

Important dates

September 6- No School- Labor Day

September 17- No School K/12

Reminders

- Now that we have settled into a routine, we are asking parents not to walk their students to their classrooms.
- If your student will be absent please call the attendance line 488-4751, or log into your PVue account and mark attendance there.

From the principal

Hello families,

Thank you for a successful start to a school year! I appreciate your trust in us as we phase out having parents walk kids to classes in the mornings. So far it has gone very well, largely in part to our staff who has volunteered to be additional help before school as well as your cooperation. We really appreciate your help in keeping our campus safe. As we settle in to the school year, please stay tuned for information about upcoming events. We are trying to replicate as “normal” a year as possible with our usual activities, etc. but will be making changes as needed per current health protocols. We will keep you informed. Please let us know if you have any questions or need anything!

Morning Drop off

Thank you so much for your support and patience as we worked through the first couple of weeks of arrival and dismissal. We really appreciate your help in keeping the line moving by having your kids ready to get in and out quickly to keep the flow of traffic moving! Please remember the following for morning drop off:

1. If you come from Shields St and turn left into the parking lot, you will always be asked to turn into the through lane where you can pull into a parking space and your child can use the crosswalk.
2. If you come from Bennett Rd and turn right into the parking lot, you can turn into the drop off lane and your child can get out once you get to the sidewalk.
3. If you are dropping off across the street from the school, please either walk with your child to the crosswalk or remember to tell your child to use the crosswalk on Bennett Road.
4. In all of these instances, please remember there are no U-turns allowed on Bennett Rd.

Thank you so much for helping to keep our students safe. We appreciate you!

Picture OPT OUT Form

PSD and Bennett often post pictures of students on our Social Media pages (Facebook, Instagram). Occasionally the Coloradoan uses pictures alongside articles about the district. Students full names are never used. If you **DO NOT** want your child's picture to be used on social media or in the newspaper, please contact Michelle Scarberry, mscarberry@psdschools.org, for a form to sign.

Cell Phones at school

The following is an excerpt from the Bennett Student Handbook. The entire handbook can be found on the Bennett website: <https://ben.psdschools.org/parents>

For the purposes of these rules, “personal communication device” or “PCD” is defined to include all cell phones, pagers, personal digital assistants, cameras, audio/video recorders, watches, and other hand-held electronic communication or data storage devices.

Students may possess and use PCDs at school, except under the following circumstances:

1. Students shall not use PCDs at any time they are in class or participating in or attending education-related activities, unless expressly authorized by the principal or his/her designee.
2. Students shall keep PCDs out of sight at all times they are in class and at all times they are participating in or attending education-related activities, unless expressly authorized by the principal or his/her designee.
3. Student shall keep PCDs turned off or dormant at all times they are in class and at all times they are participating in or attending education-related activities, unless expressly authorized by the principal or his/her designee. In this regard, “dormant” means elimination of all vibration alerts, alarms, ring tones, flashes, and other methods of notification of incoming calls or messages.
4. Students shall not use PCDs when they are not in class or when they are not otherwise participating in or attending education-related activities if such use results in disruption of the educational process or of school operations, as determined by the principal or his/her designee.

Health Office

The PSD website has a lot of information on our protocols for Covid this school year. Here is the link: <https://www.psdschools.org/psd2020-21/psdprotocolsCOVID19>

Below is some information from the website regarding the return to school after a child has been sick:

Return to learn guidance

For students and staff returning to work or school in PSD following a positive COVID-19 symptom screen, PSD follows the [CDPHE Return to Learn guidance for K-12 schools](#). The Spanish version is available here: [Español CDPHE Return to Learn Guidance](#).

A group of nurses and PSD staff evaluated the guidance that outlines when staff and students can return to work and school.

Note: This guidance is NOT intended for cases or close contacts of COVID-19. A confirmed COVID-19 case or close contact should follow public health isolation or quarantine instructions for return to school/work.

Major symptoms

- *Feeling feverish, having chills, temperature of 100.4 F or greater*
- *New or worsening cough*
- *Loss of taste or smell*
- *Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing*

Major symptom response:

If symptoms resolve within 24 hours of onset, follow regular return to school illness policies.

If symptoms DO NOT resolve within 24 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 PCR or molecular COVID-19 test. If the test is negative, return to school according to regular Return To School after illness policies. Symptoms should be resolved or improving.
- 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.

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, follow regular return to school illness policies.**

- If symptoms resolve within 48 hours of onset, follow regular return to school illness policies.
- 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 PCR, or molecular COVID-19 test. If the test is negative, return to school according to regular Return To School after illness policies. Symptoms should be resolved or improving.
 - 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.

If there are questions about when a student can return to school, the school nurse or PSD health staff will make that determination.

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 Cherry Popsicle Day from the Bennett Community Organization! Your PTO, the BCO! I am Eric, your BCO Co-President. To our friends from the UK, happy National Burger Day! Grab a cherry popsicle, grab a burger, and read on to learn about some super easy fundraisers that the BCO has going on all year long.

****BOX TOPS!** Do you buy groceries in store, or online? YOU DO?!?! I do too! We should be friends! Box Tops is a super easy way to earn some money for Bennett's students! Download the Box Tops For Education app, shop for products containing box tops, take a picture of your receipt, and earn money for Bennett Elementary! Be sure to check the Bonus Offers section of the app. That's a great way to really work the system and earn a bunch of bonus Box Tops. Here's a really hot deal going on right now...Earn 50 bonus Box Tops when you buy 5 participating General Mills products at Target or King Soopers. That earns an extra \$5.00 for the school on top of any other Box Tops you've earned!

One amazing thing about Box Tops is that anyone can earn money for Bennett. Remember to tell your parents, grandparents, sisters, brothers, cousins, neighbors, teachers, and enemies! Have them download the app, sign-up, and pick Bennett Elementary in Fort Collins. We can earn more cash for the students if everyone chips in!

****MILK CAPS!** Morning Fresh Dairy has a really cool program called CAPS4CASH! Each cap saved from one of their glass bottles earns five cents for Bennett! Simply enjoy your beverage from a glass bottle, rinse the cap, and set it aside. Once you've collected a few, send them to school with your student. There is a collection bin in the vestibule by the front office that the caps can be dumped into. When the bin starts to fill up, our lovely volunteer picks up the caps and brings them to Morning Fresh Dairy. A few days later we get a crisp check that we turn into useful items for the school and your students. If you've been considering milk delivery from Morning Fresh Dairy, now is the time!

****SPIRIT GEAR!** Do you need some cool Bennett shirts, sweatshirts, or a mug for you and your student? Check out <https://app.printyourcause.com/campaigns/BennettElementary> for available options. A generous portion of each sale comes directly back to the BCO to help support your students!

If you have questions about any of these fundraisers, please let me know. I'd be happy to walk you through the process to help you start earning!

Thank you!

Eric Bowman

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Counselor Corner

Parent Cafe: [Parent Cafe Fall 2021 Draft 2 \(1\) \(1\).pdf](#)

Things to do

- Rocky Mountain high school cheer camp. See flyer [Jr. lobo flyer.docx.pdf](#)
- Lego Club: Tuesdays Aug. 31 to Oct. 19 3:30pm to 5:00pm Grades K-2nd. See flyer [Bennett LEGO Club - Tuesdays Fall 2021 \(1\).pdf](#)
- Bennett Art Club see flyer [Bennett Art Club.pdf](#)

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- For your reference, you can find the PSD calendar here:
https://www.psdschools.org/sites/default/files/PSD/communications/Calendars%20and%20Schedules/2021-22/2021-22_PSD_%20Calendar.pdf
- The Bennett website is a great place to check for any information you may need.
<https://ben.psdschools.org/>