

## From the Principal

Hello Bennett Families. Again, tomorrow is International Day. We are so excited to experience all of the different cultures from around the world. Unfortunately, we cannot invite families to participate due to lack of space. But, please check our Facebook and Instagram for photos of the event and don't forget to discuss it with your student!

## Reminders

- The parking on the road across from the school is 2 hour parking. They do come by and give tickets.
- Remember to log your activities on your 5210 log sheet. Log sheets need turned in by March 4! We are hoping to get at least 65% of our students to participate.
- Please call the attendance when your student will be absent: 488-4752.

## Important dates

- Friday February 21- International Day
- Monday March 2- No School
- Thursday March 5- 2nd Grade music concert, 6:30 p.m.
- Friday March 6- Class pictures (order forms will go home next week)
- Saturday March 7- Odyssey of the Mind competition
- Spring Break – March 16-20

**\*\*\*International Day is tomorrow!! If your student has any clothing from another country, they are more than welcome to wear it tomorrow!**

## Second Grade Art Contest

The Second-Grade students have designed a paver stone for the sidewalks of Fort Collins. The City of Fort Collins is sponsoring a contest to choose the designs for this year's artwork. Last week the second grade students brought their artwork home in Thursday folders. If you would like your student to participate, please help them fill out the information and sign their contest. Return the forms to the art room by Friday, February 28. The contests need to be turned into the City before March 2.

<https://www.fcgov.com/artspub/files/2020-pedestrian-paver-rfp.pdf?1577755775>

## Spectacular Specials!

Parents,

In the last few months, many of the grade levels have been working on understanding and honing their Digital Citizenship. This is an ever-expanding part of the computer curriculum as technology becomes more and more ubiquitous in our society. As young as Kindergarten, students start to learn the basics of media balance and why personal interaction is more important than computer time. By the time students are in intermediate grades, we delve into topics such as cyberbullying, the dangers of oversharing, and skewed perceptions of other people based on social media posts (FOMO).

Of course, computer lab is also about learning how to use the technology! Most grades have also been working on Hour of Code. This is an international event held in December that teaches basic coding concepts to student from K - 12. At Bennett, we have expanded on and modified the concept to better meet our goals as a school. We start with basic concepts of coding such as algorithms, loops, and conditionals through Kodable and other programs; and move up into actual block coding animations in Scratch.

And of course, 5th grade has been doing a spectacular job with their 3D design projects! Students have been creating buildings either from their own imagination or by taking architectural inspiration from buildings around the world.

- Mr. Woolner, Media Specialist

## Bigfoot Mileage Club

The Bigfoot Mileage Club will be starting up again in March! See the attached flyer with all the dates and details. [2019 Bigfoot.pdf](#)

## BCO

Happy National Cherry Pie Day from the Bennett Community Organization! We need a pie store to sponsor us...your PTO, the BCO! I am Eric, your BCO President.

This week Bennett will be celebrating International Day on Friday! I'm looking forward to seeing what our guest presenters have prepared, and learning some interesting facts about their cultures! If you have signed up to bring a food donation for our presenters, thank you!

Upcoming events:

March 7th and March 9th through the 13th - JUNGLE THEMED SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR!!!! I added an extra exclamation point this week because we are getting so close! Check your email for a SignUpGenius to help set up, staff a shift running the cute little red cash register, or pack up the event! Be the first to know where to stand so that your kids don't see the Clifford books!

The BCO Vice President position is still open! Hard to believe, huh? If you have any interest in this, please let me know. We'll get to hang out at least once a month (probably twice), and more if you can get me out of work.

I'm moving along with my nonprofit research and learning big words like IRS FORM 1023-EZ and REGISTERED AGENT. So big. If someone would like to explain what 501(c)(3) means, I'd love to hear from you. To make this fun, I'm going to call this a 501(c)(3)(po) and make cool robot noises. The IRS form clearly has Sith language, so we'll need a translator.

Q&A about the BCO:

Q: I don't have a Facebook account, is there a different way I can watch the BCO meeting online?

A: Yes. I'm working on that and hope to have something in place before the next meeting on March 9th. I would love to have you at the meeting in person, but I understand that we are all busy. Virtual attendance is really great too, but you won't get a meatball.

Please contact me if you have any questions, or own a pie store.

Eric Bowman

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## Spring Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is right around the corner! We need a lot of volunteers to make this fun event a success! Remember that for every shift you sign up for, you get a free book (\$6.99 or less). In order to volunteer you need to be a registered volunteer with the Poudre School District. It's a fairly fast and easy process; follow the link for more info and to register if you haven't already! <https://www.psdschools.org/community/volunteers>

Thanks in advance for your time and commitment to Bennett! Check out the Sign Up Genius link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080449ADAA2AA5F85-book2>

Thanks again!

Erica Andrews and Anali Siegle - Book Fair Coordinators

## 5210 Challenge

Dear Bennett Staff and Guardians,

It's 5210+ challenge time! Students and family members can participate by filling out their student and family logs that came home in Thursday Folders at the end of January. We have a lot of new goals for Bennett this year and hope to achieve all of them. Our goal is to have 65% of student participation. We would also like to have 65% staff participation and 100 family logs turned in. If students get 80 or more checks they will receive a free T-shirt and if families get 20 or more checks they will have a chance to win a \$50 King Soopers gift card. We can win up to \$1500 in prize money for our school. Remember to turn in your logs by March 4th or you won't get a T-shirt or be entered to win the gift card. Come on Bennett Broncos, turn in your logs and claim those rewards by filling them out! Lets earn some money for Bennett and get healthy while we do it!

Student Leadership Team

Sincerely,

5th Grade Leadership Team

## Box Top Derby

### 7th Annual Bennett Box Top Derby

**Watch** the bulletin board by the gym for **LIVE** results!

\*\* Current results:

1<sup>st</sup> place- Mrs. Estrada

2<sup>nd</sup> place- Kucza

3<sup>rd</sup> place- Nagle

**Submit Your Box Tops for classroom credit in one of two ways:**

**Paper Box Tops** -- Collect box tops in a bag that is clearly labeled with classroom information and give directly to your teacher. (e.g., Allen or Allen-K, Henke or Henke-3)

**Digital Box Tops** – Use the “give credit” feature on the Box Top App. After you snap the picture of your receipt, look for the **star icon** on the bottom of the screen. Tap the star and **enter your classroom information** in the text field (e.g., Allen or Allen-K, Henke or Henke-3). **Please only put one teacher per entry.**

## Fun Things to do:

- Rocky Mountain baseball camp- February 28 [Rocky baseball Flyer 20.pdf](#)
- Museum of Art Fort Collins art classes [Museum of Art classes.pdf](#)

## OLD NEWS

## Important Information from PSD

Starting in March, all schools will host monthly fire drills, as required by the International Fire Code. Previously, our students and staff participated in three annual fire drills. Each drill serves as an opportunity to educate students and staff about safely evacuating our building in the event of a fire. As we’ve historically done, we will evaluate our evacuation and processes to determine what we’re doing well and what we could improve upon. This work is part of PSD’s holistic approach to safety in PSD. We do this because we love your kids and want them to feel as safe as possible each day when they come to school to learn and grow.