Bearcat Express Coffee Shop

            Bearcat Express has grown from a small business open only before school operating out of a small coat check area to the current beautiful facility in the media center. This growth has been possible because of the student, faculty, administrative, district and community support.

The Bearcat Express coffee shop is an ongoing business venture run by and for students.  It is located in the Douglas High School Media Center and is open on Monday through Friday from before school through the first half of 4th hour.  Feel free to stop in and take a look if you are in the neighborhood!

Bearcat Express Coffee Shop has been in operation for more than fifteen years.  From its humble beginnings funded by a $5000 grant from the State of Wyoming. The grant was used to purchase an expresso machine, coffee grinder, two blenders, and a dorm size refrigerator. It was contained in a cabinet built by the wood shop class. It was open before school and at a break in the morning. The dishes had to be taken to the teachers’ lounge to be washed and the aprons and dish clothes were taken home by teachers to be washed. Students were paid out of the profits of the business.

The Bearcat Express is totally self-sufficient.  All equipment, supplies, and wages are paid from monies taken in through the sale of a large variety of hot and cold beverages including cappuccinos, lattes, hot chocolate, hot or iced tea, Chai tea, smoothies, slides, and sparkling iced tea.  The menu includes 25-27 regular flavors and 10-12 sugar free flavors.

There are usually about 15 students. Each month 20% is set aside for capital expenses to replace worn out equipment.  Money left at the end of the monthly expenses is set aside for student employees to be paid. The Bearcat Express account is taken care of by the central office. Students complete time cards and turn them at the same time as the regular school employees.