



Mark Your Calendar

- Valentine Parties Feb. 14th @ 2:30
- BCO meeting Feb. 15th at 7:00 p.m.
- School of Choice Deadline Feb. 18th
- Collaboration Day Feb. 21st—NO SCHOOL!



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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IT'S CSAP TEST TIME!

CSAP stands for Colorado Student Assessment Program. It is a test designed to measure student achievement in relationship to the Colorado Model Content Standards. These standards are expectations specifying what students should know at particular points in their education. As a result, CSAP provides a series of snapshots of student achievement in reading, writing, math, and science as they move through grades 3-10. Results of CSAP will be released in the summer and given to families upon their return to school the following school year.

Parents can support their child's performance by making sure he or she gets a good night's sleep, eats right, stays healthy, and acts/thinks positively. It is particularly important for students to be here during this time as all 3rd-5th grade students must take the exams and not doing so adversely affects Bennett's state rating, figures for meeting AYP (annual yearly progress), and accreditation (all of which affect current funding and programs offered at Bennett). A parent guide to the CSAP can be found at:

http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeassess/documents/parents_guide.html

The CSAP is not the only method that is used to assess student progress at Bennett IB World School. Teachers look at the whole picture for each student's performance. Bennett's students show their knowledge in other ways such as presentations, Accelerated Reader, projects, writing, artwork, action, portfolios and more. Many of these examples are on display throughout our building, which we welcome you to have the benefit of learning from, too!

The testing window for Third Grade Writing and Math and for Fourth and Fifth grades is March 8 through April 6. It is very important that your student be in school during this time. Please make every effort to schedule appointments and vacations at another time.

We want to thank BCO for providing funding for snacks for students on testing days!

3RD Reading: February 23, 24 Math: March 22, 23 Writing: April 4, 5

4TH Math: March 24, 25 Reading/Writing: March 28, 29, 30, 31, April 1

5TH Math: March 22, 23 Reading/Writing: March 28, 29, 30, 31, April 1

Science: April 4, 5, 6

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

Our February BCO meeting was postponed YET again due to weather! We will be meeting next Tuesday, February 15th, in the library at 7:00 p.m. Stay warm!

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 PROCEDURE!

Here is how it works....When you arrive at Bennett, you will need to locate your new badge. They are at the front desk. With your new badge, you will scan the barcode on your badge under the scanner. A screen will pop up on the computer with your name (verify it's you!) The system defaults to a one-hour volunteer time. If you will be there longer than an hour, you can change the expected departure time. In the Comments section, you will enter in the teacher's last name or area you are volunteering for (i.e.: library, lunchroom). Once that's done, click the button Start, then click OK in the window that pops up, and then click I'm Finished and Want to Sign Out.

When you have finished volunteering, scan your badge once again to sign out. You will see (although very small at this point) a message that states Volunteer Logout successful. That's it! Your hours will be automatically recorded for Bennett! If you keep your badge, you're done. If you prefer to leave your badge

at the school, we now have a 3-ring binder with alphabetical dividers. If you do not have a badge, there will be a sheet at the front desk to write your name and a badge will be created for you! Thank you for volunteering! We appreciate 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.

FRENCH CLUB IS BACK!

Beginning Tuesday Feb. 8th at 3:30, the French Club will be starting back up. Please see Mrs. Gibbs in room 22 for more information, or to pick up a permission slip.



Elementary School Choice Deadline Extended to Feb. 18th

The first consideration 2011-12 School Choice deadline for secondary students (grades 6-12) has not changed and is Friday, Jan. 28.

Apply for School Choice Online

The online School Choice application, timeline and information is available on the PSD Web site 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.

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.

For more information about School Choice, visit the PSD website at www.psdschools.org or call 970-482-7420

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.

UNIFIED TASK FORCE

Poudre School District is seeking parents to serve on task forces that will address the three major improvement strategies of the PSD Unified Improvement Plan. The Unified Improvement Plan is the result of a committee made up of parents, staff and community members, who reviewed each school's improvement plan and the comprehensive assessment for the district improvement (CADI) report to produce the plan. The Unified Improvement Plan was recently approved by the Board of Education.

The three task forces created will identify strategic actions for the district to implement to help close achievement gaps. Specific details of each task force are listed in the application, accessible through the PSD Website. The application is also available in Spanish. The deadline for electronically submitting applications is **noon, Wednesday, February 16**. A selection committee will review applications and all applicants will be notified regarding selection by March 1. Please consider applying!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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



What's for Breakfast?



What's for Lunch?



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
14 Cheddar Cheese Omelet	15 Danimals Yogurt * Light String Cheese	16 Cinnamon French Toast Sticks	17 Sausage & Cheese on Homestyle Biscuit	18 Tony's Breakfast Sausage Pizza
Breakfast Includes: Choice of Cereal, Muffin or Hot Entrée, Assorted Fruit/Juice, Milk				
14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homemade Beef & Bean Burrito • Max Filled Cheese Sticks with Pizza Sauce • Uncrustable PB & J Green Beans Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Cucumbers Apples Diced Pears	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chicken Patty Sandwich • Sloppy Joe on Wheat Bun • Turkey & Cheese Deli Steamed Broccoli Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Cucumbers Bananas Diced Peaches	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Italian Lasagna • Chicken Nuggets • Uncrustable PB & J Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Broccoli Grapes Mandarin Oranges	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big Daddy's Cheese Pizza • Cheesy Nachos Green Beans Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Cucumbers Kiwi Diced Peaches	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crunchy Beef Tacos • Pancake on a Stick • Colorful Veggie Wrap Whole Kernel Corn Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Celery Sticks Apples Diced Pears
Lunch Includes: Choice of Entrée, Hot Vegetable, Fresh Fruit & Veggie Bar, Choice of Milk				
RED DAY	YELLOW DAY	BLUE DAY	RED DAY	YELLOW DAY

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to first grader **Tyler Guggemos**. His artwork was selected to represent Bennett at the Super Art show. The Superintendent's Art Show will be on display at the JSSC Administration building for one year. If you are in the JSSC be sure to look for Tyler's King Tut picture. Way to go!