

# BENNETT NEWS

August 25, 2011

First we would like to WELCOME everyone back to Bennett. We hope you had a great summer and we are looking forward to a great year! Our newsletter this year will look a little different now and in the future. Beginning in September, the last Thursday of every month, we will have a full newsletter that will be sent out with ads and pictures and all sorts of new things. The weeks in between, you will find a simple newsletter with reminders each week that will be quick and easy to read.

- **Back to School Night is August 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00.** This is an opportunity for parents to come to their child's classroom and hear from the teacher his/her expectations, homework policy, communication plan, how you can get help, etc. There are two sessions for families that have more than one student here at Bennett. The first session is 6:30-6:55 and the second session is 7:00-7:25. If you have only one child please come to the session that best works for you. From 7:30-8:00 there will be a message from our Principal, Mr. Schooler, in the gym.
- **Register online to volunteer:** PSD's online volunteer registration is available on the PSD website at [www.psdschools.org](http://www.psdschools.org)>Community>Partnerships&Volunteers. The system is easy to use for parents who want to volunteer at their child's school and for community members who want to be involved in education. Help shape the future – volunteer! If you have previously registered and forgot your log on information, please call the volunteer office for assistance. Information: (970) 490-3208.
- **Fire lanes:** Fire lanes marked red in front of schools must remain free of vehicle parking at all times with one exception. Vehicles can park

*along the red curb only if the vehicle is attended by the driver i.e. pickup and drop off. On a side note for cleaner air, no idling is encouraged when vehicles are parked waiting for students.*

- *The Bennett Odyssey of the Mind Team would like to thank the entire Bennett community for their support of our trip to World Finals at the University of Maryland last May the day after we finished school. We had an amazing time! We met OMers from many different states and countries, traded OM pins, and enjoyed competing as a team one more time. Our team ranked 17th out of 58 teams. Most of us were also able to spend some time exploring Washington DC. It was a very memorable experience and we could not have done it without the support of so many of our friends, families, teachers, and staff at Bennett! Thank you!*
- *Bennett IB Learners strive to be caring, communicators, balanced, open-minded, knowledgeable, risk-takers, inquirers, thinkers, principled and reflective. In order to further support the development of those ten attributes of the IB Learner Profile in our school wide community, Bennett has developed consistent school wide behavior expectations for the hallway, playground, restrooms, and lunch room. These behavior expectations are communicated through a connection with the acronym "Bennett L.E.A.R.N.E.R.S Care". This week, all students and staff have received instruction in these school wide behavior expectations. These school wide behavior expectations are attached to the school newsletter for your information. Thank you for your assistance in supporting and modeling these as well!*
- *Anyone interested in adding to the weekly newsletter, the deadline will be noon on Tuesdays. If you are interested in putting something in the September monthly newsletter, the deadline will be noon on September 16<sup>th</sup>.*