



Mark Your Calendar

- School of Choice Deadline
Feb. 18th
- Collaboration Day Feb. 21st—
NO SCHOOL!
- BCO meeting Tuesday March
1st.
- International Day Friday
April 22nd.



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 Jodie Stewart: jstewart@psdschools.org

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Just a reminder that breakfast is served at school at 8:30 a.m. We are having students being dropped off between 8:00 and 8:30 and we do not have supervision for them at that time. So, please start dropping students off at school no earlier than 8:30 to either have breakfast or wait out in front of the school.



CSAP REMINDER!

3rd grade CSAP begins next week, Wednesday Feb. 23 and Thursday Feb. 24. Please come to school well rested, with a good breakfast and ready to test.

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!

THANK YOU!

A big thanks to Evelyn Pierro and all who supported the USborne Book Fair. Bennett received \$300 worth of new books for the library.

Remember Schools on the Move Challenge runs February 1– March 31, 2011

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.

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.



BCO UPDATE

Thanks to everyone who attended the BCO meeting this month! Topics of conversation included grants for teachers, funding for our music program, the construction of a green house, and the many families hoping to choice into Bennett in the fall. More information will be provided on each of these topics in the next few weeks!

Thanks to current or former Bennett parents Brenda Burke and Louise Cutler who have initiated after school programs in pottery and theatre. Although these are not BCO sponsored events, these classes were initiated based on parents' response to our fall survey. Anyone interested in offering classes in other areas can obtain room reservation information from MaryJo. Our next planned BCO event is International Day on Friday, April 22nd, so mark your calendars. The March BCO meeting will be on Tuesday, March 1st!

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!

YEARBOOK ORDERS!

Yearbook order forms are being sent home in Thursday folders today. They will be due back March 4, 2011

KIWANIS CLUB OF FORT COLLINS STARS OF TOMORROW

Talent Show for all school age children
APPLICATION DEADLINE—Friday
February 25, 2011

Held at St. Johns Lutheran Church
305 East Elizabeth

Applications are available in the schools from the music teachers, music stores and selected businesses.

BOOK LAMP

Book Lamp is a new service that aims to help readers find new books that they might enjoy. Once you've registered on Book Lamp you can enter the title of a book you like or the name of an author you like to find a new set of books you might also like. Book Lamp rates books by pacing, density, action, description, and dialog. Based on those characteristics Book Lamp suggests books you might like. So, if you read, here are some new ideas!



3RD ANNUAL PROUD TO BE BILINGUAL CONTEST!

This year's contest will include 6 categories, essay, poetry, children's book, poster, media/tech/podcast, and performing arts. All entries should focus on why you feel becoming bilingual is something to be proud of and a skill that is valuable. Your child 1st-12th grades must have learned English as a second language in order to qualify. One hundred dollars will be awarded to the top three winners!! There are also many other prizes to be awarded. Deadlines for entries is February 28, 2011. If you have any questions please contact Kim Hattem at khattem@psdschools.org.

Boundary changes implemented in 2011-12

Students affected by the 2011-12 boundary changes who would like to continue attending their current school, need to fill out an online School Choice Application. Note: the elementary School Choice application first consideration deadline has been extended one week to February 18. Kindergarten students should follow the regular registration process (register at the new neighborhood school and complete the online School Choice Application to request a space at a school other than the neighborhood school). If a student is going to attend his/her new neighborhood school no action is needed.

Transportation services will be provided to the new neighborhood elementary school under the district's transportation guidelines. Students living in the attendance areas affected by boundary changes and who choice back into their old neighborhood school will have a two year option for bussing during 2011-12 and 2012-13. Transportation will also be available to students who move into an attendance area and have not previously attended the 2010-11 neighborhood school but choice into that school, but only for the two year period.

Beginning with the 2013-14 school year, transportation for all school choice students attending a school outside their neighborhood boundary will be the responsibility of their parents/guardians. Students with an Individual Education Plan (IEP), which includes transportation as a related service will be evaluated on an individual basis. If you aren't sure if you are affected, please call your current school or Sarah Siple at 970-490-3501.

KIDS CAFÉ OFFERS FREE MEALS FOR CHILDREN

The Kids Café offers healthy and free afterschool meals for children ages 3-18 in Fort Collins and Wellington. Parents can eat a full meal with their children for just \$2. Following are the 2010-11 Kids Café locations, days and times:

- Core Center, 114 Bristlecone Drive, Ft. Collins
5:15-6 p.m., Monday-Thursday
- Fort Collins Boys & Girls Club, 1608 Lancer Dr. Ft. Collins - - 5-5:45 p.m., Monday-Friday
- Northside Aztlan Community Center, 112 E. Willow, Ft. Collins - - 5-5:45 p.m., Monday-Friday
- Harmony Road Kids Café, 2500 E. Harmony Rd. Ft. Collins - - 4:30-5:15 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday
- Wellington Boys & Girls Club, 3815 Harrison Ave., Wellington - - 4:30-5:15 p.m., Monday-Friday

Kids Café is a program of the Food Bank for Larimer County brought to you in partnership with the Boys & Girls Club of Larimer Count, Northside Aztlan Community Center, CORE center, City of fort Collins, PVHS, and Crossroads Church. For more information, call 970-530-3105.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

THE 2011 MUSIC ZOO AND PETER AND THE WOLF

The 2011 Fort Collins Symphony Guild Presents The 2011 Music Zoo and Peter and the Wolf.

Each year, the Musical Zoo features an adventure in music for young people, especially between the ages of 3-10. At the 2011 event, guests will have the opportunity to watch and hear musicians play their instruments individually, in small groups, and in an orchestra during the morning.

Both a musical instrument "petting zoo" and small groups of musicians will perform from 9:30 to 11:15. Members of the fort Collins Symphony Orchestra will feature Peter and the Wolf from 11:30 until Noon.



Saturday, March 5, 2011 9:30-Noon

Fort Collins Senior Center—1200 Raintree Drive—Fort Collins, CO 80526

Admission: \$3.00 for people 2-16 years old \$1.00 for adults. No charge for children under 2.

Family Fitness Night

The Wellness Team at Rocky would like to invite families in our community to our first Family Fitness Night. Everyone in your family is welcome to participate and the night is FREE! The events of the night include:

- 6-7 pm Zumba
- 7-8 pm Yoga
- Information from local community agencies.
- Fitness activities will be provided for younger students and siblings by our sophomore class.

Where: Rocky Mountain High School

When: February 17, 2011

6-8 pm



What's for Breakfast?



What's for Lunch?



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
21 NO SCHOOL	22 Homestyle Biscuit, Egg and Cheese Breakfast Sandwich	23 Belgium Waffle and Sausage Patty	24 Breakfast Burrito	25 Warm & Yummy Ultimate Breakfast Round
Breakfast Includes: Choice of Cereal, Muffin or Hot Entrée, Assorted Fruit/Juice, Milk				
21 NO SCHOOL	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baked Potato Bar • Colossal Cheese-burger • Chef Salad Fresh Steamed Broccoli Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Cucumbers Oranges Pineapple Tidbits	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marvelous Mac & Cheese • Hot Dog on Wheat Bun • Yummy Yogurt w/ String • Cheese and Fruit Green Beans Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Cucumbers Grapes Fruit Cocktail	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turkey Gravy and Noodles • Chicken Patty Sandwich • Wheat Uncrustable PB & J Power up Peas Leafy Greens Tomatoes & Cucumbers Apples Diced Peaches	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big Daddy's Pepperoni Pizza • Saucy Beef Spaghetti • Turkey & Cheese Wrap Fresh Steamed Baby Carrots Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Celery Sticks Kiwi Diced Pears
Lunch Includes: Choice of Entrée, Hot Vegetable, Fresh Fruit & Veggie Bar, Choice of Milk				
NO SCHOOL	BLUE DAY	RED DAY	YELLOW DAY	BLUE DAY