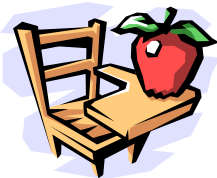




Mark Your Calendar

- **Back To School Night** is Thursday, Sept 2, 6:30 - 8:00 pm.
- **NO SCHOOL** Monday, Sept 6 for Labor Day.
- **BCO meeting** is Tuesday, Sept 7, 7:00 pm in the Library.



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 Sylvia Godsey: sgodsev@psdschools.org

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WELCOME BACK!

We've had a fantastic start to the school year! Currently we have 473 students at Bennett. Our CSAP test results from last year are excellent. You can expect to receive your student's test scores in the near future.

Parents, we appreciate the tremendous support you have given us as we begin another year. Your patience in the pick up/drop off line is especially appreciated! We are very lucky to have you working with us and to have the privilege of teaching your children. It's going to be a great year!

Michael Schooler, Principal
Bennett IB World School

It's the Thursday Envelope!

Each Thursday your student will bring home a brown envelope. It will contain their work from the week, perhaps a letter from the teacher and, if your student is the oldest in the family, information from the office. The Thursday envelope is to be signed by you and returned on Friday. Expect and Ask For the Thursday envelope!

Thursday is also the day the Bennett Newsletter is published. We prefer to send the newsletter via email to conserve paper, however if you prefer to receive a paper copy just let the office know.

If you do not receive a newsletter through email next week please make sure we have your current email address and check to see if your spam filter is blocking our email.

From the Health Office

Medication at School: As per Poudre School District policy, ALL medications (doctor prescribed or over-the-counter) given at school must be accompanied by a PSD Medication Release form for the 2010-11 school year. The form needs to be signed by a parent/guardian and a physician. The medication must be brought to Bennett in the original container accompanied by the completed PSD Medication Release form. NO medication will be given until all paperwork is in place.

Health Care Action Plans: Please introduce us to any health concerns, diagnosis, medication, dietary or bathroom needs. We would like a new health Care Action Plan filled out *yearly*

to insure proper care for your child. Come into pick up a new Health Care Action Plan and return the forms signed by a physician to Bennett. Note: Medication Release and Health Care Action Plan forms are available in the office; we are happy to fax forms to your doctor's office for a signature.

Immunizations: Did your child receive immunizations over the summer? Are our records up to date?

Music Notes

Welcome back to school! I hope that everyone had a restful summer! Now is the time for 4th and 5th grade students to think about joining the Bennett Pride Choir. In today's newsletter is detailed information about when rehearsals are held and the cost to participate. ANYONE can join, no audition needed!

4th and 5th grade students will only have performance opportunities if they are in choir. Choir will have scheduled performances for October, December, and May. Often other opportunities to perform for the school and community happen as well.

I highly encourage families to consider carpooling children to rehearsals, especially for kids who ride the bus to school. I am also in need of a volunteer accompanist to assist with rehearsals and performances. If you or someone you know would be available to help, I would love to hear from you! If you have any questions or would like to know more about choir please contact me, Mrs. Hallenbeck, 488-4773 or nhallenb@psdschools.org

THIS PAGE WILL APPEAR EACH WEEK
IT WILL HAVE SPECIFIC NEWS OR INFORMATION ABOUT THE EDUCATIONAL DAY AT OUR SCHOOL.
PLEASE LOOK FOR IT!

REMINDERS

School Hours

8:30 am - 3:08 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 School 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.
- Don't forget to record your hours in the Volunteer Book in the office workroom.

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.



Welcome to the school year. Please join us at our monthly meetings which are the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the library at Bennett.

BCO Reminder: Please return the BCO membership application with the \$5 membership fee.

Many national companies offer programs that allow you to support our school without spending additional dollars. Watch the newsletter for more information about Box Tops for Education, Campbell's Soup Labels and programs at Target and other local merchants.

GOLD C BOOKS ARE HERE!!!

This year, Bennett will be selling Gold C books for the price of \$10.00. Next week, a Gold C book will come home in your child's backpack on Thursday. If you would like to purchase it, please send a check for \$10.00 back with your child. If you do NOT wish to purchase it (and there is no obligation or pressure!), please just return the Gold C book back to school with your child. Many of our families seek Gold C books out each year due to the many local coupons (restaurants, services, museums, ski passes) and we decided to make them available for interested families this year. Thank you!

Is Your Child's Classroom in the Annex?

If your First or Second Grade child's classroom is in the annex (west wing) of our building, please use the outside door to the classroom to minimize the number of people passing through Kindergarten and the other primary classrooms. Thanks for your help!

Math in the Morning

Students have math first thing each morning. Be sure to get to school on time: late to school = late to math!

Shoes

We are concerned about the safety of children on the playground.

Please do not allow your child to wear sandals/shoes without backs that may cause them to trip and fall. Alternatively, you can send appropriate shoes to school for your child to wear at recess and for P.E.

It's Hot!

The weather is often uncomfortably hot during the first few weeks of school. We encourage you to help your child dress appropriately for the heat and to bring a water bottle with them to school. Please review the dress code in the Bennett Handbook if you have questions about acceptable clothing.



What's for Lunch?



You will receive the complete Elementary Lunch and Breakfast Menu at the beginning of each month. Each week the menu for the upcoming week will also be published in the newsletter. This year there are three entrée choices each day. Milk, salad bar and fresh fruit are available with all meals. You are encouraged to pre-pay for lunches; checks should be made out to "Food Service." You may pay for more than a week in advance. New! Now you can pay for lunches online! Go to <https://www.schoolpaymentsolutions.com> to sign up. This allows parents/guardian to make lunch account prepayments with credit cards or checks. They can also use the site to check their student's account activity and balance. Account alerts can also be set up and customized by student. There is no charge to PSD families for any of these exciting new services.

Lunch menus and nutritional information can also be accessed from the PSD website. Go to www.psdschools.org, click on Lunch Menus on the left side of the screen .

Lego Robotics

Parents of 4th and 5th graders: we are looking for a Lego Robotics coach! We currently only have one coach, which means that only 6 students will be able to participate in Robotics this fall. Teams will practice on Tuesdays, starting August 31, and will finish with a tournament on November 13. If interested in coaching a team, please contact Ms. Huffines at chuffine@psdschools.org for more information.



Headphones were on the supply list this year! Please send in a set of headphones with your child to use both in the computer lab and classroom this year. The type of headphones doesn't matter – they are even available at the Dollar Store!

Register to Volunteer!

Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks inside and outside the classroom, including field trips. To volunteer, you first need to register. This may be done *online* either at home, at school, or from any computer with access to the Internet. Go to www.psdschools.org and click on Community, then on Volunteers and Partners. A criminal background check is conducted for all volunteers new to PSD.

If you registered as a volunteer last year, please take a minute to update your volunteer profile information.

For more information about volunteering in PSD, please contact our school's volunteer coordinator, Laurel Zitowitz.

Bennett Pride Choir

2010-2011

WHO: All 4th and 5th grade students, new and returning

Do you like to sing? Do you enjoy making music and hanging out with your friends? JOIN US! No audition needed!

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

- Students who eat breakfast at school will be dismissed at 7:35 to the cafeteria.
- To raise interest in participation, I encourage parents to offer carpools to anyone who may not have a ride available. If you are unable to find a carpool, let Mrs. Hallenbeck know and I will do my best to make arrangements.

WHERE: Music Room

- Enter through outside door of the 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. This will help offset the cost of music and include a t-shirt and rehearsal CD for each member. Scholarships will be available for families who need assistance.

*Rehearsals begin the morning of **September 7, 2010**. Commitment Contracts will be sent home on Sept. 7. Contracts and attendance will begin **September 17**. Questions? Call or email Mrs. Hallenbeck at school! 488-4773; nhallenb@psdschools.org*

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

The Old Flowers 10K Run will be held this Saturday, August 21. The run will start at 8:00 am at Stove Prairie Elementary which is located in the beautiful Rist Canyon. You can register early on-line at www.RCVFD.org or you can sign up the morning of the race at Stove Prairie School starting at 7:00 am. The cost to enter the race is only \$35.00 and that includes a t-shirt and refreshments after the race. Proceeds from the race will benefit Stove Prairie School and the Rist Canyon Volunteer Fire Department. Space is limited so sign up today! If you have any questions please call 488-6553.

Fort Collins High School Softball Team Mattress Fundraiser Support our Fort Collins High Softball Team by purchasing name brand sets (Restonic, Southerland & more!) 40%-60% off retail! Profits to go directly to support our team! All sizes available (Twin – King); mattresses are brand new with factory warranty. Delivery available. Saturday, August 21st ONLY at Fort Collins High School, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. Cash, Credit Cards, and Checks accepted.



What's for Breakfast?



What's for Lunch?



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
23 Breakfast Sandwich (English Muffin with an Egg Patty, Sausage Patty, & a Slice of Cheese)	24 Danimals Yogurt and Fresh Baked Cinnamon Roll	25 Tony's Breakfast Sausage Pizza	26 8 Mini Pancakes and Sausage Patty	27 Warm & Yummy Ultimate Breakfast Round
Breakfast Includes: Choice of Cereal, Muffin or Hot Entrée, Assorted Fruit/Juice, Milk				
23 Chicken Patty Sandwich on Wheat Bun Whole Wheat Soft Pretzel with Cheese Sauce Chicken Caesar Salad Whole Kernel Corn	24 Potato Crunch Fish Sticks Mac & Cheese Chef Salad Fresh Steamed Broccoli	25 Chicken Nuggets Cheese Quesadilla Ham, Turkey & Cheese Deli on Wheat Bread Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	26 Cheeseburger on Wheat Bun Enchilada Bake Casserole Yogurt w/ String Cheese and Fruit Peas	27 Big Daddy's Pepperoni Pizza Chef Boyardee Raviolis in Tomato Sauce Veggie Wrap Green Beans
Lunch Includes: Choice of Entrée, Hot Vegetable, Fresh Fruit & Veggie Bar, Choice of Milk				
RED DAY	YELLOW DAY	BLUE DAY	RED DAY	YELLOW DAY



BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Thursday, September 2
6:30—8:00 pm

Join us for a wonderful, informative evening!

Come meet with your child's teacher and hear about the curriculum, standards, and expectations in the classroom. This night is for parents only; students will have other times to meet with teachers and parents. Watch for a schedule for the evening in next week's newsletter. Please support your student by coming—we look forward to seeing you!!!

No child care will be available.