

From the Principal

Hello again Bennett Families. I hope you are enjoying your month of March so far. As a reminder, there is no school from March 16th through the 20th for spring break. When we come back from Spring Break we will start working on plans for the 2020-2021 school year. Hard to believe right? One thing we ask from you, is if you have any information about your child's learning style that you would like to share, please fill out the attached form. This is not a request for a specific teacher, only information that will help us make the best placement for your student.

Parent request form: [ParentRequestForm.pdf](#)

Reminders

- *****Check the lost and found! Anything not claimed by Spring Break will be donated.**
- Please **do not** use the handicap spaces in front of the building for dropping of or picking up your students
- The last day of our spring book fair is tomorrow, it will close at 4:00 PM

Important dates

- Spring Break is next week! March 16-March 20.
- CMAS testing for grades 3-5 will start at the end of March.

COVID-19

Information on COVID-19 can be found on the PSD website:

<https://www.psdschools.org/COVID-19-Coronavirus-Response>

Any communication on school closures will be communicated through Poudre School District via emails, phone calls and local media.

CMAS Testing

Hi Bennett Families!

Spring is coming, and along with anticipating nicer weather and week off from school, we are also starting to gear up for CMAS/PARCC testing in grades 3 - 5.

For 2020, Bennett's main testing sessions will be **March 31st – April 2nd** (Math) and **April 7th – 9th** (English Language Arts). 5th grade (only) will also test in Science from **April 14th –**

16th. Makeups sessions for absent students will be scheduled as needed, and may continue through **April 24th**.

But please don't feel that testing will be the only thing happening in your child's classroom those days! The majority of your child's day will be spent as normal, including specials, recess, lunch, most academic subjects, and 5th grade Exhibition. Depending on your child's teacher you may see different homework that week. Please ask your teacher if you have class specific questions. We appreciate you planning appointments and absences around testing times whenever possible. It is better for students to be able to test with their classes, but we obviously understand if there is an unavoidable scheduling conflict. When we begin testing on a given day, students cannot stop their test and then go back to finish it another time. Also, if they are late, they won't be able to begin the test with their class. They will have to take that particular session on a makeup day.

We have been introducing the processes and tools the students will be using on the computer-based tests this year, so they are comfortable physically, mentally, and emotionally before starting. We at Bennett feel that this time should be as low stress as possible, so we try not to overemphasize these tests. We know our students are extraordinary, and we treat this as just another opportunity to prove it!

If you have any questions, please contact us. Thanks for helping your child demonstrate the remarkable learning that happens every day at Bennett Elementary, an IB World School!

Kurt Woolner

Site Assessment Coordinator

Spectacular Specials!

Spanish update!

5th Grade began reading a Spanish reader called, "Las Aventuras de Isabela." We complete some type of review activity or language exercise each chapter. As these students are nearing the end of their time in the elementary Spanish program, the intent of using the reader is to cram in as much language as possible before I send them off to middle school :) Readers are also used at the middle school and high school level, so these students will be prepared! They have listened and put the chapter in order, acted out parts of the chapter, read the chapter aloud, taken notes on vocabulary, drawn pictures based on the text, and have made connections and learned a bit about culture...and this is just in the first 3 chapters!

4th grade is completing their unit on "What I do in my Free Time". Students can list places in the city, name activities that they enjoy, and many have become comfortable with beginning conjugation. We will wrap up this unit after spring break and begin our final unit. The last unit of the year will review food vocabulary but is more of a study on how and where people shop

for food around the world. The unit will culminate with a "Mercado" or market experience in class.

3rd grade has wrapped up a story we acted out in class. They were also asked to draw parts of the story that they heard. They did awesome! Our unit looks at different types of homes around the world, but also teaches vocabulary so that students can describe their homes.

Second graders are learning how to describe the weather outside and learning about clothing vocabulary that matches the weather. We have been discussing how the weather might affect the activities we enjoy doing. We are jumping back in this week after all their hard work for their music program last week!

1st grade is in a unit about being a student. After practicing with school supplies, we began working on numbers 1-20. We are practicing more with what the vocabulary looks like. They know what it sounds like, but reading the vocabulary takes a bit of practice. After spring break, we will practice with the days of the week vocab, and assess on the unit.

Kinders have been practicing with family vocabulary. Coming to See Saw soon [Mental Health speaker.pdf](#)

Fun Things to do:

- Poudre School District Night at Avalanche: March 31 [Poudre School District Night- Avalanche.pdf](#)
- Poudre School District Night at Denver Nuggets: April 3 and April 7 [Poudre School District Night- Nuggets.pdf](#)
- Poudre School District Night at Colorado Rapids: April 25 and May 6 [Poudre School District Flyer RAPIDS.pdf](#)
- Young Entrepreneur Tournament (YET) [YET.pdf](#)

FORT COLLINS CELEBRATES YOUTH ART MONTH

Please help us celebrate National Youth Art Month with a

Youth Art Show at the **Carnegie Center for Creativity**

@ 200 Mathews in Fort Collins.

Congratulations to the following artists whose work will be on display:

Greyson J. (K)

Ellis B. (K)
Amelia M. (1)
Geffen A. (1)
Elizabeth O. (2)
Yilin D. (2)
Twyla M. (2)
Elsie A. (3)
Willa M. (3)
Chloe P. (4)
Logan S. (4)
Jordyn G. (4)
Elena B. (4)
Fred W. (5)
Cian G. (5)
Taylor A. (5)
Annalise C. (5)

The exhibition is open to the public March 11–28,

Wednesdays–Saturdays, 12-6 p.m.

Admission is free.

The purpose of this exhibition is to celebrate the importance of art education in our schools.

Please contact Molly Babcock with any questions or concerns,
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