

Important dates

Monday February 15- No school – Teacher work day

February 19- School supply drive (see details below)

Spring Break- March 15-19

Reminders

- Please do not do U-turns on Bennett Road. There are posted NO U-Turns signs on the road.
- Students go outside for recess most days unless it is colder than 10 degrees. Please send appropriate clothing with your students. If you can label them with your child's name, that would be helpful.
- All our drinking fountains have been turned off. We have water filler stations throughout the building to use. Please send a water bottle with your child every day.

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:

5 Fruits and vegetables a day

2 Hours or less of recreational screen time

1 Hour of physical activity

0 Sugary drinks

+ 9 or more hours of sleep

Health Office

1. With all the hand washing, sanitizer and cold CO air, hands are getting dry and cracked. If your child needs lotion, feel free to send them some.

2. Thank you for being so diligent about keeping your sick children at home. It really is helping to keep Bennett safe and open! The following is an excerpt from PSD's return to School regarding Minor symptoms. The whole document (which includes critical and major symptom response) can be found on the PSD website. <https://www.psdschools.org/psd2020-21/psdprotocolsCOVID19>

Minor symptoms

- *Sore throat*
- *Runny nose or congestion*
- *Muscle or body aches*
- *Headache*
- *Fatigue*
- *Nausea, vomiting, Diarrhea*

Minor 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.

BCO News

Happy National White Shirt Day from the Bennett Community Organization! Your PTO, the BCO! I am Eric, your BCO Co-President. Awww, dang. I spilled ORANGE all over my white shirt. Maybe I'll try again next year.

THANK YOU to everyone who has supported Bennett through the first ever Bronco StamREAD! The BCO wanted to **THANK YOU** again for a wildly successful event! To recap, our students read 124,924 minutes and we raised \$20,575.63! We have placed a Scholastic order to provide EVERY student one free book selected by our Librarian Mrs. Larson! As soon as Bennett receives the order, books will be distributed to the students. **THANK YOU** for your support!

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. 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)
- Box tape (standard clear packing tape)
- Manilla folder (letter size)
- Rubber Bands (assorted sizes)
- Expo (dry erase) markers (4 pack - red, green, blue, black)

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!

Thank you to everyone who attended the BCO meeting on Monday evening! If you missed the meeting, a copy of the presentation is available here:

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

Thank you!

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ICYMI:

1. **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](#)).
2. If you are having your child dismissed as a "walker" they will be dismissed at 3:28 when the dismissal bell rings beginning Wednesday the 3rd. This will help alleviate some of the congestion near the busses. This will be an 8 minute change as they were being released at 3:20. If you are having your child dismissed as a "walker", but

are meeting up with them at a meeting area remember to park off campus if you are driving to do so.

3. If 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.
4. 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.
5. **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.