



## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

### Mark Your Calendar

- BCO Meeting Feb. 8th at 7:00 p.m.
- Skate party Feb. 9th.
- Kindergarten Registration Feb. 10.
- Valentine Parties Feb. 14th @ 2:30
- 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: [jstew-art@psdschools.org](mailto:jstew-art@psdschools.org)

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Well I hope everyone enjoyed their extra days off. We are coming into a busy time of the year for school. Fifth grade teachers are preparing for exhibition right after spring break. If you are interested in being a mentor for exhibition please contact Laurel Zitowitz. We are also working on school of choice, budgets, and of course getting ready for the string of state assessments coming up. I do have some sad news about the large cotton wood tree in the parking lot. The city forester and a private forester have looked at the old behemoth and have determined that the tree is rotting from the inside out, like cotton woods tend to do. They have determined that for the safety of staff, students, and families that the tree will have to be removed. The tree has been here, we believe, since before the school was built. When the school was first built the tree and parking lot area was a playground. Brian Lackey, husband of kindergarten teacher Mrs. Lackey went to school here at Bennett in first grade and he recalled how he would run out of his classroom and hide from his teacher behind the tree. I am not sure if she went looking for him or not? Unfortunately, there are more recent stories of the tree dropping limbs on cars and causing some serious damage. PSD grounds department has contracted to remove the tree over spring break. They have also discussed that with the recent passing of the bond the parking lot is scheduled to be resurfaced and that we could possibly but in an island and plant some trees on the island down the center of the lot? Bennett planted over 15 new trees last year as part of the Tree City celebration.

Michael E. Schooler, Principal

## School on the Move Challenge runs February 1 - March 31, 2011

### Bennett's School Goal - 85% of students and 95% of staff participate in the Schools on the Move Challenge

- The Challenge includes both **60 minutes of physical activity** each day plus a **fruit/veg challenge** (Feb.) and a **screen time challenge** (March) - participants have the opportunity to get two checks per day or a maximum of 118 checks for both months
- Students and participants **with a minimum of 60 checks** on their logs (Feb. and March combined) will receive a **Challenge shirt**; all participants who run in a log will be entered in to a drawing for 500 drawstring backpacks
- 10 winning schools from the "small" category (less than 375 students) and 10 schools from the "large" category (375 or more students) will receive up to \$1500 in prize money to use towards PE equipment or school wellness initiatives!
- The winning large and small schools will receive special "winners" challenge shirts
- Copies of the logs and "Challenge Tips" are in an attachment!!

**Turn in your completed log by Wednesday April 6th to your classroom teacher.**

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 with the Sock Hop/Cake Walk! The additional parent support in hallways and in the dance area helped to reduce the running in the hallways, and kept our students safe! The cake Walk was a huge success as well-and many children went home with a delicious prize. A HUGE thank you to Sock Hop co-chairs Gretchen Gerding and Kandace Majoros. They spent many hours in planning, purchasing food, and coordinating volunteers. If you have any feedback related to the Sock Hop/Cake Walk event, you can email [Gretchen.Gerding@gmail.com](mailto:Gretchen.Gerding@gmail.com).**

**Our February meeting was postponed until next Tuesday, February 8th, at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!**

### 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!

### 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.

### POTTERY CLASS FLYER

The flyer for the afterschool Pottery Classes at Bennett has the wrong start date. The start date should be Feb. 14th. Sorry for any inconvenience.



### 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!

### 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](http://www.psdschools.org) or call 970-482-7420

### 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.)

### 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.

# 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
<b>7</b> Homestyle Biscuit, Egg and Cheese Breakfast Sandwich	<b>8</b> Danimals Yogurt * and Fresh Baked Cinnamon Roll	<b>9</b> Tony's Breakfast Sausage Pizza	<b>10</b> Pancakes and Sausage Patty	<b>11</b> Warm & Yummy Ultimate Breakfast Round**
<b>Breakfast Includes:</b> Choice of Cereal, Muffin or Hot Entrée, Assorted Fruit/Juice, Milk				
<b>7</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chicken Patty Sandwich</li> <li>• Soft Wheat Pretzel w/ Cheese</li> <li>• Chicken Caesar Salad</li> </ul> Whole Kernel Corn Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Peppers Apples Fruit Cocktail	<b>8</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potato Crunch Fish Sticks</li> <li>• Marvelous Mac &amp; Cheese</li> <li>• Chef Salad</li> </ul> Fresh Steamed Broccoli Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Cauliflower Oranges Diced Peaches	<b>9</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wholesome Chicken Nuggets</li> <li>• Crazy Cheese Quesadilla</li> <li>• Ham, Turkey &amp; Cheese</li> </ul> Rice & Pinto Beans Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Cucumbers <b>Grapes</b> Strawberry Jello	<b>10</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enchilada Bake</li> <li>• Colossal Cheeseburger</li> <li>• Yummy Yogurt w/ String Cheese and Fruit</li> </ul> Power up Peas Leafy Greens Tomatoes & Cucumbers Apples Diced Pears	<b>11</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Big Daddy's Pepperoni Pizza</li> <li>• Chef Boyardee Cheese Raviolis in Tomato Sauce</li> <li>• Colorful Veggie Wrap</li> </ul> <b>Strawberry Ice Cream Cup</b> Green Beans Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Celery Sticks Kiwi Pineapple Tidbits
<b>Lunch Includes:</b> Choice of Entrée, Hot Vegetable, Fresh Fruit & Veggie Bar, Choice of Milk				
<b>YELLOW DAY</b>	<b>BLUE DAY</b>	<b>RED DAY</b>	<b>YELLOW DAY</b>	<b>BLUE DAY</b>