



### Mark Your Calendar

- National School Breakfast Week March 7-March 11.
- Teacher Work Day March 11th
- Spring Break March 14—March 18th
- Class Pictures March 29th
- 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](mailto:jstewart@psdschools.org)

Bennett Elementary School, an IB World School

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## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Bennett Elementary is losing the Ponds neighborhood as part of their attendance area for the fall of 2011. The great news is that all of the families that already attend Bennett will be able to stay as school of choice students. Kindergarten siblings from the Ponds area were also accepted. We are also welcoming 7 new families from the Bauder attendance area! We hope to have around 470 students at Bennett in the fall.



## FAMILY MUSIC NIGHTS!

Please join us for Bennett's first ever Family Music Nights! We are inviting students and their families in the following grades to participate in an interactive evening of singing, games, dances, and instrument fun! We will finish the evening and celebrate with goodies and lemonade. Mark your calendars for the following dates:

2nd Grade Family Music Night

Tuesday, March 8

6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Bennett Gym

3rd Grade Family Music Night

Thursday, March 10

6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Bennett Gym



All students **MUST** be accompanied by an adult to participate. See you then!

Nicole Hallenbeck

**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 Tuesday night! We are in the midst of planning for International Day celebrating Peace and Tolerance, scheduled for Friday, April 22nd. This is also Earth Day, so we will combine activities and events to celebrate! Letters inviting interested families (international families or families with international interest/experience) as well as other volunteers to participate will be coming home in Thursday folders. Other recent BCO actions include awarding each grade level team \$250.00 to support the purchase of curriculum resources. Our next scheduled Teacher Appreciation even is a teacher luncheon scheduled for Monday, April 4th. Second and third grade families will be asked to provide food for this event. Have a great Spring Break!

### 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!

## FRENCH CLUB REMINDER

We will meet on Tuesdays in the Spanish room from 3:30-4:00 until April 19th. Questions, contact Diane Gibbs.

## YEARBOOK ORDERS!

Remember yearbook orders are due on March 4th for anyone interested in purchasing one.

## 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!

## REMINDER FOR ALL PARENTS OF ODYSSEY OF THE MIND PARTICIPANTS

Judges training is this Saturday, February, 28th for the Poudre River District OM Tournament. If you did not receive an email confirming your registration please login to the below link, register and attend the training Saturday.

Judges— <http://www.coloradoodyssey.org/node/25>

Parents volunteering at the 2011 Poudre River District OM Tournament also need to be registered. If you have not done so, please use the below link.

Volunteers—<http://www.coloradoodyssey.org/node/26>

Please contact Kris Seen (970) 232-9403 if you need additional information.

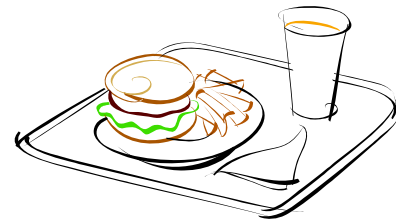
### Boundary changes implemented in 2011-12

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.

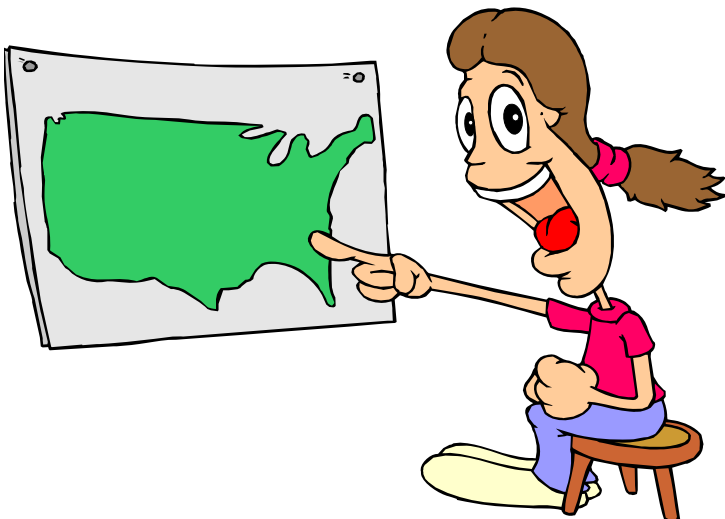
### KIDS CAFÉ OFFERS FREE MEALS FOR CHILDREN



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.



### 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> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>7</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chicken Patty Sandwich on</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>• 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>• Cheese Quesadilla</li> <li>• Ham, Turkey &amp; Cheese Deli</li> </ul> Rice & Pinto Beans Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Cucumbers Grapes Lime 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 Strawberries Diced Pears	<b>11</b> <b>NO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL</b>
BLUE DAY	RED DAY	YELLOW DAY	BLUE DAY	