



Mark Your Calendar

- **Sock Hop** is happening Friday, Jan 28.
- BCO Meeting Feb. 1st 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 Sylvia Godsey: sgodsey@psdschools.org

Bennett Elementary School, an
IB World School

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Absence Line: 488-4751

Don't miss the SOCK HOP!!!

Friday, January 28th, 6:30-8:30

Admission - \$1.00

Please come and join us for a fun family event! Activities include:

DJ dance, and snacks and drinks for purchase in the gym.

Cake Walk in the Cafeteria

Usborne Book Fair in the Library (more info below)

Quiet Games and Coffee in the Music Room

Information and Letter Writing for Otim Tom partner school program in the Art Room

All Children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult. We look forward to seeing you there!

Donations are needed for "**Mr. Schooler's Big as Texas Cake**

Walk!" Please bring your cake or cupcakes (homemade or purchased) to the office on Friday Jan. 28th. Children and families can participate in this "musical chairs" type of event and head home with a delicious prize! The cake walk will begin at 7:00 p.m. and continue until all items have been won. We appreciate your support!

AR Book Fair at Sock Hop!

Looking for some new AR titles? Then take a break from dancing and browse the Usborne Book Fair during the sock hop. Titles at all levels with numerous topics will be available, including many internet-linked books. All sales will help towards Bennett Library receiving free books from the Usborne Book Company.

When: Jan. 28, 8:30 am-4pm (if you can't make the sock hop) & 6:30-8:30 pm

Where: Bennett Library

Questions: Call Evelyn Pierro (970) 481-8945

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.



Look in your Thursday newsletter for some exciting after-school programs that are happening at Bennett, starting in the next few weeks in art and theatre. There has also been some interest in starting a Bennett chess program; anyone interested in volunteering to help coordinate this activity should contact Laurel Zitowitz@ zitowit@psdschools.org.

Our next BCO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 1st, at 7:00 p.m. in the library. Anyone/everyone is welcome to attend!

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.

A BIG THANKS!

The second Staff Appreciation Luncheon of the year went down as another success! The 4th and 5th grade parents really came through for our teachers. The quality, quantity and variety of foods were amazing. The teachers especially enjoy the variety!! We can't tell you how many times the teachers commented on what a treat the luncheons are to them. It would take you just a split second to smell the delicious aroma and hear the rumble of joy coming out of the Teacher's Lounge to know how much your contribution means to them! We would like to thank the following 4th and 5th grade families for their continued support: Coleman Cornelius, Megan Finnerty, Becky Fox, Cydney Johnson, Deb Couture, Deborah-Eve Lombard, Kathy Fieseler, Valerie Romero, Kristi Mahrt, Deb Milan, Margot Ganster, Wendy Miller, Kris Seen, Ann Randall, Mia Girard, Sharyl Haas, Yoko Matsuura, Glenda Madden, Larry Chen, Karen Young, Mary Rapisardo, Shelley Seavey, Sue Emerson, Sarah Kruse, Shannon Harris, Katherine Brandl, Diane Borden, Kari Tufte, Wendy Muller, Susan Kitchens, Jen Krafchick, Dawn Webster, Stephanie Wiedeman, Anna Powell, Jina Lee, Kelly Vaughan, Sherry Niesent, Jen Laubin, Louann DeCoursey, Karen Rowan, and a special thanks to our drink master—Elizabeth Morissette!

The last luncheon of the year will be hosted by 2nd and 3rd grade parents on April 11th! We would like to remind you to use your "Getting to Know You" forms often throughout the school year to treat your teachers and especially during Teacher Appreciation Week which begins Monday, May 2nd.

Sincerely,

Jill Lowry, Wendy Kahanek, and Deana Davalos

CONGRATULATIONS SPELLING BEE WINNERS!

Our first place winner was Destin Brasington, a 5th grader in Ms. Shigemura's class. He won an online language program and online Encyclopedia Britannica for one year.

Second place winner was Abby Roberts, a 4th grader in Ms. Johnson's class. She also won the online Encyclopedia Britannica for one year. Great Job Everyone!

To Your Health

Bigfoot Mileage Club

Remember to record your miles for the Bigfoot Mileage Club! Grades K - 2 earn a Penguin after completing 10 miles, plus their mileage tokens. Grades 3 - 5 earn a Penguin after 20 miles, plus their mileage tokens.

Turn in you Bigfoot Mileage Marker at Play 60 time or to Mr. Bray.





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 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 or call 970-482-7420

United Way Donation

During this year's United Way Donation Drive, the Child Nutrition Department received a donation to be used for the Free & Reduced Lunch Program. The Child Nutrition Department will be using this donation to pay off all charges owed by Free & Reduced students as of this morning. (Jan. 13) Thank you for all your hard work in helping to collect this money and for sending in all of those Free & Reduced Lunch Applications.

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.)

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Boltz Winter Festival and Silent Auction will be held Friday, January 28, 6:00 - 9:00 pm. There will be carnival games, food, prizes, entertainment, crafts, over 25 community vendors, face painting, balloon animals and more. Information: Tony Garcia, angarcia@psdschools.org, phone 472-3728.



What's for Breakfast?



What's for Lunch?



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
31 Tony's Breakfast Sausage Pizza	1 Breakfast Sandwich (English Muffin with an Egg Patty, Sausage Patty, & a Slice of Cheese)	2 Homestyle Biscuit with Country Gravy and Sausage Patty	3 Warm & Yummy Ultimate Breakfast Round**	4 Pancake on a Stick
Breakfast Includes: Choice of Cereal, Muffin or Hot Entrée, Assorted Fruit/Juice, Milk				
31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cheesy Nachos ● Rib A Que Sandwich ● Colorful Veggie Wrap Green Beans Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Broccoli Apples Diced Peaches	1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bean & Cheese Burrito ● Chicken Nuggets ● Uncrustable PB & J Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Celery Sticks Oranges	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Corn Dog ● Cheeseburger ● Chef Salad Oven Baked French Fries Leafy Greens Baby Carrots Bananas & Grapes Mandarin Oranges	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Teriyaki Chicken Dippers ● Chicken Patty Sandwich ● Yummy Yogurt w/ String Cheese and Fruit Whole Kernel Corn Leafy Greens Tomatoes & Cucumbers Diced Peaches Applesauce	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Big Daddy's Cheese Pizza ● Meatball Deli on ● Turkey & Cheese Wrap Green Beans Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Cucumbers Apples Pineapple Tidbit
Lunch Includes: Choice of Entrée, Hot Vegetable, Fresh Fruit & Veggie Bar, Choice of Milk				
BLUE DAY	RED DAY	YELLOW DAY	BLUE DAY	RED DAY