



### Mark Your Calendar

- Spring Book Fair: May 6-11th
- Student led conferences May 10th and 11th **AFTER SCHOOL starting at 3:45. (School in session both days)**
- Bennett Day of Action— May 21st.
- Last day of school half day May 26



#### Note from the Editor

The Bennett Newsletter is YOUR newsletter! If you have an item you would like to see included, put it in the newsletter box in the office before Wednesday morning of the week you would like the item to appear or e-mail Jodie Stewart: [jstewart@psdschools.org](mailto:jstewart@psdschools.org)

Bennett Elementary School, an IB World School

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Absence Line: 488-4751

### NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

#### LAST DAY OF SCHOOL:

- May 26th school will be dismissed at 12:00.
- NO lunches will be served on the last day of school.
- No half-day kindergarten



## BOOK FAIR CARNIVAL

It is time once again for the Scholastic Book Fair, which will be held May 6-11 in the school library. The theme this year is "Book Fair Carnival".

#### The hours are as follows:

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| Friday, May 6th:                       | 8:30 a.m.– 4 p.m.                         |
| Monday, May 9th:                       | 8:30 a.m.– 4 p.m.                         |
| Tuesday, May 10th:<br>Led conferences) | 8:30 a.m.– 6:30 p.m. (open during Student |
| Wednesday, May 11:<br>Led conferences) | 8:30 a.m.– 5:15 p.m. (open during Student |



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### OUTSTANDING IB STUDENTS

Here at Bennett we are going to be recognizing outstanding IB students that have demonstrated the IB Learner Profile each week in our newsletter.

**Principled: Ashley Anderson and Tia Barrier:** These two young ladies in 5th grade have been very focused on their exhibition project and going above and beyond with personal accountability and responsibility.

**Caring: Ella Penner:** Ella found a lunch box on the bus. She took the time and came in and helped Brooke, in Mrs. Allen's class, check her backpack to see if it was hers.

## REMINDERS

### School Hours

8:50 am - 3:28 pm

### Absence Line

Remember to call in on our absence line whenever your student will not be in school. The number is 488-4751.

### Office Number

The Bennett Office telephone number is 970 488-4750.

### Second Newsletters

If you need to have two newsletters come to your family, please make sure we have both email addresses. If you request paper copies, one will be sent home with your oldest child. The second newsletter will be mailed on Wednesday afternoon in the self-addressed, stamped envelope you provide, or ask us to email the newsletter.

### Visitors and Volunteers

- Please park in the lot on the east side of the school. Do not park in front of the school.
- **You must wear the PSD lanyard identifying you as a volunteer whenever you are in the building.**

### Traffic

Mornings and afternoons are very heavy traffic times in front of our school. Please help keep our students safe by remembering :

- ◆ Pick up and drop off students on the east side of the school in the parking lot.
- ◆ Make no U-turns on Bennett Road.
- ◆ Avoid parking in the pick-up lane. Park in the parking spaces in the east lot if you need to come into the school.
- ◆ Drive slowly!
- ◆ If you walk across the parking lot to get your child please meet them at the north end of the pick-up area.



Thanks to all of the families who have helped make Teacher Appreciation week at Bennett a Great one! BCO purchased \$5.00 gift cards for all staff, and treated them to coffee on Wednesday. The treats in the lunch room and teacher gifts were much appreciated, as were the cards and hugs teachers received from students all week!

Spell-A-Thon spelling lists will be coming home in Thursday folders. Anyone who is interested in participating should return their donations (pledges or flat contributions) to BCO by May 12th. We are hoping to raise enough money to enable Mrs. Hallenbeck to purchase new musical instruments this year.

Our remaining events of the year include the Scholastic Book Fair, which begins this Friday, May 6th, and runs through May 11th. Anyone who can donate some time to helping should contact Sharyl Haas at sharyl29@yahoo.com. Additionally, May 21st is Bennett's Community Day of Action, and we will be helping to plant trees at the Boy Scout Ranch. Look for additional details in the Bennett newsletter. Have a GREAT week!

### Box Tops and Soup Labels

Don't forget to save your BoxTops for Education on General Mills products and Campbell's Labels for Education! We are also collecting caps from glass bottles from Morning Fresh Dairy. There are collection bins outside the office. This is a great way to support fundraising for Bennett at no cost to you!

### Crossing Guard Volunteers Needed!

Thanks to a small pool of committed volunteers, our crosswalk is a safe place for kids and their parents to

cross Bennett Road during our hectic pick up and drop off times. We are looking for a few more people who are willing to commit 15-20 minutes before or after school once or twice a week. This is a convenient way to help out while you are already at school picking up or dropping off. If you are interested in volunteering for the rest of the school year or might be interested next year, please contact Kristi Mahrt ([kamahrt@gmail.com](mailto:kamahrt@gmail.com)). Thanks!

## Masonic Student of the Year

Congratulations to Bennett IB World School's Masonic Student of the year, **Jade Gosar**.

Jade has demonstrated the following characteristics recommended by the Fort Collins Masons:

Academic Performance: Exemplary effort, attitude and results observed and/or recorded for a significant period of time.

Citizenship and Stewardship: Involvement in class, school and/or community projects or events display a dedication to community, environment and/or society.

Personality and Character: Behavior and qualities of personality that feature such traits as honesty, fairness, integrity, a sense of purpose and ethics, a respect and charity for others.

Leadership: A positive role model or leader. Someone who has demonstrated a willingness to guide, support, encourage and has the ability to follow as well.

Other 5th grade students nominated for this award are:

Ashley Anderson, Christian Ellerby, Erica Giuliani, Lauren Rowan, Ben Titlebaum and Warren Woo. .



# BENNETT NEWS CONTINUED.....

## HOME GROWN PLANTING

It's time to get out in the dirt and get our gardens planted! We're having a planting day at the **Food Bank Saturday, May 7th at 12:30**. That's this Saturday and I know it's Mother's Day weekend so you may have plans with your family. But if you're available just show up ready to get dirty.

Planting will take place behind the Food Bank building located at 1301 Blue Spruce Dr. in Fort Collins

Please bring: a hand shovel (if you have one), a bottle of water, and sun-screen.

Thanks, Anne Genson, MPH

Healthy Kids Club Education Coordinator

## TEACHER WORK DAY

**May 13<sup>th</sup> Teacher Work Day:**  
This day is set aside by the district for teachers to work on grades, finish projects and get ready for the end of the year. In order for report cards to be ready to go home on the last day of school, teachers need this day to get them complete.

## BENNETT OM TEAM ADVANCES TO WORLD FINALS FUNDRAISERS

### "Coins for Creativity" Fundraiser Ends Tomorrow

Check under those couch cushions! Clean out those lint traps! You have one more night to scrape up what you can to contribute to "Coins for Creativity" for the Bennett Odyssey of the Mind team and their trip to the World Finals in Baltimore. Money will be collected and counted tomorrow after school. Remember, the class that collects the most money gets a pizza party! Yahoo!

### Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction

There is still time to buy your tickets for the Spaghetti Dinner happening at Bennett on Tuesday, May 10th. Fill out the yellow form that was in your child's Thursday folder last week and return it with your money to Bennett no later than tomorrow. Tickets will also be available at the door on Tuesday night for \$7.00/adult and \$5.00/kid. Pasta is being donated from various restaurants in Fort Collins including Noodles, Caninos, and Mama Roni's. Items in the silent auction include original artwork, gym memberships, gift cards from local restaurants, lunch with Mr. Schooler, and many more wonderful items. Your participation in the silent auction and/or the spaghetti dinner will help fund our Odyssey of the Mind team on their trip to Baltimore, Maryland, for the World Finals at the end of this month.



**SPRING COMMUNITY ART PROJECT**

**"FACE 2 FACE" Felting Project**

Elizabeth Morisette is a visual artist working in Fort Collins and a Bennett parent. She will be working with Mrs. Babcock and all of the Bennett students on a community art project titled "FACE 2 FACE". This project will focus on portraits, both as an artistic concept and as a multicultural identifier. Students will explore the attributes of wool in creating art. The younger students will be creating the facial features and the 5th graders will sew all of the pieces together to create the faces of Bennett. We look forward to working on this community project. The completed piece will be on display permanently in the school after its completion in May.

If you have any old, clean towels that you are willing to donate, please have your students drop them off in the art room. Thanks!

**Fort Collins Marimba**

**Summer 2011 Program**

Two sessions are offered this summer to accommodate STREETMOSPHERE performing schedules. Each session ends in a Streetmosphere performance on the streets of downtown Fort Collins! Adults and youth, continuing and \*new students are welcome. Registrations accepted independently for each session, OR pre-register and prepay for both for a chance to win one free 45-minute private (or semi-private) lesson. Pre-registration deadline Saturday, May14; thereafter, prepayment reserves your spot, while spots last.

**Summer Session I:** June 1-19

Wednesday or Thursday evenings (TBD)

2- hour classes (times TBD)

Streetmosphere performance, weekend of June 17-19, 3- hour set

Continuing students: 3 weekly classes, \$45

\*NEW students, min. Age 8: 4 weekly classes, \$60 (orientation class begins 1-week earlier)

**Summer Session II:** August 8-28

Wednesday or Thursday evenings (TBD)

2- hour classes (times TBD)

Streetmosphere performance, weekend of August 26-28, 3- set

Continuing students: 3 weekly classes, \$45

\*New students, min. age 8: 4 weekly classes, \$60 (orientation class begins 1- week earlier

Please see Mrs. Hallenbeck for registration forms.

**STUDENT CONCERTS**

Student concerts Saturday, May 7 11:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m.

Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the music! Please see attached flier for times and locations.

**Come and take a WALK IN THE WOODS**

- Celebrate the International Year of Forests with Colorado State Forest Service and Colorado tree Farmers
- Learn about our forest resources and how we can manage them sustainably
- See what can be done to help our forests fight insects and disease

**Where:** Ben Delatour Scout Ranch

**When:** May 21st, 10:00 a.m. till noon

To register please contact [jamie.dahl@colostate.edu](mailto:jamie.dahl@colostate.edu) by May 19th

**SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAM 2011**

The summer music program 2011 is accepting registration now! Beginning Instruments for students currently in 5th grade, July 25—Aug. 12. (deadline for registration is May 27): The summer beginning band and orchestra program is a three week entry into the wonderful world of band and orchestra in middle school. We encourage all students joining their school's beginning band and beginning orchestra to attend this program and participate at the site closest to their middle school. Registration forms are available online from the PSD website, from MS band/orchestra directors, or Mrs. Hallenbeck.

**Centennial Children's Chorus Spring Auditions**

**When:** May 10-21. Later auditions will be held May 31- June 4 for children who participate in the Summer Choral Festival.

**Where:** Christ United Methodist Church (301 E. Drake)

**Contact:** To make an audition appointment call 223-4495.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

PLEASE NOTE: POUDBRE SCHOOL DISTRICT DOES NOT ENDORSE OR TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROGRAMS OF ACTIVITIES SPONSORED BY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

## FROM THE LUNCH ROOM!

As of May 1, 2011 **No Charging** is allowed.

This is PSD policy in order to balance all our student accounts by the end of the school year.



### What's for Breakfast?



### What's for Lunch?



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>9</b> Cheddar Cheese Omelet	<b>10</b> Danimals Yogurt * and Land O' Lakes Light String Cheese *No High Fructose Corn Syrup Added	<b>11</b> Cinnamon French Toast Sticks	<b>12</b> Sausage & Cheese on Homestyle Biscuit	<b>13</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>9</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Homemade Beef &amp; Bean Burrito</li> <li>• Max Filled Cheese Sticks with Pizza Sauce *V*</li> <li>• Wheat Uncrustable PB &amp; J *V*</li> </ul> Green Beans Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Cucumbers Apples Diced Pears	<b>10</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chicken Patty Sandwich</li> <li>• Sloppy Joe</li> <li>• Turkey &amp; Cheese Deli *V*</li> </ul> Fresh Steamed Broccoli Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Cucumbers Grapes Diced Peaches	<b>11</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Italian Lasagna</li> <li>• Wholesome Chicken Nuggets</li> <li>• Wheat Uncrustable PB &amp; J *V*</li> </ul> Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Broccoli <b>Strawberries</b> Mandarin Oranges	<b>12</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Big Daddy's Cheese Pizza *V* <input type="checkbox"/> Cheesy Nachos *V* Green Beans Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Cucumbers Kiwi Diced Peaches	<b>13</b> <b>NO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL</b>
RED DAY	YELLOW DAY	BLUE DAY	RED DAY	