



## Mark Your Calendar

- **NO SCHOOL** Monday, Jan 17, for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- **Kindergarten Information Night** for parents only is Tuesday, Jan 18, 6:30 pm
- Parent Open House Jan. 20, 9:00-3:00.
- **Sock Hop** is happening Friday, Jan 28.
- Spelling Bee 1:30 Jan. 21st.



### *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: [sgodsey@psdschools.org](mailto:sgodsey@psdschools.org)

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## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Bennett Community,

This school year we seem to have had a few more incidents of students (mostly primary) failing to get where they are suppose to be after school. Our office staff and teachers receive, on average, 40 to 50 phone calls/emails a day from families changing after school plans. We do our very best to get messages and changes of plans to students as promptly as possible. We understand that plans change. The following are items we have found helpful so far this year. One is consistency. The more consistent plans are the easier it is for everyone to know where they are suppose to be and what they are suppose to do. Second, have a plan B. Make sure students have a plan to get into the house if no one is home, for example hidden keys and garage door codes. Also if no one is home, have an alternative place for your child to go such as a neighbor's house, grandparents or someone else nearby. Third, make sure students know cell numbers and work numbers if possible. By working together we can see that children make it home safe!



Michael Schooler, Principal

**NO SCHOOL**  
on Monday in honor of  
Martin Luther King Day.  
Enjoy your day off!

## School Store Is Open!

The Bennett School Store is open every Monday and Wednesday morning before school and Friday during lunch. Items range in price from 10¢ to \$2.50. Please remind your students that they should not be using their lunch money to shop!

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 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.



The Bennett Sock Hop is just around the corner, on Friday, January 28th from 6:30-8:30. We need volunteers to help with serving food, taking tickets, and monitoring dance floor and hallways. Please consider giving just 45 minutes of your time to help with this event! You can contact Gretchen

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(Gretchen.gerding@gmail.com) to volunteer –and thank you! Additional activities for the evening include a cake walk in the cafeteria, coffee and games in the music room, Otim Tom letter writing, and Usborne books for sale in the library.

Fourth and fifth grade parents are invited to contribute to a teacher luncheon, scheduled for Monday, January 24th. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Finally, mark your calendars for Bennett's International day, scheduled for Friday, April 22nd. We are excited to be holding this event again.

Thank you to all who braved the cold to come to Tuesday night's meeting. Your commitment to supporting Bennett's BCO are much appreciated.

### Box Tops and Soup Labels

Don't forget to save your BoxTops for Education on General Mills products and Campbell's Labels for Education! We are also collecting caps from glass bottles from Morning Fresh Dairy. There are collection bins outside the office. This is a great way to support fundraising for Bennett at no cost to you!

### NEW VOLUNTEER SIGN IN

Bennett Elementary volunteers will soon be signing into a computerized system using a scanner! This program allows volunteers to scan in and out, and automatically log their hours into the computer system. Volunteers can also update their volunteer profile using this program! Not a registered volunteer? It also allows you to register there on the spot. Future enhancements to the program will allow visitors to sign in/out, allowing office staff to know at a glance who is in the building and where. This system will allow us to better track the volunteer hours given to Bennett by our wonderful volunteers!

## To Your Health

### Bigfoot Mileage Club

Remember to record your miles for the Bigfoot Mileage Club! Grades K - 2 earn a Penguin after completing 10 miles, plus their mileage tokens. Grades 3 - 5 earn a Penguin after 20 miles, plus their mileage tokens.

Turn in you Bigfoot Mileage Marker at Play 60 time or to Mr. Bray.





## **Early Childhood Open House 2011-12 Registration Begins in January**

Early Childhood Education is excited to announce four open houses for families interested in the Early Childhood 3-5 Preschool program for 2011-2012. The open houses will feature an Early Childhood classroom where families can visit and experience the program first-hand. Early Childhood staff will be available to answer questions about enrollment, curriculum as well as the comprehensive services that are offered when their children are enrolled.

Registration and open houses will be offered on the following evenings:

- 6-8 pm, January 13, at Putnam Elementary School
- 6-8 pm, January 25, at Laurel Elementary School
- 6-8 pm, February 3, at Kruse Elementary School
- 6-8 pm, February 10, at Shepardson Elementary School

Families are encouraged to attend any one of these evenings to visit with staff, see a classroom and apply for one of the program's no-cost or tuition-based program options. For more information, contact the Early Childhood Enrollment (ERSEA) Office located at 703 E. Prospect Road, or by telephone at (970) 490-3036. Visit [www.psdschools.org](http://www.psdschools.org) for information about the events or to apply!

## **School Choice in PSD: How It Works, Deadlines Approaching**

PSD's School Choice program allows families to select the school that best meets their child's educational needs, on a space available basis. Round-trip transportation is the responsibility of the parents for School Choice students.

**Neighborhood Schools** are the schools located in your attendance area. Neighborhood schools teach PSD's rigorous standards-driven curriculum, along with gifted, enrichment, and accelerated options.

**Specialized Schools** offer a different curriculum, focus area, or method of instructional delivery than neighborhood schools.

**Referral Programs and Schools** range from Early Childhood (birth to age 5) programs to alternative secondary programs and schools (grades 6-12) for students who require a non-traditional learning environment to be successful.

**Online Options** are available for our digital natives in grades K-12 offering a high-quality, highly interactive 24/7 educational option for students.

## **Apply for School Choice Online**

The online School Choice application is now available at [www.psdschools.org](http://www.psdschools.org) under "School Registration," which may be accessed from a home computer or

any computer with Internet access; a public use computer is available at the PSD Support Services Center, 2407 LaPorte Ave., or any of the district's schools. The first consideration deadlines for 2011-12 are: **January 28, 2011, for secondary (grades 6-12) and February 18, 2011, for elementary (grades K-5).** School Choice applications may be submitted after the first-consideration deadline until the first day of class at the beginning of the school year of requested enrollment.

Please view policy JFBA at [www.psdschools.org](http://www.psdschools.org) or call 970-482-7420 if you have questions about School Choice.

## **Annual Accountability Report to the Community for 2009-10 Available Online**

PSD is pleased to announce the availability of our 2009-2010 Annual Accountability Report to the public. Every year, school districts in Colorado report about their performance to their communities, based on requirements in the *No Child Left Behind Act*.

Both the information required by federal law and district accreditation information are now available on the Colorado Department of Education's Web site at <http://www.schoolview.org/SchoolPerformance/index.asp>

There, the district profile for Poudre School District includes the following information:

- **Assessment Data** including the Colorado Growth Model, Colorado Student Assessment Program, and National Assessment of Educational Progress.
- **Accountability Data** including Adequate Yearly Progress and the names and number of Title I schools identified for improvement, corrective action, restructuring under No Child left behind.
- **Teacher Quality Data** including Highly Qualified Teacher information, professional qualifications, and the percent of teachers with emergency licenses.
- **Post-Secondary Readiness Data** including post-secondary readiness indicators, graduation rates and drop out rates, and ACT information.
- **Other Data** includes evidence of a safe, civil learning environment; attendance rates; and number of expelled and suspended students; and district budget, revenues and expenditures.

This information is also available on the district's Web site here: [www.psdschools.org](http://www.psdschools.org). On the PSD Web site, you will also find information on district goals and the progress we've made towards those goals. If you would like a hard copy of this information, please contact Jody Margheim, communications specialist at 970-490-3543 or via email at [jody@psdschools.org](mailto:jody@psdschools.org).

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

**Boltz Winter Festival and Silent Auction** will be held Friday, January 28, 6:00 - 9:00 pm. There will be carnival games, food, prizes, entertainment, crafts, over 25 community vendors, face painting, balloon animals and more. Information: Tony Garcia, [angarcia@psdschools.org](mailto:angarcia@psdschools.org), phone 472-3728.

## Kindergarten Registration Scheduled for February 10th

Your child's education adventure is around the corner! Kindergarten registration for students entering school in PSD in fall 2011 is scheduled for Thursday, February 10, 2011. Registration will be held from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Children who will be 5 years old on or before September 15, 2011, are eligible to register.

On the day of registration, parents should bring their child's birth certificate, immunization records, and emergency contact information.

There is no tuition for half-day programs; full-day programs are \$2,100 per year. The first payment is due at the time of registration; the remainder is due in nine monthly installments from August 1, 2011 through April 1, 2012. Full and partial scholarships may be available; check with the school for eligibility requirements.

One-way transportation is provided for kindergarten students attending half-day programs who live more than one mile from their neighborhood school.

Round-trip transportation is provided for students in an all-day program who live more than one mile from school. Transportation is not provided for School Choice students (those who attend a school outside their attendance areas.)



## What's for Breakfast?



## What's for Lunch?



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
17 NO SCHOOL	18 Danimals Yogurt And Fresh Baked Cinnamon Roll	19 Cinnamon French Toast sticks	20 Sausage & Cheese on Homestyle Biscuit	21 Pancake on a Stick
<b>Breakfast Includes:</b> Choice of Cereal, Muffin or Hot Entrée, Assorted Fruit/Juice, Milk				
17 NO SCHOOL	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chicken Patty Sandwich</li> <li>• Sloppy Joe</li> <li>• Turkey &amp; Cheese Deli</li> </ul> Fresh Steamed Broccoli Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Cucumbers Grapes	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Italian Lasagna</li> <li>• Chicken Nuggets</li> <li>• Wheat Uncrustable PB&amp;J</li> </ul> Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Broccoli Bananas Mandarin Oranges	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Big Daddy's Cheese Pizza</li> <li>• Cheesy Nachos</li> </ul> Green Beans Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Cucumbers Kiwi Diced Peaches	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crunchy Beef Tacos</li> <li>• Pancake on a Stick</li> <li>• Veggie Wrap</li> </ul> Whole Kernel Corn Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Celery Sticks Apples Diced Pears
<b>Lunch Includes:</b> Choice of Entrée, Hot Vegetable, Fresh Fruit & Veggie Bar, Choice of Milk				
No school	BLUE DAY	RED DAY	YELLOW DAY	BLUE DAY