

Important dates

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

September 17- No School K/12

September 24- Picture Day

Reminders

- Send your child to school with a mask every day. And if possible, an extra one in their backpack.
- If you are new to Bennett, please submit your immunization record if you haven't already.
- Please monitor your children for signs of sickness. Keep children home if they have fever, vomit, diarrhea, cough, runny nose and congestion. Per PSD policy they should be symptom free, without any medication, for 24 hours before returning to school.
- If your student will be absent please call the attendance line 488-4751, or log into your PVue account and mark attendance there.

FYI: School lunch

Due to a shortage, PSD is unable to get Peanutbutter and Jelly sandwiches for the next 2 weeks. Sorry for the inconvenience.

BCO

Happy Care Bears Share Your Care Day from the Bennett Community Organization! Your PTO, the BCO! I am Eric, your BCO Co-President. This one is for all of the parents who grew up in the 80's, despising those colorful bears so much. If I were a Care Bear, I would be Lack of Empathy Bear (orange), and everyone would always tell me that I need to work on being more empathetic. Whatever that means (eye roll).

BIG news! The first BCO meeting of the year will be on Monday, September 13th, at 6:30 PM at Rolland Moore park! We're calling it 'Chips and Chat' because...uh...we'll have chips...and we'll chat about cool BCO stuff! It will also be Snack a Pickle Day, so there might be pickles too. We will be in the pavilion near the playground. Be sure to look for the Bennett banner to find us. Eric will be wearing an orange Bennett shirt (illegal Bennett colors), so we'll be easy to find. Children are welcome, but child care will not be provided. Good thing the meeting is at a park! Feel free to arrive as early as 6:00 and hang out with us. We'd love to get to know you!

In preparation for our upcoming BCO meeting on Monday, September 13th, here's a little bit about our Secretary and Treasurer!

Mike Brake, Secretary:

I am the father of two boys, one at Bennett and one going to Blevins. I hike and read when I'm not trying to convince computers to be helpful at CSU! For some reason, I enjoy taking copious notes.

Jeff Morisette, Treasurer:

My wife Elizabeth and I are the parents of Twyla who is now in 4th grade. She's been at Bennett since kindergarten. We love it here. (We also have an older daughter who started at Bennett in 3rd grade when we moved to Fort Collins way back in 2008. Our older daughter did survive the entire IB program. She still likes to come back to the Bennett Sock Hop if she's around town.) I am a Research Program Manager at the Forest Service's Rocky Mountain Research Station. Elizabeth is the Art Education Coordinator at the Museum of Art in Fort Collins. We (Elizabeth and I) love to camp (Twyla prefers hotels). Twyla and I love to ski (Elizabeth prefers to say warm). I'll do my best to keep the budget straight for the BCO. My fellow BCO officers are fantastic and I trust they will help keep me in line!

We hope to see you at our meeting on Monday!

Have a great week!

Thank you!

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Things to do

- Rocky Mountain high school cheer camp. See flyer [Jr. lobo flyer.docx.pdf](#)
- Bennett Art Club see flyer [Bennett LEGO Club - Tuesdays Fall 2021 \(1\).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.

- Bennett 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 parking lot. It is just outside the fence. 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.