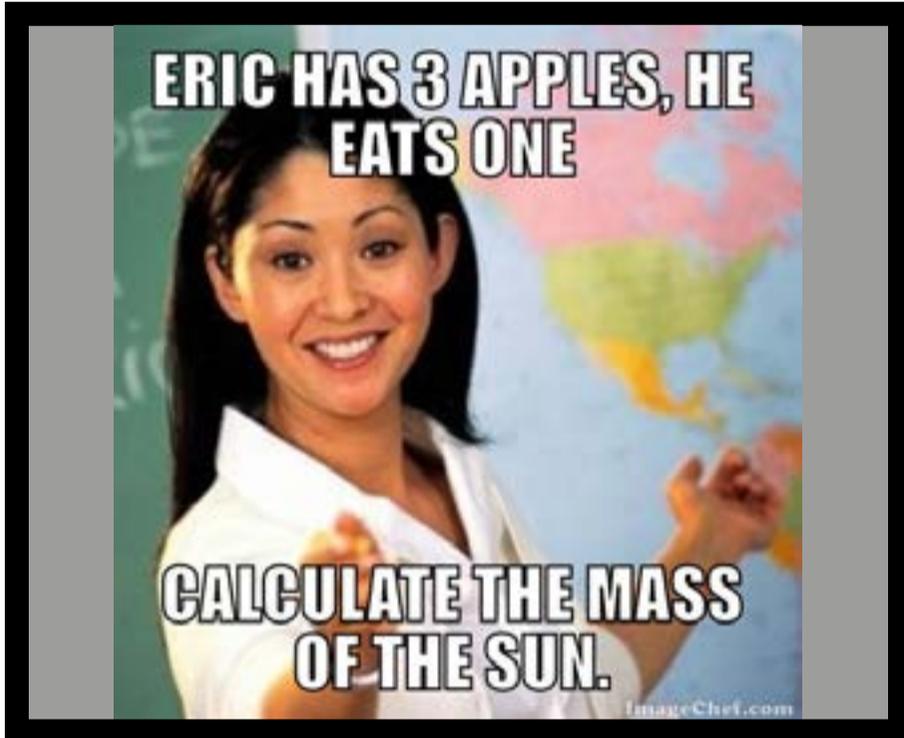
Braelyn M and Kamila S - These young ladies not only show respect to teachers and staff, but to their classmates as well. They also try to show their classmates what it is to be respectful through their actions. Ms. Reyes - 6th Grade

Andre L, Rylan E, and Johnathan R - These students always show respect in my art class. - Ms. Simonds - Art

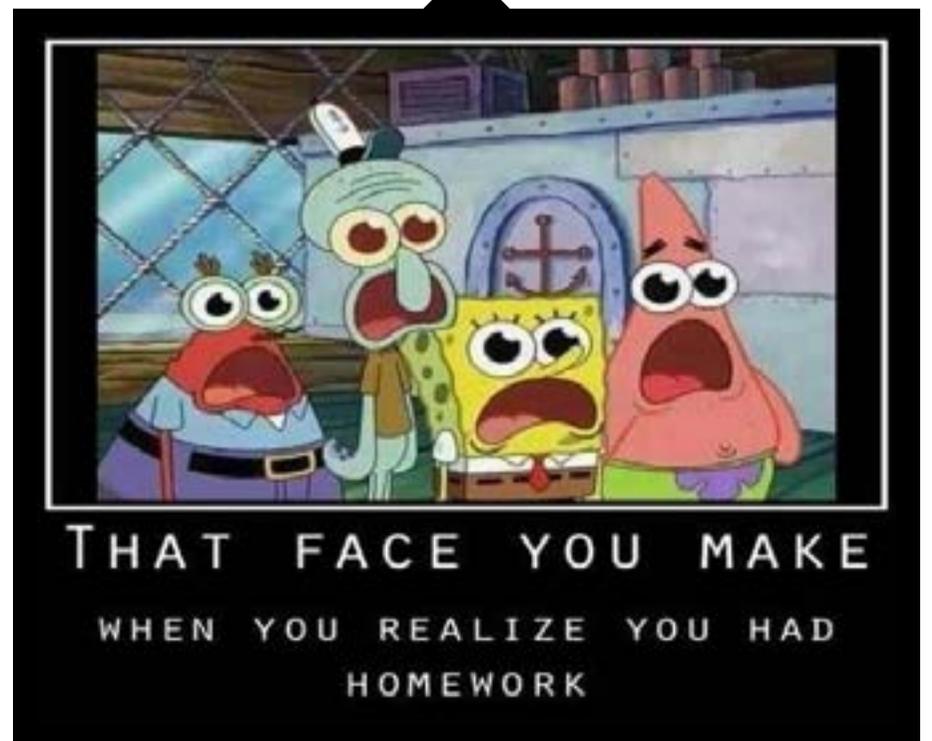
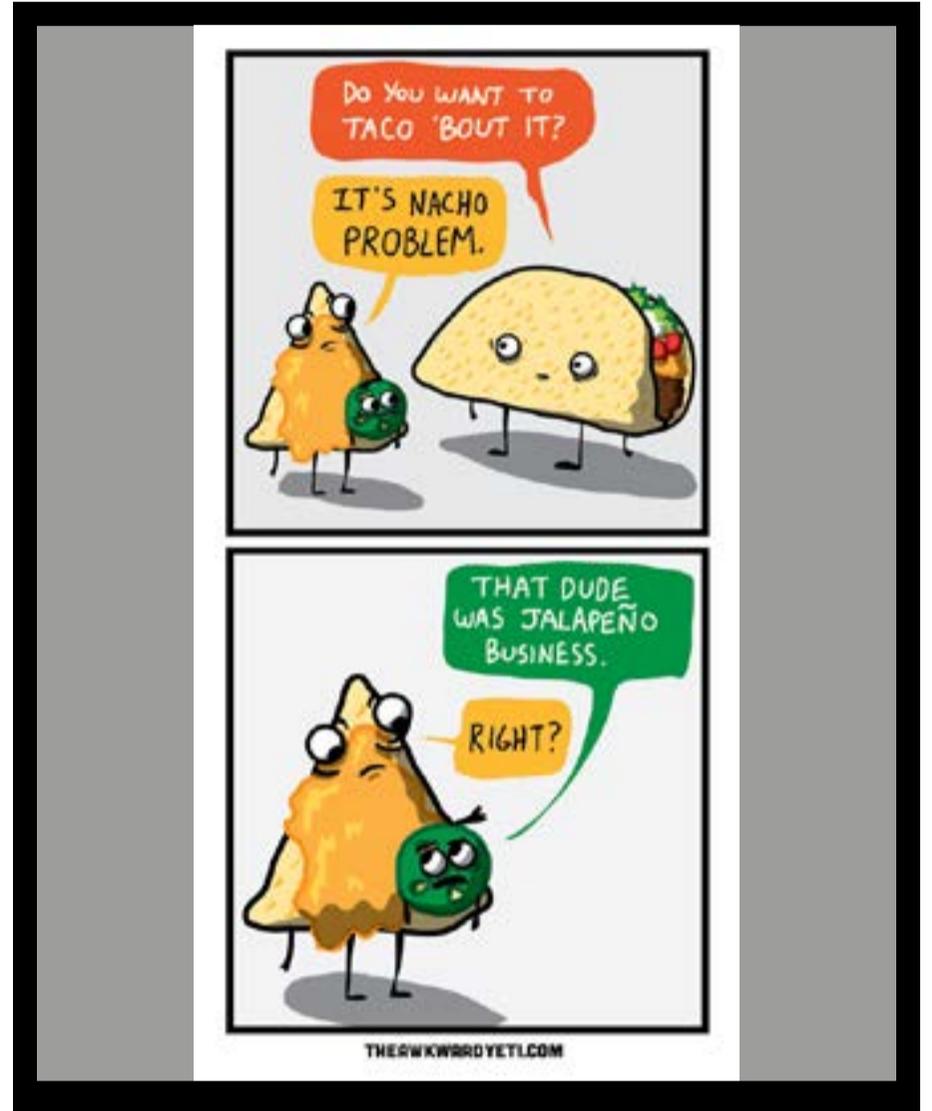
Koral J - She is very respectful in music class. - Ms. Wollard - Music

CONGRATULATIONS, STUDENTS! Any students who had received a September nomination and are not listed, will have an additional opportunity to be recognized during our mid-year Commitment to Character Assembly. Stay tuned!

▲ FUN, FACTS & MORE



Ever wonder what Jell-O is made from?
ANSWER on the next page



FACT FINDERS JOSH & TABOR

*Have a question about something and want to know the answer?
Our Fact Finders will get you the answers.*

WHAT IS JELL-O MADE OF?



The collagen in gelatin does come from boiling the bones and hides of animals processed for their meat casually cows and pigs. But hooves consist of a different protein. To make Jell-O you need to heat the gelatin in water. Heating breaks the way the bonds holding the collagen together.

HEATING THE WATER-GELATIN SOLUTION



Next, the heated water-gelatin solution must be cooled, allowing the collagen strands to re-bond in a network, but now with water trapped inside. The collagen network gives Jell-o its semisolid properties, while the trapped water keeps it jiggling.

THE FINISHED PRODUCT



Gelatin itself is a collection of long, stringy animal-based proteins called collagen, which bond together in three-stranded helical structures – similar to the two-stranded helices of DNA.

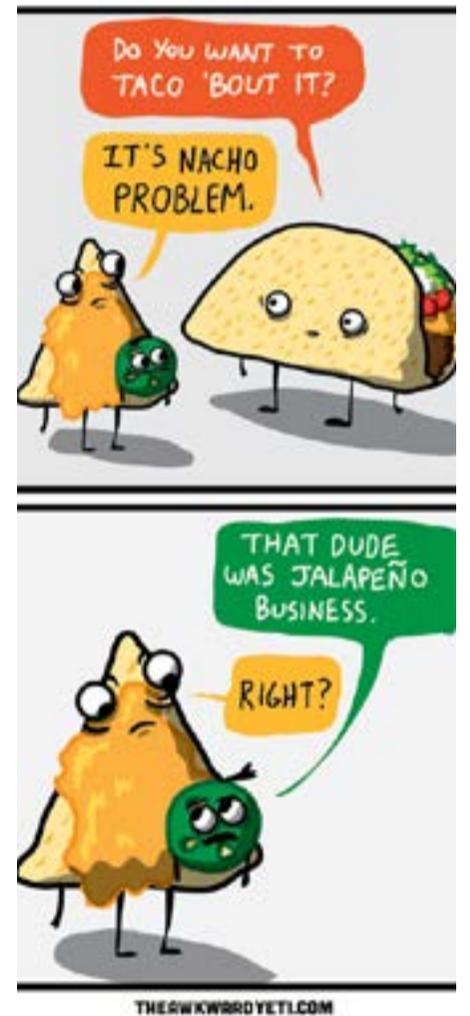
GUESS THE TEACHER



COLD AND FLU SEASON IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER...ARE YOU PREPARED?



A LITTLE HUMOR FOR THE DAY



1. This teacher was born in Janesville, Wisconsin.

2. This teacher loves Charlie Brown.

3. This teacher used to be a second grade teacher.

Find out who this teacher is in the next issue of The Charter Box!

This is the time of year when cold and flu viruses take their aim on students and staff. Here are a few things you can do to help prevent getting and/or spreading them to others

1. Wash your hands really well
2. Get plenty of sleep at night
3. Eat healthy meals and cut back on sweets/caffeine
4. Eliminate stress

Q: What do you call cheese that's not yours?

A: Nacho cheese!

Q: What do you get when you cross a snowman and a vampire?

A: Frostbite!

SPIRIT WEEK

