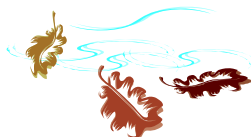




Mark Your Calendar

- **NO SCHOOL** Wednesday - Friday, Nov 24 - 26, for the Thanksgiving Holiday.
- **NO SCHOOL** Monday, Nov 29, for a Staff Collaboration Day.
- **BCO meeting** is Tuesday, Dec 7, 7:00 pm, in the Library.
- **NO SCHOOL** for Winter Break Dec 20 - 31.
- **NO SCHOOL** Monday, Jan 3 for a Teacher Work Day.



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: sgodsev@psdschools.org

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Breathe Easy Anti-Idling Campaign

The City of Fort Collins-- in partnership with Poudre School District -- is launching the Breathe Easy anti-idling campaign to bring awareness and improve the health and safety of kids and adults and encourage our community to take action for a cleaner, healthier environment.

Car idling has been linked to asthma, the most chronic health condition in children. In Colorado, more than 89,000 children ages 1-14 suffer from asthma, and that state ranks 17th in the nation with reported adult asthma. Other negative health impacts associated with unnecessary gas or diesel exhaust include decreased lung function, cardiac disease, cancer and endocrine disruption, which plays a role in developmental disorders.

A motor vehicle idling for five minutes a day can emit as many as 25 pounds of harmful air pollutants and 260 pounds of carbon dioxide a year. According to an environmental health analyst in Denver, idling for even one minute produces as much carbon monoxide as smoking 3 packs of cigarettes. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that for every minute that a typical car engine sits idling, 6.6 grams of pollutants such as volatile organic compounds (VOCs), nitrous oxides and carbon monoxide are emitted.

Employees, parents, teachers and community members are encouraged to stop unnecessary idling, which impacts the health of children and adults, pollutes our air, impacts our visibility, wastes fuel, causes engine wear and tear and costs us money.

To learn more about the Breathe Easy anti-idling campaign and what you can do to make a difference, visit the City of Fort Collins website at <http://fcgov.com/breatheeasy>

5 Easy Ways to Stop Idling and Breathe Easy

- Turn off your ignition if you're waiting more than 30 seconds.
- Stop idling while the train is passing.
- Stop idling at school drop-off zones.
- Park and go inside instead of using the drive-thru lane.
- Warm up your engine by driving slowly, not by idling.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

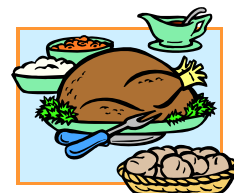
We are moving forward with plans for the student exchange program with the JFK school in Germany. If you are the parent of a Fifth grade student and you are interested in either having your student go to Germany or hosting a JFK student during their time with us, we invite you to attend a parent meeting at 6:00 pm tonight here at Bennett. I look forward to sharing information about this outstanding opportunity.

Michael Schooler,
Principal, Bennett IB World School

You Can Still Help!

We still need cans of dried onions, sweet potatoes, and graham cracker crusts to complete our Thanksgiving baskets. We are also collecting money for gift certificates for turkeys.

Thanks for lending a hand!



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 School 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.
- Don't forget to record your hours in the Volunteer Book in the office workroom.

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.



Thank you to everyone who attended the Chili Supper and Craft Fair! We had an amazing amount of families participate, as well as a record number of crafters sell their wares! THANK YOU to Wendy Kahanek and Sheri Parker, who co-chaired this event, and all the parents who volunteered their time to make this event run smoothly.

Our fall service project of collecting and packing meal boxes was completed during the Chili Supper as well. It was a wonderful way to put the IB principle of ACTION into place!! Thank you to all the children and families who stopped by the art room to help out with this project, and to Sharyl Haas and Joan Woodbury for coordinating this event.

Finally, our Fall Scholastic Book Fair is now over as well. This event takes a huge amount of volunteer effort, and thank you to so many of you who gave your time to support the Book Fair! All of the money raised is given to the library to purchase new books. A HUGE thank you to Margot Ganster and Murielle Watzky, who co-chaired this event, and volunteered an amazing number of hours during the course of the book fair.

Our next BCO meeting will be Tuesday, December 7th, at 7:00 pm.

Volunteer Extraordinaire!!!

Tuesday evenings Chili Supper/ Craft Fair was Sheri Parker's FIFTEENTH year in helping coordinate this event!! Sheri's last child will finish at Bennett this year- thank you for all of your efforts over the years!!

Rotary Read

Rotary Read Week at Bennett is November 8-14. Forms came home in today's Thursday Folders; all forms are due by November 19. Students who turn in forms get a pencil and are entered into a drawing for a free book!

Halloween Candy Collection

Have too much Halloween candy? A Bennett parent is collecting any unwanted items through this Friday, November 12th to donate to the Open Door Mission and Catholic Charities. A bin by the front door at school will be clearly marked; and candy will be picked up daily.

Win, Win, Win Opportunity!!

It's Bennett's special time again! Learning Express was a generous supporter of our Stampede this year, and they are continuing this trend! You will find a voucher and catalogue in your oldest child's Thursday folder this week. The voucher is good from Monday, November 15th – Friday, November 19th. You will receive 10% off of your purchase, plus 10% will be donated to Bennett. Our school is very fortunate to have our discounted/fundraising week close to the holiday season. So, enjoy supporting Bennett, a local store full of physically and academically stimulating products, and the pleasure the gift will give to the recipient! Any questions, please contact Jill Lowry at thelowrys@hotmail.com or 970-669-1404. Happy shopping!



Free Book Friday

Another good reason to start the day with breakfast at Bennett! If kids come to breakfast on Friday, they can choose a gently used book to keep.

Thompson Robotics EXPO

Congratulations go out to our Lego Robotics teams for their success in the LEGO League Scrimmage. Bennett Team 1 was 2nd place in Robot Performance and also received recognition for Dependable Design.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Barnes & Noble Fundraiser for Blevins Middle

School Shop any time during the weekend of the 13th at Barnes & Noble Bookstore, 4045 S. College Ave., say you're from Blevins, and the school will receive a percentage of the sales! Sales can be for books or in the Barnes and Noble Café. Blevins String Orchestra will play at 6:30 pm on Saturday. Visit BN.COM/bookfairs to support Blevins online from 11/13/10 to 11/17/10 by entering Bookfair ID 10332757 at checkout.

Tall Story Fossil Ridge High School Theatre Department proudly presents *Tall Story*, a Comedy in 3 Acts, by Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse, on Friday and Saturday, November 19 and 20, at 7:00 pm in the Fossil Ridge Performing Arts Center. \$8.00 adults/\$6.00 students/seniors/children; sorry, no passes. For information, contact Cindy Vanderheiden, Theatre Director, at 488-6391 or cyvander@psdschools.org

34th Annual Stove Prairie Winter Festival! Saturday, December 4, 2010, 10 am - 4 pm at the historic Stove Prairie Elementary School, 3891 Stove Prairie Road, Bellvue, CO. Do your holiday shopping with over 50 fabulous local artists and vendors selling their wares! Highlights include: toys, jewelry, pottery, ornaments, pasta, coffee, stained glass, fleece and woolens, fresh cut native Christmas trees and wreaths, and much more. Enter to

win a beautiful handmade quilt for only \$1.00/chance, enjoy the large silent auction and bake sale, and feast upon homemade chili and burgers, along with catering from Texas Road House. You might even catch a glimpse of Santa himself! Admission and parking are FREE! Information: (970) 484-1233, or www.psdschools.org/schools/stoveprairie/

To Your Health Bigfoot is Back!

Bigfoot Mileage Club happens every Thursday until the end of November. The club will start at 8:00 am and ends promptly at 8:40, when students will enter the building to begin their school day. Every runner/walker needs appropriate running clothes, running shoes, a water bottle, and possibly a snack. Dress in layers, and be ready for sudden weather changes. We will walk in the school and gym only if there is extremely bad weather.



What's for Breakfast?



What's for Lunch?



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
15 Cheesy Omelet with Fresh Fruit	16 Danimals Yogurt and Land O' Lakes Light String Cheese	17 Cinnamon French Toast Sticks	18 Sausage and Cheese Biscuit	19 Pancake on a Stick
Breakfast Includes: Choice of Cereal, Muffin or Hot Entrée, Assorted Fruit/Juice, Milk				
15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chicken Patty Sandwich • Soft Pretzel w/Cheese • Chicken Caesar Salad Whole Kernel Corn Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Peppers Apples Fruit Cocktail	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potato Crunch Fish Sticks • Mac & Cheese • Chef Salad Steamed Broccoli Leafy Greens Broccoli & Cauliflower Oranges Grapes	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chicken Nuggets • Cheese Quesadilla • Ham, Turkey & Cheese Deli Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Cucumbers Apples Strawberry Jello	18 THANKSGIVING MEAL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turkey Gravy with Mashed Potatoes • Wheat Uncrustable PB & J Biscuits Vanilla Ice Cream Cup Peas Leafy Greens Fresh Vegetables Fruit Salad Cranberry Sauce	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big Daddy's Pepperoni Pizza • Cheese Raviolis in Tomato Sauce • Veggie Wrap Green Beans Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Celery Sticks Kiwi Pineapple Tidbits
Lunch Includes: Choice of Entrée, Hot Vegetable, Fresh Fruit & Veggie Bar, Choice of Milk				
BLUE DAY	RED DAY	YELLOW DAY	BLUE DAY	RED DAY