



Mark Your Calendar

- Teacher Appreciation Week—May 2nd.
- FINAL BCO meeting: May 3rd at 7:00 p.m.
- Spring Book Fair: May 6-11th
- Student led conferences May 10th and 11th **AFTER SCHOOL starting at 3:45.** (School in session both days)
- **Bennett Day of Action—May 21st.**
- **Last day of school half day May 26**



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

Bennett Elementary School, an
IB World School

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NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL:

- May 26th school will be dismissed at **12:00.**
- **NO** lunches will be served on the last day of school.
- No half-day kindergarten



TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK MAY 2ND!

The Teacher Appreciation Committee of the BCO would like to remind parents that Teacher Appreciation Week begins May 2nd! We have a number of activities planned to thank the teachers and would like to let you know of a couple in case you would like to contribute. First, we hope to fill the teachers' lounge with thank you cards and treats the week of May 2nd. If you would like to write a note of thanks or have your child write a note, please do so and return it to your child's classroom on Friday, April 29th. We will display all of the cards in the lounge the following week. Also, if you would like to bring in a snack or dessert (store bought or home-made) the week of May 2nd for the teachers to snack on all week, we ask that you bring a snack on the following days (based on grade): Monday, May 2nd- Kindergarten & 1st grade, Tuesday, May 3rd- 2nd and 3rd grade & Wednesday, May 4th- 4th and 5th grade. If you already have something else in mind to do that week, please do not feel obligated to do any of the above. We just wanted to provide one more opportunity this year to make sure our teachers feel appreciated.

TOMORROW IS OUR SPELL-A-THON FOR MUSIC !

Tomorrow, Friday, April 29th, we will be holding our Spell-A-Thon For Music. All money raised from this event will go directly to our music program to support the purchase of badly needed new instruments. Students received pledge sheets two weeks ago in their Thursday folders. Donations can be made for each word spelled correctly, or a flat donation may be given. Spelling tests will be corrected and information sent to families in next week's Thursday folder. All donation money should be turned in by Monday, May 12th. Thank you for supporting Bennett's music program !!!



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OUTSTANDING IB STUDENTS

Here at Bennett we are going to be recognizing outstanding IB students that have demonstrated the IB Learner Profile each week in our newsletter.

Respect: Mia Anderson- Mia demonstrates respect for herself and others in the classroom. She is incredibly successful because she respects the learning process and school environment.

Inquirer: Xander Plumm- Xander loves to ask good questions and is always excited to be at school and learn!

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.



Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped support the Earth Day/ International Day celebration! It was a great celebration for students and staff alike. This Friday is the Spell A Thon for Music to support the purchase of new equipment for our music program. Any child who participates should send in pledge money in by Monday, May 12th. Next week is Teacher Appreciation Week! Families are encouraged to let their teachers know how much their efforts are appreciated! Upcoming events for May include the Spring Scholastic Book Fair and Bennett Day of Action- more information will followed. Our final BCO meeting of the year is next Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Thank you!

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!

2011/2012 Parental Requests for Specific Learning Environment

The Bennett staff welcomes your input on the learning environment that you believe will best promote success for your student. Requests for a specific classroom will be considered based upon the needs of your child and the grade level as a whole. Requests must be submitted on a form located on the Bennett webpage, <http://eweb.psdschools.org/schools/bennett/information/events.aspx>.

If you don't have access to the web you may pick up a form from the Bennett office. **All requests must be received on this form by Friday, May 6th.**

SPRING INDIVIDUAL PICTURES!

Picture proofs were sent home this week. If you wish to order pictures, return your order form and payment to the school office by Friday, April 29th.

Crossing Guard Volunteers Needed!

Thanks to a small pool of committed volunteers, our crosswalk is a safe place for kids and their parents to cross Bennett Road during our hectic pick up and drop off times. We are looking for a few more people who are willing to commit 15-20 minutes before or after school once or twice a week. This is a convenient way to help out while you are already at school picking up or dropping off. If you are interested in volunteering for the rest of the school year or might be interested next year, please contact Kristi Mahrt (kamahrt@gmail.com). Thanks!

FROM THE LUNCH ROOM!

As of May 1, 2011 No Charging is allowed.

This is PSD policy in order to balance all our student accounts by the end of the school year.



BENNETT NEWS CONTINUED.....

BENNETT OM TEAM ADVANCES TO WORLD FINALS!

Congratulations to Bennett's Odyssey of the Mind team who took first place at the state competition on April 11! The team will go on to compete in the World Finals in Baltimore, Maryland, on May 27-31. Team members are Cleo Anderson, Abby Roberts, Olivia Tufte, Sophie Albright, Kate Fieseler, Clementine Morisette, and Molly Zabel. Please watch for opportunities to help support their trip through various fundraisers happening in the next few weeks.

- **Coins for Creativity:** Bring your spare change to help fund Bennett's Odyssey of the Mind team for their trip to the OM World Finals in Baltimore, Maryland. This is the first Bennett school team to compete in any World competition. Collection will begin Friday, April 22 and continue for two weeks. The class that collects the most money will get a pizza party!
- **Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction:** The Bennett Odyssey of the Mind Team will be having a spaghetti dinner and silent auction at Bennett on Tuesday, May 10 from 5-7 P.M. (parent/teacher conference night). Proceeds from the dinner will help fund the team's trip to Baltimore, Maryland, for the World Odyssey of the Mind Competition. Look for more details including ticket orders, in next week's Thursday folder.
- **Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser:** Please help get our Odyssey of the Mind team to the World Finals in Baltimore, Maryland. Eat at Texas Roadhouse on Wednesday, May 4th from 4-10 P.M., and the Bennett OM team will get 20% of the profits. You must bring along the Texas Roadhouse Flyer for the Bennett OM team to receive the proceeds. See the flyer for more details.
- **Papa Murphy's Discount Cards:** Great deals on Papa Murphy's Pizza! Support the Odyssey of the Mind team on their trip to World Finals! Pay only \$5 to receive a discount card that can save you \$30! See flyer in this week's Thursday folder for details on how to purchase them.



SPRING COMMUNITY ART PROJECT

"FACE 2 FACE" Felting Project

Elizabeth Morisette is a visual artist working in Fort Collins and a Bennett parent. She will be working with Mrs. Babcock and all of the Bennett students on a community art project titled "FACE 2 FACE". This project will focus on portraits, both as an artistic concept and as a multicultural identifier. Students will explore the attributes of wool in creating art. The younger students will be creating the facial features and the 5th graders will sew all of the pieces together to create the faces of Bennett. We look forward to working on this community project. The completed piece will be on display permanently in the school after its completion in May.

If you have any old, clean towels that you are willing to donate, please have your students drop them off in the art room. Thanks!

Fort Collins Marimba

Summer 2011 Program

Two sessions are offered this summer to accommodate STREETMOSPHERE performing schedules. Each session ends in a Streetmosphere performance on the streets of downtown Fort Collins! Adults and youth, continuing and *new students are welcome. Registrations accepted independently for each session, OR pre-register and prepay for both for a chance to win one free 45-minute private (or semi-private) lesson. Pre-registration deadline Saturday, May14; thereafter, prepayment reserves your spot, while spots last.

Summer Session I: June 1-19

Wednesday or Thursday evenings (TBD)

2- hour classes (times TBD)

Streetmosphere performance, weekend of June 17-19, 3- hour set

Continuing students: 3 weekly classes, \$45

*NEW students, min. Age 8: 4 weekly classes, \$60 (orientation class begins 1-week earlier)

Summer Session II: August 8-28

Wednesday or Thursday evenings (TBD)

2- hour classes (times TBD)

Streetmosphere performance, weekend of August 26-28, 3- set

Continuing students: 3 weekly classes, \$45

*New students, min. age 8: 4 weekly classes, \$60 (orientation class begins 1- week earlier

Please see Mrs. Hallenbeck for registration forms.

STUDENT CONCERTS

Student concerts Saturday, May 7 11:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m.

Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the music! Please see attached flier for times and locations.

Come and take a WALK IN THE WOODS

- Celebrate the International Year of Forests with Colorado State Forest Service and Colorado tree Farmers
- Learn about our forest resources and how we can manage them sustainably
- See what can be done to help our forests fight insects and disease

Where: Ben Delatour Scout Ranch

When: May 21st, 10:00 a.m. till noon

To register please contact jamie.dahl@colostate.edu by May 19th

SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAM 2011

The summer music program 2011 is accepting registration now! Beginning Instruments for students currently in 5th grade, July 25—Aug. 12. (deadline for registration is May 27): The summer beginning band and orchestra program is a three week entry into the wonderful world of band and orchestra in middle school. We encourage all students joining their school's beginning band and beginning orchestra to attend this program and participate at the site closest to their middle school. Registration forms are available online from the PSD website, from MS band/orchestra directors, or Mrs. Hallenbeck.

Centennial Children's Chorus Spring Auditions

When: May 10-21. Later auditions will be held May 31- June 4 for children who participate in the Summer Choral Festival.

Where: Christ United Methodist Church (301 E. Drake)

Contact: To make an audition appointment call 223-4495.

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

KINDERGARTEN AND 1ST GRADE MUSIC PERFORMANCES

1st grade Family Music Show-N-Share

Thursday, May 5th in the Bennett Gym

Merry/Mitchell and Zetterquist class event will be at 1:00 p.m.

Smith and Sutton class event will be at 2:00 p.m.



Kindergarten "Informance"

Friday, May 6th in the Bennett Gym

Each class will perform at the following times:

Lackey - 9:00 a.m.

Smith - 9:25 a.m.

Allen - 9:50 a.m.

We look forward to celebrating our musical accomplishments with you! Questions? Contact Mrs. Hallenbeck by email (nhallenb@psdschools.org) or phone (488-4773)



What's for Breakfast?



What's for Lunch?



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Homestyle Biscuit, Egg and Cheese Breakfast Sandwich	3 Danimals Yogurt * and Fresh Baked Cinnamon Roll *No High Fructose Corn Syrup Added	4 Tony's Breakfast Sausage Pizza	5 Pancakes and Sausage Patty	6 Warm & Yummy Ultimate Breakfast Round** **Contains 6 grams of Fiber
2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chicken Patty Sandwich • Soft Wheat Pretzel w/ Cheese • Chicken Caesar Salad Whole Kernel Corn Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Peppers Apples Fruit Cocktail	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potato Crunch Fish Sticks • Marvelous Mac & Cheese • Chef Salad Fresh Steamed Broccoli Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Cauliflower Oranges Diced Peaches	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wholesome Chicken Nuggets • Crazy Cheese Quesadilla • Ham, Turkey & Cheese Deli Rice & Pinto Beans Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Cucumbers Strawberries Strawberry Jello	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colossal Cheeseburger • Enchilada Bake • Yummy Yogurt w/ String Cheese and Fruit Power up Peas Leafy Greens Tomatoes & Cucumbers Grapes Diced Pears	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big Daddy's Pepperoni Pizza • Cheese Raviolis in Tomato Sauce • Colorful Veggie Wrap Green Beans Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Celery Sticks Kiwi Pineapple Tidbits
YELLOW DAY	BLUE DAY	RED DAY	YELLOW DAY	BLUE DAY