

Important dates

Friday February 19– School Supply drive (see below for more details)

Spring Book Fair March 1–14

BCO meeting March 8– 7:00 PM

Spring Break– March 15–19

Reminders

- If your child has dry cracked hands from hand washing, feel free to send in a personal lotion that they can keep at their desk.

5210+ Challenge

Don't forget to log your activities! If you have 80 check marks at the end of February, you will get a t shirt! And the more students we have participate the greater the chance the school can earn some money! The goals:

Health Office

Yesterday you should have received a letter from PSD about new legislation concerning required vaccinations. Below is an excerpt from the letter that pertains to Exemptions. Highlighted in yellow is what is new for the 2021-2022 school year.

Exemptions

- If your student cannot get vaccines because of medical reasons, you must submit a Certificate of Medical Exemption to your school, signed by a health care provider licensed to give vaccines. You only need to submit this certificate once, unless your student's information or school changes. You can get the form at: <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/vaccine-exemptions>
- If you choose not to have your student vaccinated according to the current recommended schedule because of personal belief or religious reasons, you must submit a Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption to your school. **Nonmedical exemptions must be**

submitted annually at every new school year (July 1st through June 30th of the following year). There are two ways to file a nonmedical exemption.

○ File the Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption WITH a signature from an immunizing provider, OR

○ File the Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption received upon the completion of our online education module. Downloadable certificates and our online education module are available at <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/vaccine-exemptions>

BCO News

Happy National Battery Day from the Bennett Community Organization! Your PTO, the BCO! I am Eric, your BCO Co-President. Oh boy, tax season is here, and if you...now that the kids have stopped reading, I have a story about batteries. When I was a kid I discovered that if you have enough AA batteries to make a tight circle with the ends touching, they will start to smoke and then catch on fire. Maybe batteries are made better now...today is the day to find out! However, I will not be responsible for any scorch marks or fires as a result of the fun you might have.

A **SUPPLY DRIVE** is coming on Friday, February 19th! The Bennett office is in need of additional supplies now that the students are back in school full time. If you would like to donate, please send supplies in with your students! There will be a table located in the front of the school for students who ride the bus and a table located by the West parking lot for students who get dropped off in the morning. We will leave the tables up all day so all donations can be collected before, during, and after school. Thank you for anything you might be able to share!

The office has requested any of the following supplies:

- Copier paper (8.5x11)
- Post it notes (2 inch and 3 inch, yellow)
- Paper clips (jumbo and small)
- Expo (dry erase) markers (4 pack - red, green, blue, black)
- Sheet protectors
- Staples

We have a couple additional ways that you can support Bennett during the supply drive. If you purchase office supplies at Office Depot/Office Max, please use Bennett's code, **70017794**. Every purchase earns 5% back for Bennett! Additionally, if you buy Boise Polaris or Boise X-9 paper, be sure to scan your receipt using the Box Tops For

Education app. Ironically enough, those Boise paper products earn Box Tops for Bennett. Every Box Top counts and helps support our students!

The Spring Scholastic Book Fair is coming March 1st through March 13th! Stay tuned for more details!

Thank you!

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ICYMI:

1. We send the kids outside if the temperature is at least 10 degrees. Please send them with warm coats, gloves, hats, and boots.
2. PSD policy for Minor illness symptom response:

If symptoms resolve within 24 hours of onset and stay resolved an additional 24 hours, return to school. (48 hours total)

If symptoms resolve within 48 hours of onset and stay resolved an additional 24 hours, return to school. (72 hours total)

If symptoms DO NOT resolve within 48 hours, either:

Follow home isolation for 10 days following symptom onset AND 24 hours fever free without use of fever-reducing meds before returning to school.

Get a polymerase chain reaction, or PCR, COVID-19 test. If test is negative, **return to school once symptom-free for 24 hours**. If positive, follow home isolation for 10 days following symptom onset AND 24 hours fever free without use of fever-reducing meds before returning to school.

3. **NO cost for meals:** Meals are free through the 2020-21 school year, as part of a U.S. Department of Agriculture school district reimbursement program. Parents are encouraged to still apply for free and reduced-priced meals, which helps with school funding ([apply on the Free and Reduced-Priced Meals website](#)).
4. your child has an appointment after school, please come and pick them up by 3:00. **You will need to come to the front door to check them out.** This will allow you time to park and get them at the front door and miss the afterschool congestion.
5. Call the attendance line 488-4751 or enter an absence in ParentVue when your child will be out. If they are sick, please leave detailed information, so we know if there needs to be Covid related follow up.
6. **All PSD elementary schools will be using enhanced contact tracing.** Classrooms will be kept together as a "cohort" and not mixed with other classes. If a student or staff member has a positive COVID test, the entire class will automatically be quarantined for 10 days.