



### Mark Your Calendar

- Class Pictures March 29th
- BCO meeting April 5 at 7:00 p.m.
- No school April 15th
- International Day Friday April 22nd.
- Student led conferences May 10th and 11th **AFTER SCHOOL starting at 3:45.** (School in session both days)



### 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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Absence Line: 488-4751

## IT'S CSAP TIME!

The testing window for Third Grade Writing and Math and for Fourth and Fifth grades is March 21 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. Thanks!

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

**3RD** Writing: April 4, 5

**4TH** Reading/Writing: March 28, 29, 30, 31, April 1

**5TH** Math: March 25

Reading/Writing: March 28, 29, 30, 31, April 1

Science: April 4, 5, 6

# CONGRATULATIONS CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to welcome two new little **BOYS** to our  
Bennett family!

Campbell Mark Keith (Ms. Merry)

Born: March 20, 2011

6 pounds 7 ounces

19 inches

Jack Jenson Meadows

Born: March 21, 2011

6 pounds 7 ounces

19.5 inches



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.



Mark your calendars for International Day and Earth Day celebration on Friday, April 22nd. There will be a number of different activities happening at school that morning. We will be recruiting volunteers to help with this event! Second and third grade families are invited to participate in the Teacher Appreciation luncheon on Monday, April 4th. Our teaching staff truly LOVES these luncheons, so thank you to everyone who can contribute to this event. Our next BCO meeting is Tuesday, April 5th, at 7:00 p.m. in the library. Have a great week!

### 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!

### Renaissance Home Connect

Renaissance Home Connect improves the school-to-home connection by allowing parents and students to log in to a Web site and view the student's reading and math practice and progress towards goals. Access to online results promotes discussion between parents and students, which motivates students and can make reading and math practice even more effective. In addition, parents can specify up to six email addresses to receive automatic updates in English or Spanish on their student's math and reading progress.

A letter with your child's login information is being sent home in Thursday folders. Please contact your child's teacher for more information.

### No School April 15th!

April 15th will be a comp day for student led conferences that are being held on May 10th and 11th!

### 2011 Odyssey of the Mind Tournament

On behalf of the PSD Odyssey of the Mind organization, I am delighted to invite you to attend PSD's 24th Annual Odyssey of the Mind Tournament. This event will be held at fossil Ridge High School this Saturday, March 26, 2011. More than 700 students and 100 teams representing 24 schools are expected to participate in this year's Tournament, when attendance is likely to exceed 2,000. Bennett will have five teams performing this year!!

The Opening Ceremony/Hat Parade Festivities begin in the Gymnasium at 9:00 a.m. Performances start at 10:00 a.m. in several multi-purpose rooms at Fossil Ridge High School in Fort Collins, CO. In these performances, teams have up to eight minutes to present their solutions to one of six Long-Term Problems which they have been working to solve since last fall.

I hope you are able to attend and see for yourself the ingenuity of our students. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully yours,

**Kris Seen**  
Bennett IB World School-Odyssey of the mind Coordinator and Coach



## PROUD TO BE BILINGUAL

The following 4 students have been selected from their Proud to be Bilingual entries to be acknowledged in a special ceremony at Ft. Collins High School on April 4th from 6:30-8:00. These contestants entered great posters and/or writing about why they are proud to be bilingual. The night of April 4th, we will see if they are selected by the school district judges to win the grand prize!

- Jason Caceres-Recarte
- Rogelio Carasco-Dominguez
- Julia Anishchenko
- Kiara Leydens

## Task Forces to Address Major Improvement Strategies for PSD Unified Improvement Plan

Three task forces of the Unified Improvement Plan have been organized to address major academic improvement strategies of the Unified Improvement Plan approved by the Board of Education in January 2011.

"The heart of the Unified Improvement Plan is the strategic actions the district will perform in order to educate students and reduce achievement gaps," says Jerry Wilson, Ph.D., PSD Superintendent of Schools.

Each task force is outlined below. To learn more visit the PSD website at [www.psdschools.org](http://www.psdschools.org):

- **Major Improvement Strategy Task force 1:** Design and implement a collaborative process to prioritize, deploy, and monitor district initiatives.
- **Major Improvement Strategy Task Force 2:** Establish a collaborative process for defining and adopting non-negotiable learning outcomes for all students based on new state standards in core content areas.
- **Major Improvement Strategy Task Force 3:** Establish a process for identifying and implementing specific evidence-based strategies and resources to effectively address student achievement gaps and align intervention and support materials with universal expectations.

## 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 County, 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

## GREAT AMERICAN BACKYARD CAMPOUT

What if in one night you could help American children lead longer, healthier, happier lives?

On Saturday, June 25th, you can! Register today for the Great American Backyard Campout to open the door and sleep under the stars for our nation's kids.

National Wildlife Federation's Great American Backyard Campout is a night of old-fashioned, fun outdoors. Telling scary stories, singing silly songs, and eating just one more s'more. It's family fun with a purpose: **helping American kids benefit from outdoor time.**

The days when kids spent their free time outside are gone; children now spend nearly seven hours a day in front of electronic screens. **Lack of outdoor time is bad for kids' physical and mental health**, putting them at higher risk for obesity, bone problems, and poor vision, as well as attention problems, anxiety and depression-and even a shorter life span.

**Register online** now for the Great American backyard Campout and join the tens of thousands of Americans who participate in this fun, family event each year.

As soon as you register, you'll gain access to creative camping activities, recipes and crafts to make your campout a night to remember. You'll also get a link to your very own online Participant Center where you will be able to post details about your campout and opt-in to raise funds.

Open the door and sleep under the stars for our nation's kids—one night can make all the difference. **Register today.** [www.backyardcampout.org](http://www.backyardcampout.org)



### What's for Breakfast?



### What's for Lunch?



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>28</b> Tony's Breakfast Sausage Pizza	<b>29</b> Breakfast Sandwich (English Muffin with an Egg Patty, Sausage Patty, & a Slice of Cheese)	<b>30</b> Homestyle Biscuit with Country Gravy and Sausage Patty	<b>31</b> Warm & Yummy Ultimate Breakfast Round** **Contains 6 grams of Fiber	<b>1</b> Pancake on a Stick
<b>28</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cheesy Nachos</li> <li>Rib A Que Sandwich</li> <li>Colorful Veggie Wrap</li> </ul> Green Beans Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Broccoli Apples Diced Peaches	<b>29</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bean &amp; Cheese Burrito</li> <li>Chicken Nuggets</li> <li>Uncrustable PB &amp; J</li> </ul> Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Celery Sticks Oranges Diced Pears	<b>30</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Corn Dog</li> <li>Cheeseburger</li> <li>Chef Salad</li> </ul> <b>Sweet Potato Fries</b> Leafy Greens Baby Carrots Bananas Mandarin Oranges	<b>31</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teriyaki Chicken Dippers</li> <li>Chicken Patty</li> <li>Yummy Yogurt w/ String Cheese and Fruit</li> </ul> Whole Kernel Corn Leafy Greens Tomatoes & Cucumbers Strawberries Applesauce	<b>1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Big Daddy's Cheese Pizza</li> <li>Meatball Deli on</li> <li>Turkey &amp; Cheese Wrap</li> </ul> Green Beans Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Cucumbers Strawberries Pineapple Tidbits
BLUE DAY	RED DAY	YELLOW DAY	BLUE DAY	RED DAY