

## Important dates

School of Choice deadline- January 15

Monday January 18- **NO SCHOOL**

Tuesday January 19- All students K-5, return to school in person (Phase 4)

Tuesday January 19- StamRead begins

## Reminders

1. Lunch menu for January: [January lunch menu.pdf](#)

2. School Hours:

Students can come in at 8:40 for breakfast

Morning bell rings at 8:50, students are tardy if not in their seats

Dismissal is at 3:28

3. Attendance line: 488-4751, or attendance can be marked in ParentVue

4. We do go outside for recess everyday, as long as the temperature is above 10 degrees. Please send warm clothes, preferably ones with their names inside.

5. We are asking for your patience during drop off and pick up. We will have less student's riding the bus, which will mean more cars in and around Bennett. Please use extra caution while driving, and please use the crosswalk.

## School supplies

Please send all school supplies to school with your students on Tuesday: Laptops, chargers, textbooks, headphones and library books! And any other supplies your child will need while back in the building.

## StamREAD information

Don't forget to register for the StamRead! It starts next week. Here is a link with more information. There is also a video on this site that talks you through how to register:

<https://sites.google.com/view/bennett-community-organization/bronco-stamread>

## Health Office

1. Please send a water bottle with your child, if possible. The drinking fountains are turned off. They will refill at the water filler stations.
2. Attached is a document from the CDC, How Sick is too Sick, this will help determine when to keep your child home. [How Sick is Too Sick Final 090820.pdf](#) ***Please note, if your student exhibits any of the symptoms while at school, we will call to have them picked up.***
3. Here is the link to the PSD website with more information on health and safety as we return to school. <https://www.psdschools.org/psd2020-21/healthsafety>

## BCO News

Happy Feast of the \*CENSORED\* Day from the Bennett Community Organization! Your PTO, the BCO! I am Eric, your BCO Co-President. I'm not going to explicitly say what this special day is so that you can research it for yourself. It's not what you think, but still outrages everyone. One of my favorite quotes about this day (from the Checkiday app) is, "When the donkey arrived at the church, it stood beside the altar during the service, and sometimes was given food and drink. The congregation would bray or "hee-haw" its responses back to the priest, and the priest would sometimes bray as well." If that isn't the setup for a great action movie starring Matt Damon, I don't know what is. Who wants to write this with me?

The Bronco StamREAD is here! Please register your students now using the papers that were sent home last Friday. Be sure to hang onto the registration sheet as it contains a unique code for your student that will be used to log in and track their minutes read. The actual StamREAD will run from January 19th through the 29th.

Please, please, PLEASE be sure your students are registered for this event, even if you do not plan to donate. Every student that registers and logs their first reading session will receive a FREE grade level appropriate book picked out by Bennett's Librarian Mrs.

Larson! Books will be distributed to eligible students after the conclusion of the StamREAD! We want every student to get a free book just by participating!

The StamREAD will be our biggest fundraiser this school year with the primary goal to pay for Bennett's annual subscription to Renaissance Learning. Renaissance Learning is purchased for Bennett Elementary by the BCO and provides Accelerated Reader and STAR math programs to our students! Our goal is to raise \$50.00 per student, which would raise approximately \$16,000.00 for Bennett Elementary. We have some fun events and prizes planned to support all of our readers and emerging readers! We are aiming to have the students collectively read for 100,000 minutes during the event. Twenty minutes a day per student adds up quickly!

Thank you to everyone who attended the BCO meeting on Monday night! If you missed the presentation, here is a link to the slides:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1bMbwVzBtcA0ICVLFSEyWyrEPuN3XVg-N?usp=sharing>

Thank you for supporting the BCO and Bennett Elementary!

Eric Bowman

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## Kindergarten registration

It's that time of year, kindergarten registration for the 2021-2022 school year! Please share this with friends and family! Here is a link with some more information.

[https://www.psdschools.org/sites/default/files/PSD/communications/School%20Registration%2C%20Choice/2021-22\\_PSD-Kindergarten-brochure.pdf](https://www.psdschools.org/sites/default/files/PSD/communications/School%20Registration%2C%20Choice/2021-22_PSD-Kindergarten-brochure.pdf)

All registration will be done online this year.

## AlphaBest

AlphaBest is a before and after school program offered here at Bennett. Please see the attached flyer for more information. [Alpha Best January.pdf](#)

## ICYMI

### Note from principal sent home January 11.

Dear Bennett Families,

We are so excited to have all of our students back to school, Monday through Friday, beginning January 19<sup>th</sup>. (We start on a Tuesday since Monday, the 18<sup>th</sup> is a holiday). I wanted to make sure that you have a few updates for our return. Since the email is so long, I've tried to bold the most important parts for you to skim.

**Breakfast and lunch** will continue to be free to all families through the end of the school year. Your child is also free to bring their own lunch. There will be a hot lunch option and a cold lunch option each day and lunch will be delivered to and eaten in classrooms. Breakfast will be served starting at 8:35. Students will walk through the cafeteria to get their breakfast and then head to their outside classroom door just as they had been doing in phase 3. Classroom doors will be open at 8:40 for students to come in to eat breakfast. **The final bell will ring at 8:50 and that is when class will begin.** If your student arrives after 8:50, they will need to go to the front door to get a pass to go to class. Drop off will be in the parking lot only. Please do not drop off on Bennett road. Please do not drop off prior to 8:35. If your child receives transportation, you will be receiving communication by January 15.

**We will be following all of the safety protocols that we were following in Phase 3.** The difference will be that the spacing between students will be reduced to 3-6 feet which is approved by the Health Department. This will vary depending on space in the room as well as number of students in the class. Masks will still be required. Please continue to check your child for any symptoms prior to bringing them to school. Please see the following link for how to know when you should keep your child home. We will be sending students home with any symptoms. While we love having parent volunteers, we will still be limiting people in the building to PSD staff and students. We also will be asking that you do not walk your students to their classes or go to their classes to be picked up in the

afternoon. **Dismissal will be at 3:28.** Bus riders, walkers and bike riders will be dismissed to leave and students who get picked up will be in the east parking lot. If you would like to avoid the pick up line, you can park and arrange a meeting place for your child off school grounds. They will be considered a “walker” for dismissal purposes. We will no longer be using the number card method due to the number of students. Please arrive promptly and your student will come to your vehicle. They will be waiting behind the fence at pick up and will be kept with their grade level.

**We will be using enhanced contact tracing.** Classrooms will be kept together as a “cohort: and not mixed with other classes. If a student has a positive COVID test, the entire class will automatically be quarantined for 10 days. If the school ends up with a 1% positivity rate schoolwide, I will have a conversation with the health department and district administration to determine if the school should quarantine as a whole. You will be notified if your child must quarantine as soon as we know. We will have a “day off” if your child is quarantined for them to collect their school materials and laptops. All school materials (books, laptops and chargers) will be brought back and kept at school in phase 4. Classes at the same grade level will be able to play together, outside, with masks, for 10 minutes or less at recess so that they will not be considered a contact if someone from another class has a positive COVID test.

Again, we look forward to being back together as a Bennett community. Besides academics, safety, health and communication will be our top priorities as we return back to in person learning. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you!

### **PSD superintendent search**

The Board of Education would like to hear input as it searches for the next Poudre School District superintendent. Parents/guardians, students, staff and other members of the PSD community are invited to complete a survey.

- The survey takes about 10 minutes and must be completed by Jan. 22.
- English survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PSDsearch>
- Spanish survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PSDbusqueda>
- Hazard Young Attea & Associates, a search firm hired by the Board of Education, will compile input gathered from the survey, forums and invite-only focus groups and create a leadership profile report that will be presented at the board’s public Feb. 9 meeting.

The school board will also solicit diverse ideas from numerous stakeholder groups, including parents/guardians and students, through a series of facilitated, invitation-only, online January forums. Event information is posted on the PSD Superintendent Search web page, which is the primary source of information for the hiring search. We encourage everyone to share their voices as part of this important process. Once on the PSD Superintendent Search web page

users can translate the content. Click on the word “Translate” along the top, green navigation bar and select your desired language from the list displayed.

Encuesta en línea y foros con respecto a la búsqueda de el/la superintendente del PSD: La Junta de Educación desea conocer su opinión mientras busca a el/la próximo(a) superintendente del Distrito Escolar Poudre. Se invita a los padres de familia/tutores legales, los estudiantes, el personal y otros miembros de la comunidad del PSD a responder una encuesta.

- Les tomará unos 10 minutos responderla, y estará disponible hasta el 22 de enero.
- Encuesta en inglés: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PSDsearch>
- Encuesta en español: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PSDbusqueda>
- Hazard Young Attea & Associates, una firma de búsqueda que ha sido contratada por la Junta de Educación, recopilará las opiniones provenientes de la encuesta, los foros y los grupos específicos de enfoque, y elaborará un informe sobre el perfil de liderazgo que se presentará el 9 de febrero en la reunión pública de esta Junta.

La Junta de Educación también solicitará ideas de numerosos grupos de partes interesadas, como padres de familia/tutores legales y estudiantes, a través de una serie de foros que se facilitarán en línea en enero. La información sobre los eventos se publicará en la página web Búsqueda de el/la Superintendente del PSD (PSD Superintendent Search), la cual será la fuente de información primordial para la búsqueda. Los animamos para que todos compartan sus ideas, como parte de este importante proceso. Pueden leer la traducción del contenido de la página web “Búsqueda de el/la Superintendente del PSD” (PSD Superintendent Search) al hacer clic en la palabra “Traducir”, situada en la parte superior de la barra de navegación verde, y seleccionar el idioma que deseen de la lista que se muestra (“Spanish” para español).