



# COUGAR TRACKS

The School Newsletter - BELMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## PRINCIPAL THOUGHTS.....FROM DEB DABBERT

### COUGAR PRIDE ASSEMBLY

At the January Cougar Pride assembly we recognized students with outstanding character and behavior. Golden Ticket winners were recognized from each classroom. Winners selected a prize of their choice.

Each grade level, ELL, Literacy, and Specialist teams selected an Exceptional Cougar Citizen Award winner. This award recognizes a student that is doing their best in the areas of academics, behavior, friendship skills and responsibility. The following students were awarded a certificate and Belmont Exceptional Cougar T-Shirt:

Zakary Muir  
Francisco Martinez  
Ameneh Al-Haidari  
Elicia Stone



Stephen Chism  
Isaac Sanchez  
Tayler Pickel  
PARA: Joshua Ramos



Mark Yarmolyuk  
Autumn Hagerbaumer  
Oksana Stadnik

We also recognized Kiwanis members Harold Dorssom, Henry Mount, Ron Ozaki, Skip Thomas, and Herschel Staats. Kiwanis purchased and assembled a shed for the storage of our ExCite trikes.

Our students also chanted their grade level SMART Goals and shared the growth they have made since the beginning of the school year.

**Kindergarten** – 100% Kindergarteners will know all 54 letters. 100% Kindergarteners will know numbers 0 -20. In September, 3% of the Kindergarteners knew the letters and at the end of first semester, 117 Kindergarteners out of 139 know all their letters – 84%. In September, 7% of the Kindergarteners knew the numbers 0 -20 and at the end of the semester, 90 Kindergartners know their numbers 0 -20 – 65%.

**First** - All First Graders will read 30 of the 40 high frequency words by the end of second quarter. 85% of the first graders met the goal.

**Second** – 85% of all 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders will pass the addition basic fact test. 83% have passed the addition-timed test.

**Third** –100% of all 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders will pass the addition basic fact test. Third grade went from 28% to 81% of third graders who have passed the addition and subtraction test.

**Fourth** - 83% of all 4<sup>th</sup> graders will pass the numeration concept. 81% of the 4<sup>th</sup> graders passed the math challenge assessment.

**Fifth** – 81% of all 5<sup>th</sup> Graders will have passed the TUV leveled reading passage assessment. At the end of the semester, 84% of the 5<sup>th</sup> graders have passed the reading benchmark.

**ELL** – All ELL students will move a level in reading, writing, or speaking level. 58% of our ELL students have moved one level according to the ELL reading rubrics. 53% of our ELL students have moved one level according to the ELL Writing rubrics.





### NOMINATE YOUR TEACHER

Thank your teacher today. In honor of Nebraska Teacher Recognition Day – Tuesday, March 3 – Lincoln Public Schools and KFOR/KFRX Radio collaborate to thank our educators with the annual Thank You Teacher contest.

Children, teenagers, university students, even grownups can pay tribute to a teacher or professor who has made a difference in their lives – by nominating that teacher for recognition from the Thank You Teacher contest. Six teachers will be chosen and honored at a breakfast on March 3 at the Governor’s Mansion, where the students – and former students – who submit the winning nominations will be invited to attend and read their winning letters.

Anyone who lives in Lincoln/Lancaster County can nominate a teacher in any of six categories: preschool-grade 2, grades 3-5, middle school, high school, university and retired. In addition to a written description, explaining why a teacher made a difference in your life, entries should include the teacher’s name, grade level and school (or contact information), as well as the nominator’s name, address and phone number.

Nominations should be received by **Friday, Feb. 13**, at 5 p.m. and mailed to: Thank You Teacher, KFOR/KFRX Radio, 3800 Cornhusker, Lincoln, NE, 68504.

The event is part of the Nebraska Teacher Recognition activities. Sponsors include Lincoln Public Schools, KFOR/KFRX, the Lincoln Education Association and the Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools.

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#### B.I.S.T. BIST OFFERS GRACE TO STUDENTS

**GRACE IS:**

Providing what students need, not what they deserve  
Having the courage to hold students accountable

Having a relationship when a student rejects you

**GRACE IS NOT:**

Being permissive

Lowering standards

Giving more chances

BIST encourages students to be **ACCOUNTABLE** for their actions.

Accountability is when we help students look at what the problem is and how that problem creates difficulties in their life.

Consequences protect and teach students what to do different next time. There are five steps to accountability:

**I did it**

**I am sorry**

**It's a problem in my life**

**I accept consequences**

**I accept and need help**



#### UPCOMING EVENTS

February 9 – 5:30 – BFA Executive Meeting

February 10 – 5:30 – BFA General Meeting

February 11 – 1:00 – 4:00 WIC in multipurpose room

February 16 – Elementary Plan Day – No school for elementary day

February 17 – Parent Teacher Conferences

February 19 – Parent Teacher Conferences