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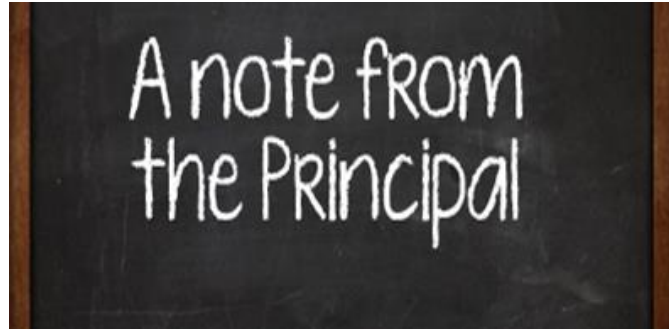
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Hello Bennett Families,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well. I also hope that you can find some rest and joy over the Fall Break. As I reflect on all I am thankful for, I wanted to make sure to extend my gratitude to you for your

cooperation and flexibility in regard to our school year. I know that it is extremely difficult for families as we move in and out of Phases because of COVID-19. I also know that there are both people who agree with the district decisions and those who do not. I feel so lucky that at Bennett, even if you are not in agreement with what is going on, you choose to be respectful and supportive, acknowledging that most of this is out of our control at the school level. Your partnership with the school is part of what makes our school so successful. Thank you for that and I look forward to having students back, hopefully in the near future. Take care.



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December 21- January 1- Winter break

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November 23- January 5



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BCO News



Happy Thanksgiving week from the Bennett Community Organization! Your PTO, the BCO! I am Eric, your BCO Co-President. This special edition of the BCO newsletter is dedicated to everyone in our Bennett Community. THANK YOU for everything you do for our students!

We are thankful to Bennett's TEACHERS, FACULTY, and STAFF! Your dedication and support of Bennett's students has been unwavering during these past few months. Thank you for continuing to show up with love, joy, and commitment no matter what is thrown at you. What you do for these students makes a difference every day. As we are transitioning back into remote learning for a while, please let the BCO know if there is anything we can do to support you!

We are thankful to Bennett's FAMILIES! Not only have you supported your students both at home and in the classroom, but you have also proudly supported Bennett Elementary. You have collected milk caps, scanned box top receipts, bought spirit gear, and supported the Scholastic Book Fair. All of these items allow the BCO to provide much needed resources to your students, and we love to give back to them!

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BCO News, Continued...

We are thankful for Bennett’s STUDENTS! You are all AMAZING! Your resilience, determination, and compassion for one another impresses us on a daily basis. Please continue to work hard in your classes! You are facing unparalleled challenges in your education that none of the adults could have ever anticipated. But, you know what, you are handling it with strength, great character, and pride that will stick with you forever!

We are thankful to everyone who has donated some of their time to the BCO so far this year! Thank you, thank you, thank you! We love each and every one of you. The Bennett community is always supportive of our efforts, and we cannot do this without you.

Thank you for supporting the BCO and Bennett Elementary! Onwards, together...

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Thanksgiving Fun

What sound does a turkey's phone make?_

Wing, Wing

Where does the turkey go to dance?

The Butter Ball

Why do turkeys eat so little?

Because they are always stuffed.

What do math teachers do on Thanksgiving?

They COUNT their blessing!



Americans consume **250 million pounds** of potatoes (all varieties)—and buy \$3.7 million dollars worth of deli mashed potatoes—during Thanksgiving.

Americans eat an estimated **50 million pumpkin pies** on Thanksgiving.

Americans consume 736 million pounds of turkey on Thanksgiving Day alone (about the weight of the Empire State Building).

According to the Guinness Book of World Records, the largest pumpkin pie ever baked weighed 2,020 pounds and measured just over 12 feet long. It was made with 900 pounds of pumpkin, 62 gallons of evaporated milk, 155 dozen eggs, 300 pounds of sugar, 3.5 pounds of salt, 7 pounds of cinnamon and 2 pounds of pumpkin spice. Anyone care to recreate it this year?



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Getting Organized

Let's get organized for remote learning! Get Organized Without Losing It by Janet S. Fox

Plan to be ready each day:

- *Wake up at the same time each day to be ready to learn.
- *Have a morning routine (make your bed, brush your teeth, etc.).
- * Eat a healthy breakfast.
- * Take some deep breaths if you are already feeling stressed.



Workstation for Virtual Learning

1. Find a quiet area to do your work.
2. Make sure it is not cluttered and clean for you to work.
3. Things you might need: a. Laptop b. Paper and/or notebook for writing notes and questions c. Pencils, pens, and highlighters d. Folder for each subject for the material you pick up from your teacher e. Ruler, colored pencils, scissors, and any other items that are required by your teacher(s)

Dealing with Distractions

1. Turn off all electronics including your TV and any cell phones around you.
2. Ask your siblings not to bother you. Ask for help from an adult if they are distracting you from your work.
3. Make a "Do Not Disturb" sign so people in your house know you are working.
4. When you are having random thoughts, daydreaming, or other brain invaders, write down them on a note and then set them aside.
5. Do a Brain Break (jumping jacks, reaching to the sky, or other physical activities to help with focus).

Give Yourself Regular Checkups:

1. Each day before you login, clear your workspace (throw away trash, get a fresh water bottle, etc.).
2. Each week, clean out your folders, web browsers, etc.
3. Check in with a teacher, parent, or another adult to make sure you are turning in all work, your work is quality, and ask any questions for more clarity or if you have concerns.

Student Planner - 4th and 5th Graders Planner tips:

1. You get to decide what you put in your planner so make sure it will help YOU to stay organized.
2. When you get a planner, spend some time checking it out and how you want to use it.
3. Write in your planner in pencil and not in ink. Things change so erasing looks so much better to the eye rather than crossing out and marking up your planner.
4. Mark really important dates, projects, assignments, etc. with a highlighter.
5. Use different colored pencil, pens, highlighters, or other utensils for different subjects or activities.
6. Check your planner first thing EVERY morning.
7. Check your planner last thing EVERY night so you are ready for tomorrow.