

# BENNETT NEWS

September 1, 2011

*Dear Bennett Community. We are off to a great start to the 2011-12 school year. Enrollment and achievement are both up as well as the temperature. Please encourage your children to drink plenty of water during the day to stay hydrated. Thank you to our custodians for getting the building ready for school. Teachers are working hard at assessing where your children are so we can challenge each individual student. Remember if you have questions, concerns or suggestions, you can always make an appointment to see me. Simply call #488-4750. Our first BCO meeting is next Tuesday at 7:00 in the Library, please come and get involved. We are in need of a parent to run the Odyssey of the Mind program. Without a coordinator, we will not be able to offer this program that so many of our students participate in. If you are interested in this position, please call. Thank you all for your support.*

*Michael Schooler, Principal*

- 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.

- *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!*

- **Parents! Are you interested in volunteering?**

*Bennett is proud to offer a literacy volunteer training night September 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-7:00. The training will prepare parent volunteers to assist Bennett students with literacy. We will examine the IB learner profile, five elements of literacy, literacy interventions, and guidelines for volunteering at Bennett. Parents interested in volunteering to help with literacy can sign up for the training in the main office with Mrs. Kietzmann.*

- **Bennett Pride Choir**

**2011-2012**

Rehearsals begin the morning of **September 6, 2011.**

**WHO:** All 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students, new and returning

**WHEN:** Tuesday and Friday mornings before school  
7:55 a.m. – 8:40 a.m.

**WHERE:** Music Room (Please do not drop your child off before 7:45 a.m. for there is no adult supervision guaranteed before that time.)

**COST:** Each student will need to bring \$10.00 in dues for each semester.

Details about choir went home in Thursday folders on August 25<sup>th</sup>. No sign-up needed; just come sing!

Call or email Mrs. Hallenbeck at school! 488-4773; [nhallenb@psdschools.org](mailto:nhallenb@psdschools.org)

- *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>.*