

From the Principal

Hello Bennett Families. Did you know that March is National Social Worker Month? Did you know that Bennett has a Social Worker? Mrs. Knudsen is our part time Bennett Social Worker. She is assigned primarily to our site based program for students with extensive needs, but we tap into her knowledge to help us with social and mental health issues whenever we can. We are so lucky to have Mrs. Knudsen on the Bennett Staff! Just a reminder that BCO is on the 9th. Hope you can join us!

Reminders

- Tomorrow is class picture day.
- Please call the attendance line when your student will be absent: 488-4751.
- **Check the lost and found!** Anything not claimed by Spring Break will be donated.
- Daylight Savings is on Sunday, set your clocks 1 hour ahead
- There is a Google website that is bringing up the wrong phone number to Bennett. Our phone number is 488-4750. We suggest you save it in your phone.

Important dates

- Thursday March 5- 2nd Grade music concert, 6:30 p.m.
- Friday March 6- Class pictures
- Saturday March 7- Odyssey of the Mind competition
- **Saturday March 7- Book Fair opens 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**
- Monday March 9- BCO meeting
- Book fair: March 9-13
- Spring Break – March 16-20

***** Please do not use the handicap spaces in front of the building for dropping off or picking up your students*****

Spectacular Specials!

Greetings from the Art Room!

Each grade level is organized with a central idea for the entire year. Each of the individual projects are guided by these concepts. When there is a relevant connection, the art projects support the Unit of Inquiry of each grade. Here is a look at what is happening in art:

Kindergarten: **Experimentation and exploration communicates the language of art.** Kindergarteners are experimenting with paper to create amusement parks and jumping frogs.

First Grade: **Artists tell stories that connect the world around them.** First grade artists are drawing portraits Ruby Bridges, Cesar Chavez and Malala to accompany the influential people unit in their classroom.

Second Grade: **Art can enrich a community.** Students have finished a unit on art in public places and are creating covers for the habitat books they are making in the classroom.

Third Grade: **Art preserves history and culture.** Third graders are starting a puppet unit to correlate to the storytelling unit in the classroom. Students will fold origami puppets and learn basic sewing skills to create a hand puppet.

Fourth Grade: **Art expresses different points of view.** Students are finishing the optical illusion projects. We will be starting to create 2-D and 3-D imaginary creatures as we investigate dragons, fairies and other mythological creatures.

Fifth Grade: **Artists can transform the ordinary into the extraordinary.** Artists have been creating abstract artwork inspired by music. They are currently creating torn paper pictures in the style of Wassily Kandinsky's *Concentric Circles*.

Hopefully you have been checking out your student's work on *See-Saw*. Feel free to contact me with any comments or questions you might have about the art program. Thanks, Molly Babcock, mbabcock@psdschools.org.

Bigfoot Mileage Club

The Bigfoot Mileage Club started up again this week! There is still time to join. See the attached flyer with all the dates, details and permission slip. [2019 Bigfoot.pdf](#)

BCO

Happy National Cheese Doodle Day from the Bennett Community Organization! Your PTO, the BCO! I am Eric, your BCO President. This is a friendly reminder to clean up your orange fingers and cheese powder covered shirt before the kids get home.

Upcoming events:

March 7th and March 9th through the 13th - JUNGLE THEMED SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR!!!!!!!!!! I added TWO additional exclamation points this week because this is the last time we'll chat before the book fair starts THIS SATURDAY!! And, and, AND, there will be DONUTS on Saturday! My caps lock key is getting worn out from so much excitement! Do you need more Dog Man books in your life? Would you like to find out why Dragons Love Tacos? What's the

deal with Klepto Cats? Come to the book fair and find out! The book fair still needs some volunteers. Check your email for a SignUpGenius to help out. The last time I checked, we still needed help running the cute little red cash registers (so, so cute), and packing up the event on Friday the 13th after school (we're not in Camp Crystal Lake, so everything should be fine...). Remember, 55% of purchases are directly invested back into the Bennett library and classrooms!

Monday, March 9th at 7pm - BCO MEETING! Also National Meatball Day! Find out if there will be real meatballs, or if Eric is the meatball. Spoiler alert, there will be real meatballs (use your own judgement about me). I have learned a lot of things since the last BCO meeting in February and I'm excited to talk about new developments. Come have a meatball, learn about the BCO, and find out about upcoming events!

Q&A about the BCO:

Q: Have you ever wrestled a Tyrannosaurus Rex?

A: Um...no.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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Spring Book Fair

Attention Bennett families!

We have our amazing Spring Book Fair coming soon on March 9 - March 13 from 8:30am to 4:00pm. We also wanted to announce a special SATURDAY EVENT. The Bennett Book Fair will be open on Saturday, March 7th from 10am to 12pm. Please come by and check out all the amazing books we have for both your families and your teachers. Can't wait to see you there!

Your book fair chairs,

Erica Andrews and Anali Roath

Early Childhood

We are finishing up our first week of Pre-K here at Bennett. How fun it is to see 3- and 4-year old's coming into the building! There are two classes: a morning class and an afternoon class, Monday-Thursday. They are being taught by Mrs. Emily Hill and Miss Rachel Kingston, who are a great addition to the Bennett staff.

****The preschool needs youth size bike helmets and junior sized Legos (not mini and not Duplo size) if you can donate them we would really appreciate it.**

Box Top Derby Final

Bennett families, thank you for participating in this year's Box Top Derby, a fun way to raise money for our school. We wish to congratulate Mrs. Nagle's class for collecting the most box tops and earning a pizza party! Honorable mentions go to Mrs. Estrada and Ms. Braden's classes, both close behind.

While our derby is over, you may **continue to support Bennett all year** through the Box Top program. As a reminder, there is a new digital process making it **easier than ever** to participate. No more clipping, storing and sending them in. Simply **download the Box Top App** and using the app, take a picture of your grocery receipt. That's it! Earning money for the school has never been easier.

For more information, [watch and learn](#).

Fun Things to do:

- Rocky Mountain High School baseball camp [Rocky baseball camp.docx](#)
- CSU Art Day March 7 [CSU art day.pdf](#)
- Summer STEM opportunities [Summer STEM.pdf](#)
- 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 Jones (K)

Ellis Brault (K)

Amelia Martin (1)

Geffen Aurian (1)

Elizabeth Oltersdorf (2)

Yilin Du (2)

Twyla Morisette (2)

Elsie Avery (3)

Willa Millard (3)

Chloe Phelps (4)

Logan Schafer (4)

Jordyn Garza (4)

Elena Bowman (4)

Fred Weible (5)

Cian Gleason (5)

Taylor Alcala (5)

Annalise Chaffee (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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