

Important dates

There is no school Monday September 6

September 13- BCO "Chips and Chat" 6:30 Rolland Moore Park

September 17- No School K/12

September 24- Picture Day

Reminders

- If your student will be absent please call the attendance line 488-4751, or log into your PVue account and mark attendance there.
- If students bring cell phones or smart watches to school they need to be turned off and stored in their backpacks, per the student handbook.
<https://ben.psdschools.org/parents>
- Please monitor your children for signs of sickness. Keep children home if they have fever, vomit, cough, runny nose and congestion, etc. Per PSD policy they should be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to school.

From the principal

Happy September!

Can you believe that it is already September? It feels so great to be back to a somewhat normal fall. I wanted to take a moment to thank you again for helping us by following all of our drop off and pick up procedures. We appreciate our community so much. It seems that the flow of traffic is going better as everyone pitches in and does their part. While it probably feels a lot longer, the after-school line is down to about 18 minutes from start to finish. I want to encourage you to check out our BCO (Bennett Community Organization). This is our parent group and is a great way to get involved and "be in the know". We are meeting on September 13th at 6:30 at Rolland Moore park for a "chips and chat" and would love to see you there. As always, please reach out with any questions.

For your information

School Hours are 8:50-3:28

Breakfast begins serving at 8:30. Students not eating breakfast may enter the building at 8:40, and are tardy after 8:50 AM. The office is staffed from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The

lunch time is split 20 minutes in the lunch room and 20 minutes for recess. ** denotes they go to recess the first 20 minutes.

Lunch/Recess Times:

Kindergarten 11:00-11:40

****1st Grade 11:00-11:40**

2nd Grade 11:45-12:25

****3rd grade 11:45-12:25**

4th grade 12:30-1:10

****5th grade 12:30-1:10**

Bike rack

Bennett has 2 bike racks. One is on the playground, the other is on the east side of the school in front of the parking lot. It is on Bennett Rd. surrounded by a chain link fence, that does not lock. We lock the playground during school hours. So if your child rides their bike in the morning and you know you will be picking them up early, it would be best to lock their bikes on the rack near the parking lot.

BCO

Happy World Coconut Day from the Bennett Community Organization! Your PTO, the BCO! I am Eric, your BCO Co-President. Does anyone have a coconut at their house right now? No? Coconut water (gross)? No? Almond Joy or Mounds? Now we're in business.

In preparation for our upcoming BCO meeting on Monday, September 13th, I wanted to take a little time to start introducing this year's BCO's officers!

Eric Bowman, Co-President:

I am the dad of Colin in third grade. My daughter, Elena, just started sixth grade at Blevins. She attended Bennett since kindergarten, so I've been around the school a while now. So, so long. I've been the BCO President since February of 2020, but will be retiring this coming January to transition someone new into the role. I'm married to Celia who keeps putting up with my bad behavior (which only encourages me to do more bad stuff). I'm a mechanical designer and a recovering architect. I ALWAYS wear something orange. I love chai lattes, iced coffee, Dew, and celebrating weird holidays (Flag Day and Krampusnacht are my favorites).

Lisa Verbsky, Co-President:

I'm the mom of Theo, a third grader, and Marie, a sixth grader. I have spent the last few years organizing International Day here at Bennett. Last year, I joined Eric as the Co-President of BCO as a way to give some love and support to our Bennett Community on a larger scale. I'm a preschool teacher, a runner, a gardener, and a biker, but my most favorite thing to do is throw on a backpack and head into the mountains. My partner in life, Pavel, keeps me motivated and smiling. Raising a coffee mug (or two) to all of you as we start this year together!

Stay tuned next week for information about how to attend our BCO meeting. You'll also learn about Secretary Mike Brake and Treasurer Jeff Morissette!

Have a great week!

Thank you!

Eric Bowman

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Things to do

- Rocky Mountain high school cheer camp. See flyer [Jr. lobo flyer.docx.pdf](#)
- **There is still room** in our 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 [Art club v. 2.pdf](#)
- Parent Cafe [Parent Cafe Fall 2021 Draft 2 \(1\) \(1\).pdf](#)

ICYMI

- Vaccine exemptions for 2021-2022 are due November 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>. Exemption forms must be signed every year.

- 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.