



## Mark Your Calendar

- **Back To School Night** is TONIGHT, 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.
- **School Pictures** will be taken on Friday, Sept 10.
- **NO SCHOOL** Monday, Sept 20 for a Collaboration Day.



### 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](mailto:sgodsev@psdschools.org)

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# 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.

### Schedule for Back to School Night

- 6:00 - 6:30 Eco week meeting for 5th grade
- 6:30 - 7:00 Parents go to student's classroom
- 7:00 - 7:30 Parents go to student's classroom
- 7:30 - 7:45 Parents meet in gym for staff and BCO introductions and news

If you have one student you most likely would come at 7:00, go to the classroom and join other parents in the gym at 7:30; if you have two students you would come at 6:30, go to one classroom and then go to the other classroom at 7:00, then join parents in the gym at 7:30.

Please support your student by coming! We look forward to seeing you!!!

**No child care will be available.**

# HELP WANTED

## Crossing Guard Volunteers Needed for 2010-2011

If you walk your kids across Bennett Road at pick up or drop off times, you know how much our crossing guard does to improve safety for pedestrians. Unfortunately, due to budget cuts our school will not be able to hire a crossing guard in the 2010-11 school year. We hope to keep the crosswalk safe and are looking for volunteers to perform this duty on a rotating schedule. With the help of PSD Transportation Services, we would like to train a pool of volunteers to be ready to assist in the crosswalk.

Please contact Kristi Mahrt ([kamahrt@gmail.com](mailto:kamahrt@gmail.com)) if you are interested in volunteering 20 minutes in the morning or the afternoon a few times a month.

## Clerical Help Needed

Running the copy machine is not the most glamorous job in the building but it is an essential (and time consuming) part of our day. We are looking for volunteers to come in one day a week to run copies for our staff. If you are interested in helping us out please contact Laurel Zitowitz at 488-4778 or [lzitowit@psdschoold.org](mailto:lzitowit@psdschoold.org).

## Register to Volunteer!

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.pdschools.org](http://www.pdschools.org) and click on Community, then on Volunteers and Partners. A criminal background check is conducted for all volunteers new to PSD.

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

8:50 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 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.



We hope the school year is off to a great start! Don't forget! Tomorrow (Friday, Sept. 3) is the deadline to turn in your directory form if you would like your student(s) to be included in the free Bennett School Directory. Please return your directory form to school in your child's Thursday folder.

Our Gold C book event is also coming to a close!! Books or money (checks made out to BCO) must be returned by Friday, September 3rd. Please return items in your child's Thursday folder. Additional copies of Gold C are available for purchase in the office.

The first BCO meeting of the year will take place on Tuesday, September 7th at 7:00 pm in the library. ALL are welcome to attend. Come find out how you can support the efforts of teacher's and staff at Bennett. Light refreshments will be served.

## Box Tops and Labels For Education

Thank you to the many families who saved box tops and labels over the summer. Our new collection box has already been filled and emptied after just one week of school. For those of you not familiar with the program, Bennett earns points toward educational resources for every box top and label collected. All you have to do is look for the Box Tops 4 Education and Labels For Education on products you already use, clip them and send them to school with your student(s). The clear collection box is located on the table next to the front door of the school. Stay tuned for point totals and incentives in future newsletters. And thanks for helping to make Bennett an even better place to learn!



### 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!

## To Your Health

### Water, water, water!

We encourage you to send a water bottle to school with your student! Bennett Elementary is not air conditioned and our classrooms can become quite warm. It is important to drink water throughout the day to stay hydrated.

Also, please remind your student to bring their water bottle home on Friday so it can be thoroughly cleaned before returning to school on Monday.



# Bennett Pride Choir

**WHO:** All 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Our families who live in The Ponds will be affected by school boundary changes coming next year. Those families will be in the Bauder attendance area beginning with the 2011-2012 school year. We want to reassure parents that currently enrolled students will be able to remain at Bennett. Bus transportation will be provided for 2011-2012. Once a student is in Bennett, you're always in!

If you have any questions about the boundary change or School of Choice, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to talk with me.

Our first Bennett Community Organization meeting of the year will be Tuesday evening, September 7, in the Library at 7:00. I encourage everyone to come and participate in the BCO.

Michael Schooler,  
Principal, Bennett IB World School

## Bennett Skate Party

It's the first skate party of the year! Come to Rollerland Skate Center at 324 S. Link Lane in Fort Collins on Thursday, September 9, 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Cost is \$5.00 for rollerskates; roller blades are \$3.00 extra. The class with the highest percent at the skate party will receive a pizza party at school!

Remember proceeds from our skate parties benefit our Specials classes - Art, Music, and PE. See you there!



## What's for Breakfast?



## What's for Lunch?



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 NO SCHOOL	7 Breakfast Sandwich (English Muffin with an Egg Patty, Sausage Patty, & a Slice of Cheese)	8 Belgium Waffle and Sausage Patty	9 Breakfast Burrito	10 Ultimate Breakfast Round
<b>Breakfast Includes:</b> Choice of Cereal, Muffin or Hot Entrée, Assorted Fruit/Juice, Milk				
6 NO SCHOOL	7 Baked Potato Bar Cheeseburger Chef Salad Steamed Broccoli Leafy Greens Carrots & Cucumbers Oranges Pineapple Tidbits	8 Beef Spaghetti Hot Dog on Bun Yummy Yogurt w/ String Cheese and Fruit Green Beans Leafy Greens Carrots & Cucumbers Apples Diced Pears	9 Chunky Turkey Gravy over Egg Noodles Chicken Patty Sandwich Uncrustable PB & J Peas Leafy Greens Tomatoes & Cucumbers Grapes Diced Peaches	10 Big Daddy's Pepperoni Pizza Mac & Cheese Turkey & Cheese Wrap Steamed Baby Carrots Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Celery Sticks Kiwi Diced Pears
<b>Lunch Includes:</b> Choice of Entrée, Hot Vegetable, Fresh Fruit & Veggie Bar, Choice of Milk				
NO SCHOOL	YELLOW DAY	BLUE DAY	RED DAY	YELLOW DAY

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

PSD DOES NOT ENDORSE OR TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACTIVITIES SPONSORED BY OTHERS



# POUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

**CLP Middle School Music Fundraiser** Come to Culver's, 918 S. Lemay, for dinner on Thursday, Sept. 2, 5:00 - 8:00 pm. 10% of all sales will come back to the Cache La Poudre Music Department.

**Lab School Fundraiser** Join us at the Sunflower Market at Lemay and Drake on Saturday, Sept. 4, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm for BBQ ribs (\$5) and corn (\$1), entertainment, music, and a chance to learn about Lab School. Questions? LabBBQ@hotmail.com

**PHS Jr. Impala Cheer Camp** for girls and boys ages 4 - 15 will be held in the Poudre High School Wrestling Gym on Saturday, Sept 11, 8:00 am - 11:30 am. \$40.00 pre-registers, \$50 after September 6 (*if registering after the 6th, may not receive a t-shirt*). Camp includes 3 hours of instruction: tumbling and stunting, cheer and dance motions, games and skill activities, awards for attitude and effort, camp T-shirt and performance at half time of the PHS Football game on Friday, Sept 17 at 7:00 pm. For more information call Coach Marcie Powell at 488-6030 or email: marciep@psdschools.org

**Children's Immunization Clinic** is held at the Larimer County Health Department, 1525 Blue Spruce Drive, on Monday 9:00 - 12:00 and 1:00 - 3:30, Tuesday 3:00 - 6:00, and Friday 9:00 - 12:00. No clinic is held on observed holidays. For more information call 498-6700.

## PSD Seeks Community Volunteer to Serve on Audit Committee

The Poudre School District Board of Education is seeking community members with financial experience to serve on the PSD Audit Committee for the balance of calendar year 2010 plus a two-year term beginning January 1, 2011.

The audit committee, which consists of five community members and two PSD Board of Education members, assists the Board of Education in fulfilling its financial oversight responsibilities. Committee responsibilities include overseeing the independent external audit of the District's financial statements, reviewing quarterly the District's financial statements, evaluating the efforts of the external auditor and recommending the selection of the external auditor, and providing input to help conduct two-hour meetings in the morning (7 to 9 am), six times a year (January, March, May, August, October and November). Occasionally additional meetings are held to work on special committee projects.

Interested community members are asked to submit a letter of interest outlining pertinent qualifications by September 15, 2010 to:

dboileau@psdschools.org or Deb Boileau, PSD Accounting Department, Johannsen Support Services Center, 2407 LaPorte Ave., Fort Collins, CO 80521.

The present committee will recommend an applicant to the Board of Education, who will appoint the new committee members in December 2010.

Employees and contractors of the district or immediate family members are not eligible to serve on the committee. For more information, contact Deb Boileau, PSD finance staff member, at 490-3649 or Dave Dunn, community member and chairperson of the PSD Audit Committee, at 498-0101.

Congratulations go to  
Fourth Grade teacher  
Mrs. Matson!  
Her daughter,  
Laney Matson,  
was born Tuesday,  
August 31, 2010.

There's no school on Monday!  
Enjoy your  
Labor Day  
weekend!

