

BENNETT NEWS

December 1, 2011

- **Book Fair Results:** We totaled \$8232.84 in gross sales. The library received \$3313.60 in books and \$185.84 more to spend. 172 more books were distributed to the Bennett community as part of our incentives program. Thank you to all who volunteered, and a special thanks to Murielle Watzky and Margot Ganster for coordinating the event.
- **The Giving Tree:** We have several opportunities here at Bennett to put the Learner Profile into action by showing caring behavior during the holidays. Students are invited to bring in donations of new gloves and hats (adult and children sizes) and travel-size items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, etc. to hang on the tree in the main hall. These items will be donated to those who could use them this holiday season. 4th and 5th graders have an opportunity to volunteer at the nursing home, Columbine West. Information is included in this week's Thursday folders, or you can contact Ms. Shigemura for more information.
- **5th & 6th Grade Families:** Poudre School District is excited to embark on our 2nd year of a student exchange program to Berlin, Germany. The purpose of this program is to provide a unique opportunity for our students to experience different cultures and promote international mindedness.

Students from the John F. Kennedy School in Berlin (a German/English school) will be traveling to Fort Collins in late April 2012. We are looking for families that would be interested in hosting these students during their 2 week stay while they attend school with the host student. Then we will take between 20-25 5th and 6th grade students to Berlin, Germany in early June 2012 where they will take part in the school and culture of Germany.

Attached is a flyer containing information about the exchange opportunity and to invite you to attend our **Parent information Night on Thursday, December 15th from 5:30-6:30 at Bennett Elementary.**

Please RSVP to this event to Leslie Shaner, 5th grade teacher at Bennett, by December 7th. lshaner@psdschools.org

- **BIGFOOT MILEAGE CLUB** – During the months of December, January, February, and some of March the Bigfoot Mileage Club will not meet at school. We encourage all students to continue to be healthy, active, and exercise.
To encourage activities at home, students may earn miles towards the Bigfoot Mileage Club. If you are new to the mileage club, that's fine you may start now. Once the month is over, have your parents sign your Bigfoot Mileage Marker, and return it for your special monthly tokens and additional mileage tokens. Please see the attached flyer for more information.
- Important dates for the Bennett Pride Choir –
 - December 1st: Choir rehearsal, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Bennett Gym
 - December 6th: Choir rehearsal, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Bennett Gym
 - December 8th: Choir Concert for Bennett students, 2:30 p.m., Bennett Gym. Choir Concert (evening), 6:30 p.m., Bennett Gym
- **Yearbook link** – Upload pictures on the Bennett website for the 2011-2012 yearbook. You can also find this link on the Bennett website.
<https://images.jostens.com/login?user=400113296&pw=Bennett>
- **Crossing Guard Needed:** If you are interested, we are in need of a crossing guard for Mondays, starting January 9th, 2012.
- **Girls on the Run:** We have 16 outstanding runners that completed their first 5k with the Girls on the Run. Grace Albert, Chloe Schneider, Claudia Strobel, Emma Simmons, Sophia Browning, Ally Cawthron, Promise Bennett, Ciara Wilson, Miranda Borden, Latifah Alkhalidi, Addi Schwieterman, Piper Mayfield, Katie Seelmeyer, Anna Mellizo-Kroll, Mia Anderson, and Emily Holcombe. Way to go Ladies!
- **Spanish Class** – There is a website for the Spanish program here at Bennett. Visit miclase.info for information about current units of study at each grade level. Also, check the website next month for an

updated scope and sequence for Poudre School District's Elementary Spanish Program.

- ***Raise Money for Bennett while Grocery Shopping – at No Extra Cost!*** *It's easy: just buy a \$20 King Soopers gift card from the front office and use it to buy \$20 worth of groceries, gas and more at any King Soopers. Keep adding money to the card and you'll keep earning money for Bennett: 5% of gift card purchases comes back to our school. Stop in the front office to buy your card today!*
- *Anyone interested in adding to the weekly newsletter, the deadline will be noon on Wednesdays. If you are interested in putting something in the **December** monthly newsletter, the deadline will be noon on **December 5th**.*
- ***LoboNation Movie Night:*** *This year Rocky is hosting our first annual LoboNation movie night! We are welcoming all students that go to Rocky feeder schools to join us! The movie night will take place on December 21st at Rocky Mountain High School in our mini theater! We will have photos with Santa and crafts starting at 5 pm, then at 6 pm we will be showing The Polar Express! The entire night is free, and students are welcome to wear their pajamas and bring their pillows! We will also have our concessions stand open, selling hot chocolate, cookies, and popcorn! We hope to see everyone there!*