

Important dates

Tomorrow, Spirit Day-PJDay, Principled

Friday September 25- Morning Fresh Dairy Bottle cap drop off

Friday October 2- Paper drive

From the principal

Hello Bennett Families,

I am so excited to start to see some of your kids back in person soon! I know you probably have a lot of questions and I hope to have answers to all of those questions very soon. We actually have our plan for Phase 3 ready to go since we were initially preparing to return in that phase in August. There are just a few details we need to work out and then I will share out the plan with all of the details and hopefully answers to the questions that you likely have. I hope to have this all to you by the beginning of next week at the latest. In the meantime, feel free to email me with anything you are wondering about and I will do my best to help. Thank you for all you do and we will see you soon!

Library check out

Would you like to learn how to reserve books from the Bennett library? Check out Mrs. Larson's Virtual Library! (Your students have to be logged into their accounts to access this page)

<https://sites.google.com/psdschools.org/benlearningspecials/library?authuser=0>

BCO News

Hey Broncos!

Happy National Apple Dumpling Day from the Bennett Community Organization! Your PTO, the BCO! I am Eric, your BCO Co-President. Pick those apples, do cooking stuff to them, wrap them in dough, bake them! Apple dumplings! Simple!

Thank you to everyone who attended Monday's BCO meeting! For those of you that couldn't make it, we'll have meeting minutes and the slides available soon. We had great participation, met some new friends, had a lot of great questions, and...SCORED A NEW TREASURER! We'll update everyone with that VERY EXCITING news soon!

Anyone else out there wishing they could somehow support our school and teachers, and wondering how?!? (Me, me, pick me!!!)

With budget cuts this year, pennies matter, and the BCO will be holding a quarterly paper drive as a way to support our school. The first one will be on **Friday, October 2**. If you have the means, please bring a ream of white letter sized printer paper (or 10!) to the table by the front office. No donation is too small.

We thank you so much for your support of Bennett staff and students, as together, we create the best year possible for our kids! Onwards... with love, bravery, and kindness!

Morning Fresh Fundraiser

Sign up for home delivery and Morning Fresh Dairy will give Bennett Elementary \$25. Already a customer? Tell your friends and neighbors! For every new home delivery customer who refers your school, Morning Fresh Dairy will donate \$25. Call Morning Fresh Dairy 970-482-5789 to set up your home delivery! The funds don't stop there! Save the caps from your glass bottles and turn them in at Bennett. Morning Fresh will then give your school \$0.05 for every MFD glass bottle cap redeemed. The BCO will be collecting bottle caps in the front of the school on Friday September 25!

Shifting to Phase 3

Plans for elementary:

Remote education continues to be most challenging for the youngest of our elementary students. For that reason, K-2 students will make the shift to hybrid education (a combination of remote and in-person learning) two weeks earlier than originally planned. As you will see in the schedules below, we are NOT bringing 100 percent of PSD students back at once for in-person learning five days a week. We will follow a phased approach, bringing in different grades over time in our [Phase 3 – Hybrid in-school/remote learning](#) model. I believe it is important for us to return to in-person learning with a smaller number of students in our buildings so that we can monitor the impact of this transition on our students, families, staff and community. This approach allows us to be as responsive as possible and to take the appropriate steps to respond should we see case outbreaks as a result.

Here's what elementary families can expect:

- **Oct. 5 – 16:**
 - Grades K-2 in Phase 3 Hybrid In-Person/Remote Learning (*see schedule below*)

- Grades 3-5 in Phase 1 Remote Learning
- **Oct. 19:**
 - Grades K-5 in Phase 3 Hybrid In-Person/Remote Learning (*see schedule below*)

Phase 3 schedule

All students have been assigned to an A or B group. Please check [ParentVUE](#) for your student's assignment.

- "A group" attends school Mondays and Wednesdays (full days) with remote learning Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.
- "B group" attends school Tuesdays and Thursdays (full days) with remote learning Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.
- On Fridays, all students in remote education.

More information can be found here:

<https://www.psdschools.org/psd2020-21>

Health Office

1. As a reminder any medication given at school needs to be approved by a doctor. The appropriate paperwork needs to be on file at the school. This would include any daily medications that needs to be administered, as well as temporary medications like an antibiotic or ibuprofen. All the forms you need can be accessed on the PSD website.
2. Immunizations are due by Oct. 15. If you are new to Bennett and have not turned them in, please do so as soon as possible. They can be emailed to milliem@psdschools.org **EXEMPTIONS** must be signed every year. Please contact the school if you need an exemption form.

Monthly Newsletter Advertising

As many of you know, we send out a monthly newsletter, that is put together by an outside company. This newsletter contains ads from local businesses, and Bennett gets some of the advertising money each month. As you can imagine, during these times, advertising has been difficult to sustain. The company we use (TSCA School Newsletter), is opening up the advertising to families of Bennett. The ad will only go into our newsletter, and we would get to keep the advertising fee.

If you own a business, or know someone who does we would love your support! We would need you to provide the ad (2.65" wide by 2.5" tall and 300 dpi). The cost would be \$30. The ad would only be printed in our monthly newsletter. If you are interested in being placed in other schools' newsletters, you would need to reach out to the company directly. You can send the ad directly to Bennett, milliem@psdschools.org, and write the check to Bennett.

If you have any questions you can call Joe or Kristin Mivshek 970-420-7163 or email Mandy Mccoy mandy.tscacolorado@gmail.com