

From the Principal

Welcome back to school and Happy New Year! I hope you were able to find some quality time to do some of the things you enjoy with some of the people you enjoy the most. We come back re-energized and ready to jump back into some amazing learning opportunities. Some of us have traveled to different states or even different countries; some of us stayed close to home, but I love that we all come back together as our Bennett Bronco “family”. Best of luck to you in 2020!

Reminders

- Please see the attached flyer on when to keep your student’s home during illness. [CDPHE How Sick is Too Sick Final 121219.pdf](#)
- Encourage your children to wash their hands frequently at home and at school.
- Current 5th graders will need a Tdap immunization prior to entering 6th grade in the fall.
- Cough drops are considered medication, per PSD policy. Please do not send them to school with your students with out a doctor’s note.

Important dates

- Monday January 13, 7:00 PM- BCO meeting
- Friday January 17th- School of Choice Deadline 12:00- NOON (new kindergarteners, or middle school that is not your neighborhood school)
- Monday January 20th- **No School**- MLK day

Kindergarten 2020 information

If you have new kindergarteners, (students who will start Bennett in the fall of 2020) at home or in your neighborhood, please pass this information on to them:

- Thursday January 9th 6:00 PM- Parent information night
- Friday January 10th, 9:00-3:00- Open House
- Thursday January 16th 9:00-3:00- Kindergarten registration day
- Friday January 17th- School of Choice Deadline (new kindergarteners, middle school) This only needs to be done the first time you are registering in a school that is **not** your neighborhood school. If you have been accepted per School of Choice already, you do not need to fill out the form again.

Spectacular Specials!

What’s happenings in Physical Education?

3rd, 4th, and 5th graders were working hard, working out, completing the Fitness Gram fitness testing. They completed tests for:

Cardiovascular endurance. Pacer run
Muscular endurance. Curl ups/ sit ups.
Muscular strength. Pushups.
Flexibility. Trunk lift and Shoulder

K, 1st, and 2nd also did some physical training with the Pacer running test, going the shorter width across the gym, around 11m back and forth as many times as they can run. (The older students run 20m back and forth) We also played various games, exercise tag, games and activities involving throwing, catching, bowling, and targets. We focused on playing fairly, moving safely, cooperating, using self-control, and making good choices!

Happy New Year!
Mr. Bray

Bennett Pride choir will be starting up again on January 15

See attached flyer for all the details: [SpringChoir.pdf](#)

Fun Things to do:

- **Fort Collins Museum of Art:** See attached flyer for class options [Museum of Art classes.pdf](#)
- **Poudre cheer camp January 18** [Jr Impala 2020 cheer camp .pdf](#)
- **Girls in the Spotlight January 22**, for girls 3rd-5th grade **flyers are in Thursday Folders**
- **Chess club starts again on January 24.** See attached flyer for information. [Bennett Spring 2020.pdf](#)
- **Lego club begins again on January 16.** See attached flyer for more information. [Legowinterflyer.pdf](#)
- **Fort Collins High School cheer camp January 31.** [FCHS CHEERLEADING Flyer -20.docx](#)
- **CSU Women's Basketball:** January 25th, tip-off at 2pm. Tickets are only \$5! Purchase tickets at: WWW.CSURAMS.COM/PROMOCODE and type in PSD [CSU Bball game flyer.jpg](#)
- **CSU Men's Basketball:** February 1st, tip-off at 2pm. Tickets are only \$10! Purchase tickets at: WWW.CSURAMS.COM/PROMOCODE and type in PSD
- Check out all the great art on display at this year's Poudre School District Creative Endeavors K-12 Art Show. The exhibit will be at the Foothills Mall from November 22- January 16. The Bennett artwork is located across from Dick's Sporting Goods.

Volunteers needed!!!!

We have a volunteer need with specific date and time. Keep reading if you are free **2/8, 3/7, and maybe 4/4!**

Our school has 3 Odyssey of the Mind Teams and we need 2-3 judges for them. Each team must have a judge for the Poudre River Regional Tournament and if that team wins, the judge follows them to the state tournament. A judge must attend judge training (multiple dates, I just listed the closest below) AND attend the regional tournament. The regional tournament is a full day of volunteering. Perhaps you were in OM when you were in school? It is such a great opportunity for kids and you will really enjoy the day! Please email Mrs. Noden if you are interested anoden@psdschools.org

Thanks so much!

Judge Training

Saturday February 8th – Kruse Elementary, Ft. Collins

Afternoon Session: 1:30 – 4:30; Check In 1:15

Poudre River Regional Tournament

Saturday March 7th All day

Boltz Middle School

Fort Collins, CO

Judge Registration Link will be posted after Dec. 15th

State Tournament

Saturday, April 4th

TBD

Poudre River Region Area

Judge Registration Link will be posted after Dec. 15th

<http://www.coloradoodyssey.org/judges-v.../judging-creativity/>

Counselors corner

See the attached for a parenting series happening in February. [Parent Education Series Feb 2020-KGrevised.pdf](#)

Information from the school district:

Parent Perception Surveys

Part of PSD's teacher evaluation process includes getting input from parents/guardians of elementary students about their children's teachers. Results from these surveys can be a powerful tool to improve teacher practice. Parents/guardians will be able to complete an online survey on any device starting

next week. You'll receive directions about how to access the survey by email or mail. We hope you participate!

SchoolMessenger Voice Message Retrieval Line:

New for the 2019-20 school year, all automated PSD and school phone calls will come from one main number: 970-490-3050. In the past, the number displayed as 1-866-316-3462. We made this change with our families and staff in mind. Some shared feedback that they didn't always answer the 866 number thinking it was spam. Parents, guardians and staff members who may have previously saved the 866 number in their phone as a contact will need to re-save the new number. If you miss a phone call or voice message from the district, you may call the number above and listen to the last 10 voice messages sent to your phone (most recent will play first).

For any questions, please contact Madeline Noblett, executive director of communications, at mnoblett@psdschools.org.