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Important Dates

April 12- BCO meeting

April 16- No School teacher work day

April 19- No School

April 30- International Day

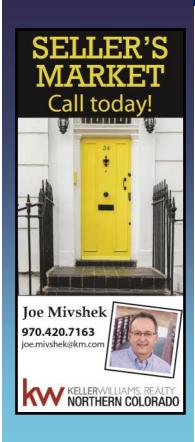
For your planning:

Teacher work day: May 17









Note from the Principal

Hello Bennett Families,

I hope you enjoyed your Spring Break and that, by the time you are reading this email, we have been enjoying some nice Spring weather! I am always excited about springtime at Bennett because of the activities that come with Spring. For example, International Day, 5th Grade Promotion, and usually the track meet to name a few. I am happy to say that we are still planning these activities with some modifications. So, stay tuned for more information on these events!

I just wanted to thank you again for your help with drop off and pick up. We are getting more efficient everyday with this. Just a reminder, in the morning, if you are turning left into the parking lot (coming from Shields) you must pull into the through lane, park and have your kids use the crosswalk in the parking lot. The reason for this is we try to keep cars from blocking Bennett Road so we try to keep as few cars at a time in the drop off lane as we can.

Thank you for your partnership! Let us know if you need anything and take care.







VOLUNTEER MENTORS NEEDED

Fifth Grade Exhibition

Exhibition is the significant, culminating experience in the International Baccalaureate PYP (Primary Years Program). It is the final assessment of each student's development of the attributes of the learner profile. It represents Bennett's evaluation and celebration of its students' international mindedness, their continued school career, and each student's preparation for the 21st century. During exhibition, students consider real life issues or problems, select one to explore, research it, and do something about it. Exhibition concludes with student presentations about their inquiries and actions and a celebration of the learner and human being they are.

Mentors are not required to be experts in any area, but "consultants" who advise a small group of students as needed. No supplies or experience is needed. A guide is provided to aide in facilitating group sessions. Training is provided to prepare mentors with the key elements of the PYP and give examples of past exhibitions.

Mentor commitments are about one hour twice per week for six consecutive weeks, all online.

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Mentors, continued...

Mentor Expectations

- 1. Attend Mentor training from (online, TBD time and date)
- 2. Meet twice a week with the same group of 5th grade students for six consecutive weeks April 12th -May 20th.
- Days of the week are flexible (you choose the two that work for you).
- CMAS may impact the times of some meetings.
- The last opportunity to "meet" with your group will be Wednesday, May 19th before the presentation day on Friday, May 21st.
- 3. Ask questions to encourage students' depth in thinking and questioning (inquiry), support students in securing experts for the student group to interview, guiding students during their planning and organization for taking action and presenting their inquiry to others. "Stretch their path to new heights on the exhibition journey, but let them steer."
- 4. Help students learn from situations that didn't go as planned through reflection and discussion. Help students get unstuck through looking at a problem differently.
- 5. Support students in setting goals each week.
- 6. Suggest resources that might be helpful in further research needed for deeper understanding, action, and/or presentation planning.
- 7. Aide in interpreting difficult information.
- 8. Facilitate interviews, telephone calls, communications with public (emails, letters, brochures, etc.) Students will need to have a script for verbal contacts or written communications approved by teachers first.
- 9. Register with PSD's Partnership and Volunteer Center online at: http://www.psdschools.org/partnerships
- 10. Mentors are invited to digitally attend the exhibition presentations the morning of May 21st!
- 11. Have Fun!

If you, or anyone you know, is interested or have more questions please contact Sarah Shigemura at sshigemu@psdschools.org Call Bennett 488-4750 to RSVP for mentor training.

Thank You!





BCO News



Happy April Fool's Day from the Bennett Community
Organization! Your PTO, the BCO! I am Eric, your BCO CoPresident. By the time you read this I'll already be in trouble
at my house for "being mean with my tricks". Since that fun is over, I'm now celebrating

National Burrito Day! Most likely in my car, in an undisclosed location.

Thank you to everyone who bought books at the Scholastic Book Fair before Spring Break! I hope that all of your reading materials have arrived safely and your young readers are happy! We appreciate your support!

International Day is coming on April 30th! This is always one of Bennett's favorite days for students and faculty! Are you from another country or have you spent significant time abroad? Are you willing to create a short 5-10 minute video to be viewed the morning of April 30? If so, we would LOVE to hear from you! Please email our International Day Coordinator Lisa Verbsky - lisa.verbsky@gmail.com. Lisa will then send you more information and a list of ideas for your presentation.

And, more good news! The next BCO meeting is on Monday, April 12th! While that seems like a long time from now, it's never too early for you to arrange other plans that evening. If you can't make other plans, we'd love to have you join us! We're always looking forward to meeting new people!

At the meeting we'll discuss how the book fair went, talk about how to spend the BCO's funds on our students, and celebrate National Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day!

If you missed the last meeting, a copy of the presentation is located here:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1bMbwVzBtcA0ICVLfSEyWyrEPuN3XVg-N?usp=sharing

Thank you! Eric Bowman

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Call to Schedule Your Appointment: 970.482.2515

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April 2021

Bennett In - Person

Lunch

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			Cheese Calzone & Marinara Yogurt Parfait Grapes Salad with dressing Chocolate Milk	Pepperoni Pizza Chef Salad Whole Fruit, or Substitute Fresh Broccoli, or Substitute Chocolate Milk
Chicken Patty Sandwich Pb&J Sandwich Grapes Snap Peas & Red Bell Peppers, or Substitute Chocolate Milk	Cheese Ravioli & Goldfish Crackers Turkey Club Wrap Applesauce & Fruit Cup or Substitute Carrots & Celery Sticks, or Substitute Chocolate Milk	Cheeseburger Pb&J Sandwich Fresh Berries, or Substitute Salad with dressing Chocol ate Milk	Beef & Bean Burrito Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Fresh Pear Cherry Tomatoes & Cucumber Slices or Substitute Chocolate Milk	Cheese Pizza Yogurt Parfait Whole Fruit, or Substitute Fresh Broccoli, or Substitute Chocolate Milk
Cheese Calzone & Marinara Club Wrap Fresh Berries, or Substitute Carrots & Celery Sticks, or Substitute Chocolate Milk	Mac & Cheese ColdDeli Yogurt & Goldfish Whole Fruit, or Substitute Snap Peas & Red Bell Peppers, or Substitute Chocolate Milk	Pig in a Blanket Pb&J Sandwich Fresh Pear Cherry Tomatoes & Cucumber Slices or Substitute Chocol ate Milk	Pepperoni Pizza Chicken Caesar Wrap Grapes Salad with dressing Chocolate Milk	No School Today
No School Today	Penne & Meat Sauce ColdDeli Yogurt & Goldfish Applesauce & Fruit Cup or Substitute Carrots & Cucumbers Slices, or Substitute Chocolate Milk	Chicken Patty Sandwich Pb&J Sandwich Fresh Berries, or Substitute Salad with dressing Chocol ate Milk	Beef & Bean Burrito ColdDeli Yogurt & Goldfish Fresh Pear Cherry Tomatoes & Celery Sticks or Substitute Chocolate Milk	Cheese Pizza Pb&J Sandwich Whole Fruit, or Substitute Fresh Broccoli, or Substitute Chocolate Milk
Chicken Nuggets Chicken Caesar Wrap Applesauce & Fruit Cup or Substitute Carrots & Celery Sticks, or Substitute Chocolate Milk	Mac & Cheese Ham & Cheese Sandwich Fresh Berries, or Substitute Snap Peas & Red Bell Peppers, or Substitute Chocolate Milk	Teriyaki Meatballs & Rice Pb&J Sandwich Fresh Pear Cherry Tomatoes & Celery Sticks or Substitute Chocol ate Milk	Cheese Calzone & Marinara Yogurt Parfait Grapes Salad with dressing Chocolate Milk	Pepperoni Pizza Chef Salad Whole Fruit, or Substitute Fresh Broccoli, or Substitute Chocolate Milk

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View a full schedule of Phase Planning



Read PSD's updated COVID-19 protocols



Review PSD's 2020-21 protocols for Health & Safety



More information: PSD's 2020-21 School Year and COVID-19 data

Poudre School District

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Quarantining during the second semester

Poudre School District's protocols for voluntary shortened quarantines, meeting public health criteria

Ouarantine vs. Isolation: Both help slow the spread of COVID-19

Quarantine: stay home

- For anyone who is a close contact of someone with COVID-19; health department issues legal orders
- 10 days from last date of exposure in most instances
- 14 days from last date of exposure if case involves a COVID-19 variant
- Cannot participate in PSD or non-PSD athletics, activities, etc.
- New for second semester: When PSD **COVID-19 Response Teams conduct** contact tracing investigations, they will submit names of all possible close contacts of a case to LCDHE. LCDHE will verify whether anyone on the list has been fully vaccinated. Those who have a verified vaccination status will not have to quarantine.

Isolation: stay away from other people, including in vour household

- For anyone diagnosed with COVID-19; health department issues legal orders
- 10 days from the date symptoms started until symptoms improve and at least 24 hours fever-free without using fever-reducing medicines; can return to activities on 11th day
- If no symptoms, isolate 10 days from date you were tested, returning to activities on 11th day
- Cannot participate in PSD or non-PSD athletics, activities, etc.
- Testing is not required or recommended to leave isolation because it is possible to test positive for up to 90 days after recovering, even though you are no longer able to spread the virus to others



PSD's new quarantine protocols

As allowed by county and state public health guidance effective March 22, asymptomatic staff and student close contacts can voluntarily end their quarantines early if they meet strict criteria and are approved by PSD COVID-19 Response Teams to do so.



When asymptomatic close contacts can leave quarantine early

The **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention accepts** two alternative options for quarantine:

- 7-day option: if no symptoms, a person may quarantine for 7 days and return to normal activities on day 8 if a negative test was collected within the previous 48 hours (on day 6 or later).
- 10-day option: if it has been 10 days since a person was exposed and they do not have symptoms, they can return to normal activities on day 11 without a test.
- Test negative on any (PCR, BinaxNOW, Abbott ID NOW, etc.) COVID-19 test
- Start the process by contacting the respective department or school COVID-19 Response Team. Written documentation of negative test results is required
- Obtain approval from PSD **COVID-19 Response Team before** ending quarantine early and returning to school or work



Note: Symptomatic close contacts of a case must either isolate for 10 days from symptom onset (if they test negative after symptom onset) or quarantine for 14 days. Those with illness symptoms should follow Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) **Return to Learn guidance** for schools.



When asymptomatic close contacts cannot return early

The option to end quarantine and return to PSD classes and athletics/extracurricular activities early only applies to cases where a student may access a class and/or activity in-person.

- In elementary schools, all students in a classroom are shifted to remote education for 10 days from the last date of exposure to a COVID-19 case. During this time, the educational option is remote learning. Students may not "test back" into class early because the classroom will remain closed to all until a date communicated by the school.
- If an elementary classroom is open to in-person learning, an elementary student could be cleared to complete guarantine early and return to class. E.g. Student is identified as a close contact of a COVID-19 case in their household but there is no case at school, so the class isn't shifted to remote learning.
- If a case involves a COVID-19 variant (see Quarantine vs. Isolation for more).



PSD believes access to education is critical to student success. This change also aligns with the CDPHE's recent loosening of organized sports guidelines. Additionally, the Larimer County Department of Health and Environment (LCDHE) has reported that more students who test positive for COVID-19 but are asymptomatic have been discovered because they were tested as part of the process to end their quarantines early at other schools in the county that have already implemented this protocol.



Sources: Larimer County Department of Health and Environment, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



Vaccinations, PPE and quarantines

Vaccinated individuals will continue to follow all health and safety and personal protective equipment guidelines.

LCDHE is following CDC guidance for fully vaccinated individuals (14 days after final dose: Refrain from quarantine if not symptomatic). When there is a COVID-19 case. the respective PSD department

or school COVID-19 Response Team (CRTs) will conduct a contact tracing investigation

with LCDHE. CRTs submit information to LCDHE for any one identified as a possible close contact of the case. LCDHE will verify state vaccination records to determine whether anyone on the list is fully vaccinated. If they are, that individual will not be quarantined.