



# The Panther Preview!



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## Character Counts Corner

### Worth More Than a Million Dollars

If you had the choice of winning \$1 million in the lottery or saving a stranger's life, which would you choose? I suspect many of you think you should say, "saving a life," but what you are really thinking is how much better your life would be if you were rich.

If the test was which act improves the world most, sets an example most worth following, or is most noble, then the "save a life" option wins hands down. But what if the test was more self-centered: which is most likely to meaningfully improve your life? I think the answer is still: save the life.

Sure, you can do a lot with a million dollars, but for most people, doing something that is worthy has a greater and more lasting value than anything you can buy with money. In earlier times they would say a good name is the most valuable asset you can have. Is it really any different today?

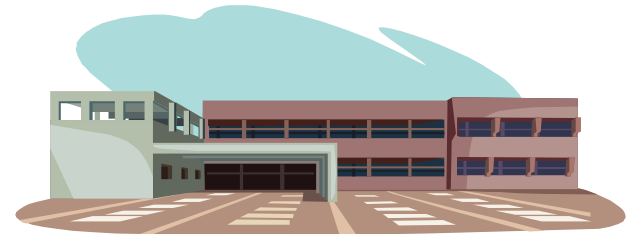
Strangers may envy, but they don't admire, a lottery winner. Friends and family may rejoice, but they aren't proud of, the lottery winner. And no feeling of worthiness comes to the person who was lucky to hold a winning number.

Saving a life. That's something special. That's a form of immortality. And that's what a dozen bystanders in Utah experienced when they engaged in a spontaneous act of spectacular humanity and courage as they lifted a blazing car to save a stranger.

There was a collision between a motorcycle and a car. Both vehicles caught fire and the cyclist slid under the car. Dozens of bystanders, mainly college students and construction workers, watched in horror. One man tried futilely to lift the car then five others ran to join him. Unable to budge the car they retreated and the flames grew. A woman looked under the car and reported the cyclist was still alive. The six rushed back soon joined by six others. Together a dozen strangers easily lifted the car, and 21-year-old Brandon Wright was dragged to safety. The diversity of the daring dozen -- grad students in math from Lebanon and Ghana, construction workers and businessmen -- adds to the symbolic significance of this act of unity and humanity.

The rescuers won the undying gratitude of Brandon and his family and, best of all, a lifelong title: heroes.

What's a million dollars compared to that? This is Michael Josephson reminding you that character counts.



## School and Community Events

### P-T Conferences Completed

P-T Conferences were a great success! We had a great turnout. We would like to thank all parents who took time out of their schedules to come in and visit with our staff about their children's progress.

**If you were unable to attend the conferences on Tuesday and would still like to conference with your child's teacher, please contact the school and we will gladly set up a time before or after school to meet with you, or conduct a phone conference**

### Fine Arts Boosters Pizza Sales Continue

This is just a reminder that Pizza Sales for the Fine Arts Boosters continues this week. Members of the Bands and High School Music Department will be selling Club's Choice Food Items **through Thursday, Sept. 29th**. If no one contacts you, you may call Ms. Murphy or Mrs. McCreight at school, (782-3535). Please remember, the money is to be collected at the time of the sale. **Pick-up day for the orders is Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 8:30 a.m. at Palmyra High School.**

### FCCLA Sponsoring Coat Drive

The Palmyra F.C.C.L.A Chapter is sponsoring a Coat Drive during October. They will be collecting coats, hats, scarves, mittens and gloves. You may donate both kids and adult size items. Drop off boxes will be set up at Bennet Elementary and Palmyra High School. Thanks for your help!

### Computer Lab Open in Mornings.

The Bennet Elementary computer lab is open each morning before school starting at 8:00 am, for students to come in and take AR Tests or work on assignments. Mrs. Hanger will be on hand to assist students. **We request that students DO NOT bring any outside programs or flash**

drives to use on the computers at school, because of the threat of computer viruses.

### FREE FOR ALL!!

On November 12<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m., the Bennet Elementary Gym will open up to the public for clothing free for all!

Anyone is welcome to come and pick up clothing and shoes.....for FREE!!!!



There will be infant to adult sizes. There will also be a place to donate to Cedars if you would like to – but not necessary!

We are still in need of any sizes of clothing – especially teen boys’ sizes and infant hangers.

Please call Lillie at 402-440-2871 with any questions or

if you would like to donate. Hope to see you all there!!!!

\*\*\*\*Please bring your own bags to stuff full of goodies.\*\*\*\*\*

### Band Instruments for Sale:

\*Alto Saxophone w/case

\$450.00 OBO

\*Trombone w/case

\$250.00 OBO

\*Clarinets w/ case (2)

\$300.00 OBO

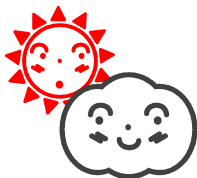
Contact Kelly Jones if interested:

402-782-2007.

### Fire Safety Week Art Project. Need Paper Towel Tubes and Toilet Paper Tubes!

Fire Safety week is approaching in October. This year, the Bennet Fire and Rescue Department will be using a theme of looking for fire and safety hazards in the home. They would like to have each of our students construct fire hazard binoculars or telescopes to help spot those potential fire hazards. To do these we need cardboard toilet paper tubes and paper towel tubes! This will require a lot of tubes! So, we are requesting that you save your toilet

paper tubes and paper towels tubes the next two weeks and send them to school with your students. We have a big collection box in the cafeteria! Just drop those tubes in the box!



### Cooler Weather Arrives, Jackets Needed!

With the arrival of cooler weather, students need to start bringing a jacket or coat to school in the morning. We will go outside if at all possible and students will need a jacket with them. Also, please remember to put your child's

name in their jacket. If there is a name in the jacket we can get it back to its owner!

### Bennet Elementary Skate Night

Over 100 Bennet Elementary students along with their parents took part in the Bennet Elementary Skate Night at Skate Zone on Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Lots of fun and games took up the two hours of skating enjoyed by young and old alike. Thanks to the Bennet Elementary Boosters for sponsoring Skate Night and providing the prizes and gift cards for the evening. A lot of students went home with prizes from the prize box along with a few bumps and bruises.



Nicholas R. did the splits during the Limbo Game at Skate Night



Carter A. was scooting all over the floor at Skate Zone. Check out more pictures from Skate Night on our Web site.