

Hello Bennett Families!

Here are a few things we wanted to draw your attention to:

Volunteer Appreciation

This week is Volunteer Appreciation Week! We are so honored at Bennett to have such amazing volunteers. We are sad that we cannot celebrate you like we always do. Know you are appreciated for all you do, and for all you have stepped up to do during these new times. We love and miss you all!!

Request for a Specific Learning Environment

We have extended the deadline for the Parent Input form. This form is NOT for a specific teacher, but offers the staff information about your child's type of learning environment. **Please return by April 24.** The form can be found on our website.

<https://ben.psdschools.org/News/2020-03-03>

Yearbooks

Don't forget to order your yearbook! All orders are done online: [placed online](#)

The Mathews House

We know that our current stay at home is stressful for many...including parents. ...Lynette Gonzales on the Mathew House Teams shared this resource for parents, and I am passing this along. Please see information below on virtual Parent Cafés happening at The Mathews House:

- You may have families email Kristen directly to sign up for the Parent Café at Kristen@thematthewshouse.org. They need to provide her with their email address and phone number.
- There is a 30 person limit to the groups, but they do break into smaller groups after about 10-15 minutes.
- They are using conversation cards from "Be Strong Families" which is research-based to build the 5 protective factors (resilience, relationship, knowledge, support, communication).
- They are planning on offering day groups and night groups.
- Facilitators have been trained in face-to-face and virtual Parent Cafés.
- Previously they collected demographic information, but in light of the needs due to COVID-19, the only information collected will be full names of parents and their children and the children's' ages.

Teacher Appreciation

Teacher appreciation week is coming up the week of May 4th. One of the ways we are hoping to show our appreciation is by creating a video that includes notes of appreciation written by your students.

At Bennett, during teacher appreciation week, we always recognize all of the adults in the building that help to support students; itinerant employees, classified staff, custodial, and kitchen staff included. We recognize that the last few weeks have been a shared partnership with students having Bennett teachers as well as YOU as their teachers. We want to honor that as well.

If you are willing to participate and have a picture of your student included in a video that will be shared on our social media, please do the following things:

1. Ask your student to write a thank you note. This note can be directed to Bennett teachers as a whole, or any adult in the building OR to you.
2. Take a picture of your student holding the thank you note
3. Upload your picture using the Little Librarian link- <https://bit.ly/2rpJLAo>
4. If you wish to have your student included, but do not want to have their picture shared, just upload a pic of their note!

The deadline for photo entry is April 30th at 4pm. If you have any questions, or need tech assistance, please email anoden@psdschools.org

Lesher Middle School Mother's Day Walk

See attached flyer: [Flyer PDF.pdf](#)