

Important dates

Monday May 10- BCO meeting

May 12- All library books are due back

No School Monday May 17- Teacher Work Day

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

Breakfast will be served, but no lunch

Reminders

- Please send your student to school wearing a clean, proper fitting face mask every day. It is always a good idea to keep an extra mask in their backpack!
- Kindergarten registration for the 2021-2022 school year is open! If you have a kindergartener for next year or know someone who does, spread the word. All registration is done online on the Poudre School District website.

Principal Note

Hello families,

I wanted to take a moment to thank everyone who participated in International Day and a special shout out to Lisa Verbsky, our wonderful BCO Co-Chair who organized the event. Thank you also to Kat Reeves for putting together a wonderful week full of appreciation for our staff and for all parents who contributed. We are so lucky to have you. I know it is a couple of weeks out, but for those of you who need to plan, just a reminder that our last day of school is Thursday, May 26th. Students will be dismissed with our regular dismissal procedures at noon. There will be breakfast but no lunch that day. Again, thank you for all you do!

End of year conferences

Conferences will be held the week of May 10. You should have received a link to a Sign up Genius from your teachers. You can also sign up to meet with any or all of the specials teachers. Their links are here:

Music- Mrs. Hallenbeck

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4da8ac28a6f49-music1>

Spanish- Mrs. Gibbs

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4fadab28a4fd0-spanish1>

PE- Mr. Bray

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b44aea92ca1f58-pespring>

Tech Tips for a Successful Parent-Teacher Conference on Google Meet:

Be on the lookout for specific times, details, and links from your teacher about upcoming student conferences on Google Meet! This year's conferences will be held remotely, so to ensure the most successful conference, please keep these tips in mind while planning how you will meet with your teacher. While we've all learned and adapted to our remote world, there are some things that may work differently than you might expect due to how schools need to address privacy laws. Thanks for your support and understanding throughout this year - we've almost made it through!

1. We suggest using a laptop or desktop with a webcam if possible. Mobile devices and dialing in will work as well, but are more limiting.
2. A microphone is necessary for back and forth communication; and a camera is suggested for a more personal meeting.
3. On a desktop or laptop, we recommend using [Google Chrome](#) to access the Meet to avoid problems with compatibility.
4. If you are using a mobile device (smartphone or tablet), the device may require you to download Google Meet before allowing you to join. Downloading the app prior to the conference will ensure you will have the full scheduled time to talk about your child's progress.
5. Because PSD uses Google Workspace for Education which has enhanced privacy restrictions, **you will be asked to sign on to a Google account when logging on to the Meet.** Google for Education does not allow a person to be admitted anonymously like other versions of Google Meet. You may use your own personal Google account, or your child's PSD Google account for this Meet. Please wait patiently to be admitted in order to give time for the previous conference to be completed. If you need your

child's PSD login information, please contact your classroom teacher so they can send you your child's username and password.

6. If you have technology concerns before the conference, feel free to contact your classroom teacher or email Mr. Woolner (kwoolner@psdschools.org).

PSD Technology Returns

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 before **Wednesday, May 12th**. 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.

Notices will be sent to families starting next week if our records show a device has not been returned by that time. If you have a special circumstance and need to keep any of the technology through the end of the school year, please contact Kurt Woolner (kwoolner@psdschools.org) so we can discuss the need and make a plan for return.

Since **Virtual** students will still be attending school remotely until May 26th, **PSDV families** should keep devices until then and then follow the instructions from the district about returning technology during the last week of May.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Thank you Fort Collins!

This year, the BCO was able to show our teachers how much we appreciate them in many awesome ways, and it was due in large part to the generosity of the individuals and businesses listed below. These folks gave generously of products and services for teacher appreciation week, and we'd love to see y'all give them your support. If you are one of these individuals or businesses, THANK YOU!!! Your generosity and support of the Bennett teachers and staff is much appreciated.

Megan Pighetti, Melanie Berger, Maurice Cruz, Sarah Mullen, Hillary Siebels,

GeorgiaAnn, Garris Ball, Cate Chase, Kaylin Driscell, The Reeves Family,

The Burge Family, The Brake Family,

Bistro Nautille, Horse & Dragon Brewing, Odell Brewing,
New Belgium Brewing, Tasty Harmony, The Cupboard, Zwei Brewing,
Social & Union, Chipper's Lanes, The Regional, The Fox and the Crow, Starbucks,
Dutch Bros. Coffee, Mary's Mountain Cookies, Creekside Garden Center

However, the BIGGEST thank you this year definitely has to go to all of you. This year we asked a lot of our families for teacher appreciation. We asked you to contribute money for gifts, money for store bought food, make gifts for teachers, and purchase supplies. Well, you did it. We were amazed by your generosity, and we got to spoil our staff the way they deserve to be. THANK YOU!!

Don't forget that tomorrow is School Supply Friday. Bring in any supplies you think your teachers might appreciate for next year, including Ziploc bags, sticky notes, markers, dry erase markers and erasers, and, the big one, copy paper. Thanks for everything you do to make this an awesome school community!!

Kat Reeves

BCO

Happy National No Homework Day from the Bennett Community Organization! Your PTO, the BCO! I am Eric, your BCO Co-President. Bennett teachers, I'm looking at you. Please, no homework for the students today!

Bennett had an amazing International Day last Friday! Thank you to all of the presenters who generously donated their time to make a video! Thank you to Lisa Verbsky for coordinating all of the volunteers and helping to pull off this great event!

This week is staff appreciation week! Thank you to Kat Reeves for organizing so many amazing opportunities to support the Bennett staff this week! The potluck on Tuesday was a great success! Thank you to everyone who purchased food and treats for our deserving staff! Thank you to the wonderful Bennett staff! The BCO appreciates all that you do for our students, and have enjoyed working with you this past year!

The fifth graders are having make-up Eco Week activities this week! Some of us had an opportunity to volunteer on Monday with the students. I have fond memories of reading to many of those students when they were in kindergarten. Now they're all so grown up, and I'm having a serious crisis about it. Congratulations fifth graders! I hope you enjoy the climbing wall tomorrow!

Great news! The final BCO meeting of this school year is on Monday, May 10th at 7pm! I know you want to be there. The BCO will be looking for a Secretary and Treasurer for the 2021-2022 school year. Please let me know if you are interested! Tune into the BCO meeting to learn more about these positions. As a BCO officer, you don't have to wear orange, but it would be a lot cooler if you did!

Here is a link to the meeting, we hope to see you there:

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

Thank you, and see you on Monday!

Eric Bowman

bennettcommorg+pres@gmail.com (BCO related email, Bennett questions)

enamwob@gmail.com (love letters, hate mail, NO HOMEWORK!)

303-885-9734

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ICYMI:

1. 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>
2. Following public health guidelines, PSD to allow voluntary shortened quarantines

PSD believes access to education is critical to student success. As allowed by [county](#) and state public health guidance, PSD staff and students can voluntarily end their quarantines early if they meet strict criteria and are approved by PSD COVID-19 Response Teams to do so. This goes into effect March 22 and is a change from PSD's previous protocols. Process information and criteria are available on the [PSD Protocols for COVID-19 web page >>](#)