

Note from the Principal

Hello Bennett Families,

I hope you are all doing well. I wanted to let you know that it is that time of year when we start looking at class placement for next fall. We use a software program that sorts students for us based on certain parameters. The program helps us create balanced classes across the grade level. Teachers do not have names of teachers for the following school year when inputting the information for the next year class assignment. So, while you **can't** request a specific teacher for your child, you can give input on anything you want us to keep in mind about your child when inputting information such as; the environment that you feel your child best learns in, any students you hope can be placed with your child, any students you hope your child can be separated from, etc. The way to communicate this information is through our "Request for Specific Learning Environment" which you can find on the Bennett website, under Parents tab. The form is available now and is due by April 12th. You can email the completed form to me at asmythe@psdschools.org. The forms do not carry over from year to year, so, if you filled one out previously you will need to do a new one for this year. Thank you!

5th grade Exhibition Mentors needed

If you are interested in being a mentor or know someone who might, we would love to hear from you! All the details can be found inside the Monthly Newsletter.

Federal government approves Colorado waiver to reduce CMAS tests in spring 2021

On March 26, the Colorado Department of Education announced that the state legislature and U.S. Department of Education reduced the Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) tests that students will take in spring 2021 due to the unique circumstances Colorado schools and districts are facing as a result of the pandemic. Parents have the option to opt their students out of testing and opt into tests (deadline by April 9) that are optional this year. You may do so by completing the necessary forms digitally by logging into [ParentVUE](#) and accessing Services Tracker. Instructions [are available here](#).

Specific information on dates, times, and parental options was sent in a separate email to families of 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students earlier this week. For more information about state assessments, visit the Colorado Department of Education [website here](#) or visit the [PSD District and State Assessments web page](#). For questions regarding Bennett's administration of CMAS, contact your classroom teacher or the Site Assessment Coordinator, Kurt Woolner (kwoolner@psdschools.org)