

Important dates

Monday May 17- **No School** Teacher Work Day

Thursday May 20- 5th grade exhibition/graduation (virtual)

Friday May 21- Field Day

Wednesday May 26 Last day of school- **Half Day dismiss at NOON**

Breakfast will be served, but no lunch

Reminders

- Any device that can access the internet, take pictures or make or receive calls or text messages cannot be worn during the school day. It should be off and in backpacks just like cell phones. Activity trackers are ok if they cannot do any of the above mentioned functions. This is in our student handbook.
<https://ben.psdschools.org/sites/ben/files/2020-01/Bennett%20Student%20Handbook.pdf>
- With the end of this most unusual school year approaching, we are asking all in-person Bennett families to return any remaining PSD technology that still may be in your homes as soon as possible. This primarily includes **PSD laptops** and **MiFi** devices that were checked out at the beginning of the year, although some families may have additional technology checked out for specific situations.
- It is that time of year when we begin planning class assignments for next school year. If you know you WILL NOT be returning to Bennett in August, please let the front office know.

Exhibition Action Projects

The exhibition is the culminating, collaborative experience for fifth graders in the final year of the IB Primary Years Programme. Students explore, document, and share their understanding of an issue or opportunity of personal significance.

Some key purposes of the PYP exhibition for students are... • to engage in an in-depth, collaborative inquiry • to demonstrate agency and responsibility for their learning • to demonstrate attributes of the IB learner profile • to explore multiple perspectives • to synthesize and apply their learning • to take

action • to unite the learning community • to reflect on their PYP education • to celebrate their transition to the next stages of their education.

Below are a couple of projects that need help from our wonderful Bennett Community! To complete their goals, they are asking for donations for a local charity. Items can be sent in with your students and placed in the boxes outside of the office. Thank you!

Please donate to Project Self Sufficiency!

Project Self Sufficiency helps single parents and has helped many people dealing with domestic violence.

You can donate hygiene products like toothbrushes, toothpaste, and dental floss.

Thank you!

Please donate to the Bennett Shoe Drive!

We are collecting new or gently used shoes for the Bennet Shoe Drive. The shoes are for people in Guatemala who can't go to school without shoes. You can donate shoes near the Front office at Bennett Elementary.

Fort Collins Mission and Larimer county Food Bank

Hello parents and students, we have an exhibition project. We were wondering if you could donate to the homeless drive? We need clean blankets, men's socks no holes please, and canned food. This will last till the end of the school year. The boxes will be by Mrs. Jordan's office.

Please donate to the Animal Friends Alliance!

We are collecting: Milk Bones, cat litter, pet toys, dog poop bags, dog leashes, travel size shampoo, paper towels, piddle pads, laundry pods, peanut butter

Health Office Information

Medication pickup- All medication must be picked up by a parent/guardian by 12:00 PM on Wednesday May 26th, 2021. This is the last day of school and it is a half day for students. You can pick up medications anytime at your convenience before the last day.

Medication Disposal- Our school nurse will follow state guidelines and dispose of all medications not picked up by 1:00 PM on the last day of school. Medications cannot be kept in the health office over the summer. Thank you for your understanding.

Medication for 2021- 2022- If medications are needed for 2021-2022 school year, you may obtain new forms from the PSD website. You can click here: [Authorization and Release For Administering Medicine to Student at School or School- Sponsored Activity](#) You may also visit PSD visit www.psdschools.org, click on Parents, click on Student Health (scroll down on right side). Scroll down to #6 of the Health Services/Guidelines. Please fill out the appropriate Health Care Action Plan form along with the Authorization to Administer Medication Form. All forms must be signed by the students health care provider, legal guardian, and contain clear dosage and administration instructions. Medication forms MUST be filled out every year!

Vaccine exemptions for 2021-2022

There are new guidelines from the state regarding vaccine exemptions. Starting with the 2021-2022 school year, **you must now have a health care provider sign the exemption form**. You can read more about it on the state's health department website: <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/vaccine-exemptions>. Exemption forms must be signed every year.

BCO

Happy National Apple Pie Day from the Bennett Community Organization! Your PTO, the BCO! I am Eric, your BCO Co-President. National Apple Pie Day is actually celebrated twice a year, also on December 3rd. One of the oldest apple pie recipes dates back to 1381 and was published by Geoffrey Chaucer. However, the recipe has raisins in it, so it would have been really gross.

Thank you to everyone who brought in food, gifts, supplies, and monetary donations for staff appreciation week last week! The Bennett staff greatly appreciates your generosity. Thank you to extraordinary human, Kat Reeves, for organizing all of the events!

Eco Week events were held for the fifth graders last week and have also continued into this week for one class. My fifth grader reports that she had a great time, and that it was WAY better than doing normal school. Thank you to the fifth grade teachers for putting together such an amazing experience for our students!

Thank you to everyone who attended Monday's BCO meeting! This was the last meeting of the 2020-2021 school year. Lisa and I will be back next year for more fun meetings! I think we have a new Treasurer and a new Secretary lined up for next year! More details on that soon! Thank

you to everyone who has participated in BCO meetings throughout the year, and who has supported the BCO in any way. The BCO, the students, and faculty really appreciate your help!

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

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

7:00-7:45 - meet.google.com/hgw-byft-vkg

Thank you!

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ICYMI:

1. The Bennett Staff would like to thank everyone for their generosity during our staff appreciation week. A huge shout out to Kat Reeves for all she did to make last week so fun!!
2. The last day of school is Wednesday May 26. We will dismiss at NOON. Breakfast will be served, but no lunch.