

Important dates

No School Tomorrow: September 17

September 24- Picture Day

Reminders

- When there is a change to your child's after school pick up plan, please let the teacher and the office know no later than 3:00 PM.
- If you are dropping your student off in the morning and they need breakfast, please have them here no later than 8:45.
- The immunization exclusion date is November 1. If you are new to Bennett, please submit your immunization record as soon as possible if you haven't already.

Lunch

Nationwide food shortages impact on PSD meals

The PSD Child Nutrition team works with local and regional vendors to ensure PSD's 25,000 students are served healthy and nutritious meals every day. Currently, unprecedented food shortages are affecting PSD and school districts nationwide. The Child Nutrition team is working closely with suppliers and the US Department of Agriculture to ensure every student who wants a meal, gets one.

Because of these challenges, Child Nutrition can no longer post specific ingredients on the online NutriSlice menu page. All ingredients and food substitutions are, however, available daily through every school's kitchen. Updated information will be posted online as food suppliers are able to guarantee product availability.

Families with dietary considerations have been contacted directly with this information. If you have further questions, contact the Child Nutrition Department at 970-490-3557.

*** **What this means for Bennett:** There will be times when we are out certain things and the menu may get changed. The PSD meals website will most likely not reflect any changes. We let the teachers know as soon as we know so the students can be told as well. Please note: we are still out of PB&J and will likely be out of chocolate milk sometime next week.

October Count

October count is the official count period used to determine how many students are enrolled in school. The number of students determines each school's funding. This year the count window starts September 24 and runs through October 8. The official count day is Friday October 1.

Picture Day

Picture Day is Friday September 24. We will begin taking pictures at 9:00. Order forms were sent home in today's Thursday folder. There is also one attached. You can order online at www.skillmanphotography.com Access code is Benet2021

[Skillman 21.pdf](#)

BCO

Happy National Collect Rocks Day from the Bennett Community Organization! Your PTO, the BCO! I am Eric, your BCO Co-President. I'm not a rock collector, but every once in a while I find a cool piece of petrified wood. Then I show it to my kids and they steal it from me, then fight over it. So, at least I have that going for me.

Thank you to everyone who attended Monday's (extremely rainy) BCO meeting! We had special musical guest Bon Jovi, approved a mini grant for Mrs. Holcombe, approved funds for Eco Day snacks for the fifth graders, and learned about what the BCO has planned this year. In October we will be having our second annual read-a-thon, the Bronco StamREAD! Mark your calendars for October 18th through the 29th! More information will be available in the next couple of weeks.

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

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1oLEGihRdBXvgrN-7goYEVl3y1vcYFSkJ?usp=sharing>

Thank you!

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Health Office

1. The exclusion date for unvaccinated students (does not include Covid) is November 1. This means that the health office needs either an updated immunization record showing the student is compliant with CDPHE recommendations, or an exemption form that has been signed by a medical provider. There is also an online module that can be done for the exemption. If our records show you are not compliant you will receive a letter from PSD starting next week. You can find information you need here:
<https://cdphe.colorado.gov/vaccine-exemptions>
2. PSD protocols for sick students is that they need to be symptom free for 24 hours. **Even with a Negative Covid test, symptoms need to have cleared up.** Please monitor your children for signs of sickness. Keep children home if they have fever, vomit, diarrhea, cough, runny nose and congestion. Attached is the Return Guidelines:

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- Send your child to school with a mask every day. And if possible, an extra one in their backpack.