



Mark Your Calendar

- Exhibition promotion ceremony— May 20th at 9:00
- **Bennett Day of Action— May 21st.**
- **Last day of school May 26th, dismissed at 12:00.-- No half day kindergarten.**



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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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

It has been another great year! Thanks so much for all the parent and community support. Due to this, the Bennett community continues to grow. I hope you all have a safe and fun summer. See you next year!

Michael Schooler, Principal

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Fond Farewells

Please join us in bidding goodbye and good luck to the following staff members who will not be returning to Bennett in the Fall:

Laura Sutton (First Grade), **Ulrike Hoffman** (Resource), **Diane Gibbs** (Spanish), **Kim Hattem** (ESL), **Hannah Hall** (Special Ed. Para), and **Amanda Olmsted** (Special Ed. Para). All of these wonderful staff members are exploring new opportunities for next year.

EXHIBITION- YOU ARE INVITED!

Fifth graders here at Bennett are working very hard everyday on their Exhibition Project! According to the Exhibition Guidelines, Exhibition is the culminating project for the Primary Years Program of International Baccalaureate. The purpose of Exhibition is for students to engage in an in-depth, collaborative inquiry experience, as well as time to provide them with an opportunity to be independent and responsible for their own learning. Through Exhibition fifth graders are able to look at their project through multiple perspectives and have the opportunity to take personal action. The fifth graders are dedicated to their research, expert interviews are taking place around the building, and presentations are being planned and prepared. Bennett fifth graders are also taking action around school and in the local community in many different ways. We would like to invite you to attend the 2011 Exhibition Presentation Day taking place this year on Friday, May 20th, 2011 from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Please come and take a look at all of the hard work the fifth graders have been doing at Bennett and in the community. Attached is the schedule of specific presentation times.

- Celebrate the International Year of Forests with Colorado State Forest Service and Colorado tree Farmers
- Learn about our forest resources and how we can manage them sustainably
- See what can be done to help our forests fight insects and disease

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.

BENNETT DAY OF ACTION

Come and take a WALK IN THE WOODS

- Celebrate the International Year of Forests with Colorado State Forest Service and Colorado tree Farmers
- Learn about our forest resources and how we can manage them sustainably
- See what can be done to help our forests fight insects and disease

Where: Ben Delatour Scout Ranch

When: May 21st, 10:00 a.m. till noon

To register please contact jamie.dahl@colostate.edu by May 19th.

Please see the attached flyer for more information.



Thank you to all of the families and children who supported the Spring Book Fair! We received over 100 books as well as \$1000 to spend on resources for our library. A huge round of applause to Murielle Watzky and Margot Ganster for coordinating all of the book fairs this year, and the many parents who volunteered their time to support this event.

We are excited to share the results of the Spell-A-Thon for Music. Children and families donated a total of \$4873.05!! This total got a large boost from an individual donation of \$1000 by a family member-thank you! If anyone still has money they have not turned in, please do so by Friday. Adding this amount to our matching funds and BCO donations will allow Bennett to spend close to \$13,000 this summer on new musical instruments.

As the year draws to a close, we would like to thank the many parents/families who

have helped support the events of the year that have fostered a sense of community within our school, as well as helped raise money to support teachers and staff to provide the best teaching possible for all our children. We would also like to thank Mary Jo Kietzmann and Jodie Stewart in the office, who do a great deal of "behind the scenes" work for BCO. BCO officers would also like to gratefully acknowledge the time and efforts of the dedicated group of parents who have been active BCO members. Thanks for sharing a Tuesday evening with us each month-we TRULY appreciate it. Finally, welcome to our new BCO president, Deana Davalos, for the 2011-2012 school year. Have a great summer!

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!

KING SOOPERS CARDS BACK!

Support Bennett just by buying groceries! Bennett will receive 5% of King Soopers gift card purchases through its Neighborhood Rewards Program. Buy a \$20 gift card for Bennett and use it at any King Soopers for groceries, gas and more. Simply reload the gift card when the balance is low and continue to support our school, while still earning your own King Soopers reward points. Bennett receives 5% of every new card purchase and all subsequent reloading. King Soopers gift cards are available at the front office. See attached flyers.



BENNETT NEWS CONTINUED.....



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OUTSTANDING IB STUDENTS

Here at Bennett we are going to be recognizing outstanding IB students that have demonstrated the IB Learner Profile each week in our newsletter.

Reflective: Luke Lindstedt: Luke is consistently thinking about his actions and how they impact others and himself and often gets a laugh out of himself and others when he shares these thoughts openly.

Commitment: Lauren Rowan: Lauren has consistently volunteered her time for service to the school, and her commitment and confidence are remarkable. She follows through independently and maintains respect and empathy for other.

POUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT 2011 ELEMENTARY TRACK MEET

Congratulations to all who participated in the District Track Meet. Attached, you will find the names of all the students that placed in the top 10 in the different events. Good Job Bennett!

Parent Survey for 2012-13 Calendar

Here is an opportunity to give feedback on future PSD school calendars. Please see the link below.

<http://www.psdschools.org/news/2011/05/please-give-feedback-about-2012-13-calendar-development-survey>

Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night is Tonight!

Tonight is the night! Chick-Fil-A is hosting a Spirit Night for the Bennett Odyssey of the Mind team. Bring the attached flyer to Chick-Fil-A from 6-10 p.m. **TONIGHT** (Thursday, May 19th) and a portion of your bill will be donated to the OM team to help fund their trip to the World Finals in Baltimore. The OM team thanks you for all of your support!

OTIM TOM

Thank you to all the families who donated books from Bennett's Bookfair for our Twin School in Uganda!

On Wednesday, we received letters from Otim Tom Memorial Primary School. Bennett students received letters from pen pals and Mr. Schooler received letters from the Headmistress, PTA Chairperson, and a member of the School Management Committee (grandparent of Otim Tom students). All want to send greetings and express their appreciation for this twinning partnership. Photos will be shared on Bennett's Facebook page and in the future we will be able to see photos from our friends in Uganda. Enjoy your summer and stay tuned for continued activities.



Fort Collins Marimba Summer 2011 Program

Two sessions are offered this summer to accommodate STREETMOSPHERE performing schedules. Each session ends in a Streetmosphere performance on the streets of downtown Fort Collins! Adults and youth, continuing and *new students are welcome. Registrations accepted independently for each session, OR pre-register and prepay for both for a chance to win one free 45-minute private (or semi-private) lesson. Pre-registration deadline Saturday, May14; thereafter, prepayment reserves your spot, while spots last.

Summer Session I: June 1-19

Wednesday or Thursday evenings (TBD)

2- hour classes (times TBD)

Streetmosphere performance, weekend of June 17-19, 3- hour set

Continuing students: 3 weekly classes, \$45

*NEW students, min. Age 8: 4 weekly classes, \$60 (orientation class begins 1-week earlier)

Summer Session II: August 8-28

Wednesday or Thursday evenings (TBD)

2- hour classes (times TBD)

Streetmosphere performance, weekend of August 26-28, 3- set

Continuing students: 3 weekly classes, \$45

*New students, min. age 8: 4 weekly classes, \$60 (orientation class begins 1- week earlier)

Please see Mrs. Hallenbeck for registration forms.

SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAM 2011

The summer music program 2011 is accepting registration now! Beginning Instruments for students currently in 5th grade, July 25–Aug. 12. (deadline for registration is May 27): The summer beginning band and orchestra program is a three week entry into the wonderful world of band and orchestra in middle school. We encourage all students joining their school's beginning band and beginning orchestra to attend this program and participate at the site closest to their middle school. Registration forms are available online from the PSD website, from MS band/orchestra directors, or Mrs. Hallenbeck.

Centennial Children's Chorus Spring Auditions

When: May 10-21. Later auditions will be held May 31- June 4 for children who participate in the Summer Choral Festival.

Where: Christ United Methodist Church (301 E. Drake)

Contact: To make an audition appointment call 223-4495.

See Mrs. Hallenbeck for more information or visit www.ccchome.org.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

FROM THE LUNCH ROOM!

As of May 1, 2011 **No Charging** is allowed.

This is PSD policy in order to balance all our student accounts by the end of the school year.



What's for Breakfast?



What's for Lunch?



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
23 Tony's Breakfast Sausage Pizza *P*	24 Breakfast Sandwich (English Muffin with an Egg Patty, Sausage Patty, & a Slice of Cheese)	25 Homestyle Biscuit with Country Gravy and Sausage Patty	NO BREAKFAST SERVED — LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!	
23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheesy Nachos *V* • Rib A Que Sandwich • Colorful Veggie Wrap *V* Green Beans Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Broccoli Apples Diced Peaches	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bean & Cheese Burrito *V* • Chicken Nuggets • Wheat Uncrustable PB & J *V* Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Celery Sticks Oranges Diced Pears	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole Grain Corn Dog • Cheeseburger • Chef Salad *V* Oven Baked French Fries Leafy Greens Baby Carrots Strawberries Mandarin Oranges	NO LUNCH SERVED— LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!	
RED DAY	YELLOW DAY	BLUE DAY		

HEALTH NOTES

- ◇ Parents must pick up all medications on or before the last day of school.
- ◇ If medications need to be picked up before the last day of school, the needed number of pills can be counted out and kept in the original RX container. The remaining medication can be taken home in a plastic bag.
- ◇ Emergency or as-needed medication (Epi-pens, Tylenol, Inhalers, etc.) must also be picked up.
- ◇ The school nurse will follow the state guideline when disposing of any medications not picked up.
- ◇ If medications will be brought back to the school in the fall, you may obtain a medical permission form from our health tech.
- ◇ Reminder! All students entering 6th grade who do not have a medical or religious exemption on file are required to have proof of receiving the Tdap vaccine (to prevent Whooping Cough).

If you have any questions please contact our health tech,
 Mrs. Stewart, at 488-4755.