

BENNETT NEWS

February 2, 2012

- **SPELLING BEE WINNERS:** We would like to congratulate Renata Orsi for placing 1st and Ethan Christi for placing 2nd in our Bennett Spelling Bee. Renata will also represent Bennett at the District Spelling Bee on 2/15/12. Way to go!
- We have two new after school activities to announce that will be happening this semester. We are sending information home about Japanese traditional karate and after school Spanish. Yoko Matsuura owns a dojo here in Fort Collins that teaches traditional karate and is a Bennett parent. Lindsay Saperstone is a Rocky High School graduate and is currently attending graduate school at CSU and has years of practical Spanish experience in Peru and Chile. Both of these instructors have strong ties to our Bennett community and while they are charging for their services, they are very interested in giving back to our community. Both have offered to provide scholarship opportunities to students. As always take a moment to look through the newsletter, your child's Thursday folder, and the e-mail attachments we send each week. The information on these programs, dates and cost will be in detail. Both of these programs are in response to the Bennett Community Organizations survey last year about parents at Bennett wanting more after school activities. Both of these activities support our IB mission as well.

Karate:

Wednesdays 3/21, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11, 4/18 and 4/25

Cost: \$55 for the 6-week session

Spanish:

February 23-March 15: Grades K-12

March 22-April 12: Grades 3-5

Thursdays 3:30 to 4:30

\$40 for four one-hour sessions.

- **BCO – Sock Hop:** Fun was had by all at the Bennett Sock Hop! Many thanks to those of you who volunteered your time to help out, or donated a cake for Mr. Schooler's Big as Texas Cake Walk! We'd like to thank our Sock Hop contributors – Popperazzi for donating the popcorn, Tortilla Marissa's North of the Border Café for donating the nachos, and Starbucks for donating coffee and tea. They are all Bennett families, so support their businesses if you can! I'd also like to thank our volunteer photographer Bill Cotton for taking photographs the second year in a row! Thank you also to Gretchen Gerding, Kandace Majoros, Deb Couture, Donna Boudreau and Ann Randall for coordinating the event this year. None of these events would be possible without all the time and efforts of all of those who volunteer their time and resources! If you are interested in learning more about upcoming events and how you can get involved, please join us for the next BCO meeting on Tuesday, February 7th, at 7:00pm in the library.
- **We are in need of Crossing Guards:** We have the morning crossing guard position worked out. We are in need of crossing guards Monday and Tuesday afternoons. Please sign up in the front office if you would be interested or have the time. Thanks in advance for your help!
- **THE 2012 MUSICAL ZOO:** The Fort Collins Symphony Guild presents The 2012 Musical Zoo, featuring Peter and the Wolf.

When: Sunday, February 19, 2012 from 2:30pm – 5:30pm

Where: Timberline Church

Tickets will be sold at the door beginning at 2:30 pm on the day of the event. Tickets are \$2.00 per person and no charge for children under 2. If you have questions please go to www.fcsymphonyguild.org

- **GIRLS AND WOMEN'S SPORTS FAIR:** Sunday, February 19, 2012 from 1-4 p.m. at the Northside Aztlan Center in Fort Collins.
- **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.

- **School of Choice application (2012-13) available now online:**

The online School Choice application is now available online at www.psdschools.org under "School Registration." The first consideration deadlines for 2011-12 are:

- *January 27, 2012, for secondary (grades 6-12)*
- *February 10, 2012, for elementary (grades K-5)*

If you have siblings that will be entering kindergarten in the fall, and are school of choice, please fill out the Choice application as soon as possible.

- *Spanish Class – There is a website for the Spanish program here at Bennett. Visit miclass.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.*
- *Anyone interested in adding to the weekly newsletter, the deadline will be noon on Wednesdays. If you are interested in putting something in the **February** monthly newsletter, the deadline will be noon on **February 13th.***

UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 7th - BCO meeting – 7:00 p.m.

February 8th - Roller skating Party – 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

February 9th – Kindergarten Registration

February 15th – District Spelling Bee

February 20th – No School (Staff Collaboration)

February 29, March 1 – 3rd grade TCAP testing

*March 2nd – Dr. Seuss' Birthday **SCHOOL WIDE** pajama day!*

