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New Marquee!

By McKenzie Collard, 5th

Birney is getting our first electric marquee! A marquee is the sign at the road that shows important announcements on it. The new marquee is going to be much bigger than the old marquee, with LED panels on it. The sides will also rotate so we can get more than one message at a time! It will have colorful details, and we can include graphics or pictures.



The new marquee is scheduled to be put up in January, however, there could be delays. The CCSD SPLOT department is installing the new marquee. It will be in the same spot, but the new one will be bigger and easier to see from the road.

We're one of the only schools around with an old marquee, so it's time we got a new one! It will benefit us because we will have another way to communicate events, important reminders, exciting news, celebrations, and more with the school community!

Thanksgiving!

By Crystal Pina, 5th

Today I'm going to tell you about what I am going to do over

Thanksgiving, what we cook and eat for Thanksgiving, and how other people celebrate it differently.

First, we decorate my living room and dining room. We put up little turkeys on the table and put on the Thanksgiving tablecloth. After we get the extra chairs and tables from downstairs, we put them up. Then my sisters make delicious pumpkin desserts that smell and taste so good. They also make delicious mac and cheese and delicious turkey. My mom makes corn, green beans, and sweet potatoes with marshmallows and sometimes ponche. If you don't know what ponche is, it's a sweet, warm punch with fruit.

Another thing that we do for Thanksgiving is eat, and every year we give thanks to God for everything He does for us.

Lastly, some people celebrate differently by watching American football or watching the Macy's Thanksgiving parade. Some people also celebrate with friendsgiving, where they gather with their friends for a meal, especially if they can't be with their family. Other cultures might have a potluck of traditional foods, like Chinese dishes, but also some people don't even celebrate Thanksgiving at all.

And that's how I celebrate Thanksgiving and how other families celebrate it, too!

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Bobcat Beliefs – Student Opinions & Editorials

Black Friday: The Best Day to Buy Stuff

By: Kailan Chitel, 5th

Black Friday is probably the most awesome shopping day of the whole year. It happens right after Thanksgiving, when everyone is still super full from turkey and pie, but nobody cares because the deals are too good to miss! It's like a national holiday just for shopping, and it's a really big deal because some stores drop their prices way down. My mom and dad always talk about what they plan to buy, and I mostly just think about the cool stuff I want that will be on sale.

The first reason Black Friday is so cool is its name. I learned that they call it "Black" Friday because it used to mean that stores would finally make enough to be "in the black," which means they aren't losing money anymore. They used black ink to write down their profit numbers from all the sales. Since the day after Thanksgiving starts the Christmas shopping season, stores try to sell a ton of stuff all at once so they can make their yearly goals. It's like a race to get all the stuff out of the warehouse and into people's homes.

The actual shopping part is crazy, but it's the most exciting. Some people wake up super early, like when it's still dark outside, to wait in line. You can even find videos where people rush inside when the doors open like wild animals! People want to find the "doorbuster" deals, which are really cheap, but there are usually only a few of them. My family usually looks for new shoes or winter coats, but I love checking if my favorite art supplies or maybe wireless headphones will be on sale. It's the perfect time to get Christmas presents without spending a lot of money.

Not everyone likes waking up at 4am, though, and that's okay! Luckily, shopping has changed a lot. Now we have Cyber Monday too, which happens the week after Black Friday, but you do all of your shopping online. This is sometimes even better because you can stay in your pajamas, and you don't have to worry about someone else grabbing the last cool item on the shelf before you can get to it. It's quieter, and you just click and buy. It shows that the best sales don't just happen

in stores; they happen everywhere, even on your bed!

In the end, Black Friday is a fun and very important tradition. It helps everyone save money on big things they need and want, and get ready for the holidays in December. Even though standing in line or looking through stores' messy shelves can be tiring, it's worth it when you find a big discount. Black Friday is the best day to go shopping, and I can't wait to see what discounts there will be next year!

What I Did Over My Weekend!

By Jacqueline Rivera Mota, 5th

Here's what I did over the weekend. On Saturday, I went to Chick-fil-A and then to work with my dad. After, I went to the flea market. At the flea market, I just got a candy, but at Chick-fil-A, I got a chicken biscuit with Dr. Pepper. After the flea market, we went to Home Depot, because my dad had to buy stuff for work. After that, we waited three hours because we went to a party.

First, my dad made popcorn for the party, and my mom put the popcorn into bags. I was washing

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my clothes, but they did not dry in time, so I took a shower while they dried. After I took a shower, I went downstairs so I could get my clothes. They finished drying, so I put my clothes away and put on the outfit I was wearing to the party. Then my brother, big sister, and my parents got ready. And then we went to the party, and that's how I finished my Saturday.

On Sunday, I woke up, got ready, and cooked breakfast. After breakfast, I cleaned the house with my sister. After we cleaned the house, I went outside to help my dad, little brother, and sister cut down the dead plants in our yard. After we finished, my dad cut the grass with my little brother. Then both of my uncles came over. We went to the store to buy food, then we ate and played on the trampoline. Then an hour later, my uncles left, and I ate dinner and did my night routine. And then I fell asleep, and that's what I did on Sunday!

I hope you enjoyed reading about my weekend!

Questions to Ask Your Teacher

by Zaria Jackson, 4th

Hey, my name is Zaria. Have you ever wanted to know more about your teacher? Well, today I'm going to tell you five questions you can ask to get to know them better.

First, why did you become a teacher? And when did you become a teacher?

Next, you can ask if they've always wanted to become a teacher. Then, what school did you go to become a teacher?

Finally, what is your favorite subject to teach?

You can ask your teacher these questions, and they will help you get to know them better.

Which Specials are the Best?

By Jackson Wruck, 5th

Which specials are the best and why? I like PE, art, and music. P.E. is fun because you get to play fun games. I like art because it gives you imagination, and I like music because I enjoy learning about instruments. What are the best specials in your opinion?

P.E. is my favorite because I like to do physical activities. My favorite thing about P.E. is when I

play with the balloon or the basketball. When we do the run class, I also like the music that we listen to. In my opinion, P.E. is one of the best specials.

Art is one of my favorite specials, because you get to practice your drawing skills, and it helps build imagination. One of my favorite projects was the one where you draw a spider web with a marker on a piece of foil and then add water. When it is done, you remove the foil, and then it becomes a colorful web. Art is one of my favorites because it helps me get better at drawing.

Music is fun because I like playing instruments. I don't like singing, but I like playing records and watching movies. I like music because Ms. Hall is nice, and we do fun stuff in class.

In conclusion, my favorite specials classes are P.E., art, and music. I like P.E. because we get to play games, art because we do fun projects, and music because we watch cool movies and listen to music. So, I think that those are the best. Which ones are your favorites?

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Tyler's How-To

How to Make Slime Step-By-Step by Tyler Goodwin, 4th

Did you know slime is a great gift to give to others? If you don't have slime, this article can help you! In this article, you're going to make your very own slime so you can play with it and give it to your family to play with.

For this craft, you will need glue, green food coloring (you can use another color if you don't have green), saline, a bowl, something to mix the ingredients with, and a plastic zip-lock bag. You will also need an adult to help you along the way.

First, find a flat, sturdy surface to make your slime on, like a table. Next, grab the ingredients and put them in the area you want to use. After you get everything ready, it's time to make your slime!

To make your slime, carefully pour the glue into the bowl. Next, put in a few drops of food coloring and a few squirts of saline. When you put all your ingredients in, mix them with your mixing utensil.

When you are finished, play with your slime with your friends and family. When you're done playing, clean up your area and put your slime in your plastic zip-lock bag. And you're done!

Slime is fun to make, but it's even more fun to play with slime and give it away. If you don't want to give away your slime, you can try convincing your friends to make their own slime!

Bobcat Brainteasers & Jokes

~Jokes & Riddles~

○ Why do Birney Bobcats never get cold?

Answer:

○ What do snowmen eat for breakfast?

Answer:

○ What is a Birney Bobcat's favorite holiday song?

Answer:

○ What do elves learn in Kindergarten?

Answer:

○ What do you call a reindeer with bad manners?

Answer:

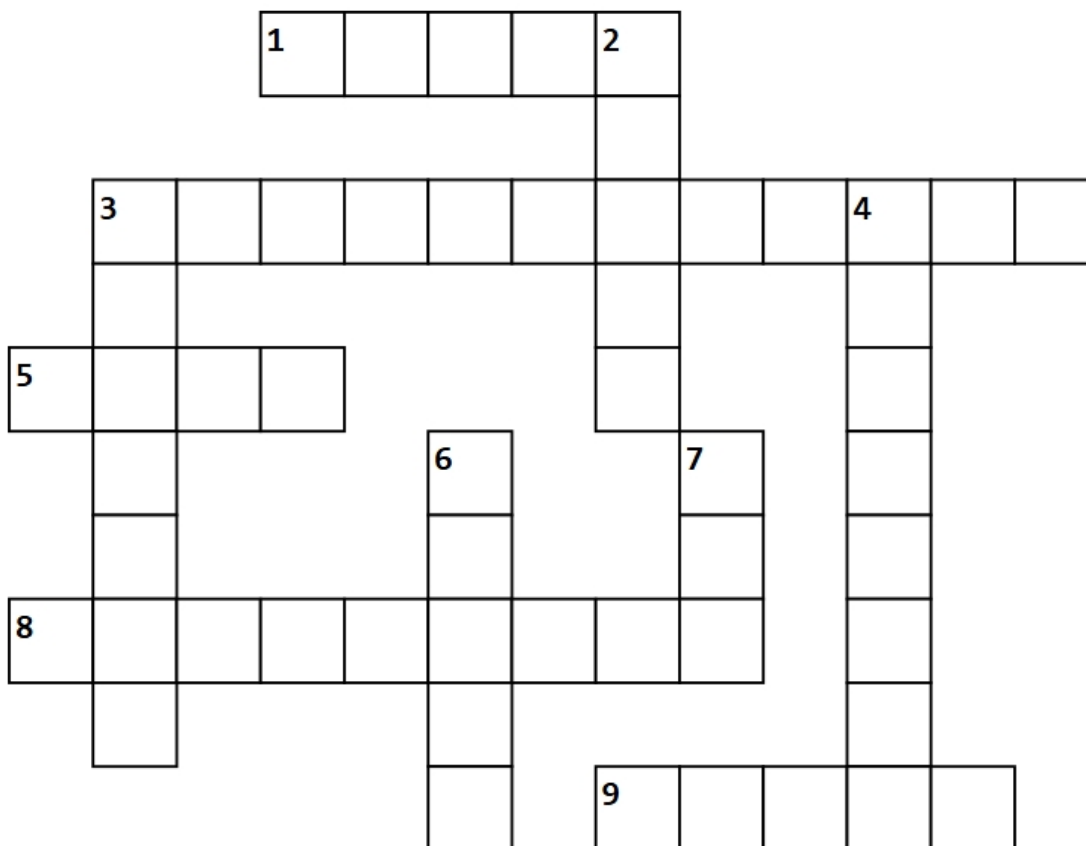
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~Crossword~



Across

1. Something that jingles
3. A tasty snack roasted over the fire
5. Cold white stuff that falls from the sky
8. A red and white striped holiday candy
9. What people give to each other during the holidays

Down

2. What you wrap around your neck to keep warm
3. What people light during Hanukkah
4. Something you hang on the Christmas tree
6. A hot, chocolatey drink
7. Frozen water

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