



Mark Your Calendar

- 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

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 the Physical Fitness and Nutrition Advisory Council for sponsoring healthy CSAP snacks for our students to help teach kids that healthy foods fuel the brain and get them ready for test taking.

3RD Writing: April 4, 5

4TH Reading/Writing: April 1

5TH Reading/Writing: April 1

Science: April 4,5, 6

ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

Congratulations to all of Bennett's Odyssey of the Mind teams! The tournament last Saturday was so much fun! You did a fabulous job and we are very proud of everyone. All **teams** worked hard over the past six months.

On Friday, April 8th after school, there will be a special "OM Ice Cream Party" for all OM team members, coaches, parents and volunteers. Meet out front of the school by the picnic tables for a tasty treat to celebrate another great year of Bennett Odyssey of the Mind.

Thanks for supporting Odyssey of the Mind
Kris Seen, Bennett OM coordinator and Coach

BIG FOOT MILEAGE CLUB STARTS APRIL 7TH



Bennett Elementary School, an
IB World School

1125 Bennett School Road
Fort Collins, CO 80521

Phone: 970 488-4750
Absence Line: 488-4751

Remember Schools on the Move Challenge forms Due Tues. April 5th

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!

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!



“Understanding Academic Growth Measures for the Gifted Population”

Wednesday, April 6, 2011 (see flyer for more details: [April 6 Dwayne Schmitz.pdf](#))

Location: Webber Middle School in Fort Collins, CO

Audience: Parents of Gifted Learners

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Come early to browse the parent resource table and network with other parents in PSD! Presentation by **Dwayne D. Schmitz, Ph.D.**, Research and Analysis Coordinator for Poudre School District.

Dwayne will be presenting to parents of gifted learners about achievement tests administered in Poudre School District with a specific focus on the Colorado Growth Model.

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:

- **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.

GIRLS ONLY

Try Hockey for FREE!

Girls ages 5-16

FREE Equipment, FREE Instruction, NO Experience required

LOTS of FUN!!

SATURDAY, April 9, 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

NoCo Ice Center— 7900 Fairgrounds Ave. Ft. Collins, CO

(970) 670-0775

Register at www.virtualice.NET or email girlshockey@virtualice.NET

CHILD NUTRITION PARENT SURVEY

The PSD Child Nutrition Department continues to seek input from parents and customers as we implement program improvements and services offered. Please take a few minutes to fill out this Child Nutrition survey.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FoodServicesInfo>

AFRICA NIGHT

The 7th Annual Africa Night event will be held April 1, 2011 at 5 p.m. in the Lory Student Center. This is a great cultural event. There will be a short presentation on Uganda.

Also, the Vice President for Research is sponsoring a colloquium focusing on Africa. Registration is closed, however, if someone would like to attend, contact James Owin @ #970-491-5668. Details available at

http://vpr.colostate.edu/pages/research_colloquium.asp

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



What's for Breakfast?



What's for Lunch?



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 Homestyle Biscuit, Egg and Cheese Breakfast Sandwich	5 Danimals Yogurt and Fresh Baked Cinnamon Roll	6 Tony's Breakfast Sausage Pizza	7 Pancakes and Sausage Patty	8 Warm & Yummy Ultimate Breakfast Round
4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chicken Patty Sandwich on • Soft Wheat Pretzel w/Cheese • Chicken Caesar Salad Whole Kernel Corn Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Peppers Apples Fruit Cocktail	5 <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	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wholesome Chicken Nuggets • Crazy Cheese Quesadilla • Ham, Turkey & Cheese Deli Rice & Pinto Beans Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Cucumbers Grapes Strawberry Jello	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enchilada Bake • Cheeseburger on • Yummy Yogurt w/ String Cheese and Fruit Power up Peas Leafy Greens Tomatoes & Cucumbers Strawberries Diced Pears	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big Daddy's Pepperoni Pizza • CheeseRaviolis 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