SAC

The School Accountability Committee is a group of parents and staff members who function as a communication link between the school and Bennett families. Bennett's SAC meets at least quarterly to discuss, advise and make recommendations to me regarding school progress, school spending priorities, school leadership, personnel and infrastructure, and our School's Unified Improvement Plan (SUIP), how to increase the level of parent engagement in the District and its schools, especially the engagement of parents of students in underrepresented populations, etc. At least two members of the SAC also serve as the Bennett representative and alternate representative to the District Advisory Board (DAB) which meets monthly on Mondays from 7 - 9 pm at the Johannsen Support Services Center (JSSC) at 2407 LaPorte Avenue. The DAB rep provides input and recommendations from the SAC on an advisory basis to the Superintendent concerning issues and initiatives and acts as a link between the community and the district.

Our SAC must be comprised of, but is not limited to:

At least 3 parents/legal guardians of students. 2 of which who serve as our DAB rep. and alternative rep. and 1 of which who co-chairs the committee with Mrs. Smythe 1 teacher

- 1 BCO member
- 1 community member
- 1 principal, or principal designee

If you are interested in serving our community in this way, we would love to have you join us. Our meetings are scheduled on September 12th and November 14th at 6pm. There will be two other meetings scheduled in the 22-23 school year, but times and dates are still tbd.

Please email your interest to me <u>asmythe@psdschools.org</u> by Tuesday, August 31st so I can send you the meeting link.

Lunch

- If your child brings a lunch from home, they do have the option to purchase milk. It will be 75 Cents. In order for them to purchase milk, they MUST have money in their school account.
- If you would like to set up a school pay account to add money to your child's account, see the instructions below.(this is the easiest) You can also send in cash or check to the school.

How to Set Up a SchoolPay Account

- Go to the PSD SchoolPay website select "Create an Account"
- Enter your required information, then your children's names as they appear in

school registration and their student ID numbers. If you don't know the student ID number, contact your child's school.

• <u>Support@schoolpay.com</u> will email a random password generated by SchoolPay. If you don't see the email, check your spam or junk folder.

• Enter the password into the final registration page. After the initial log on, you may change the password.

Questions? Contact a SchoolPay representative at 888-88-MYPAY (69729).

****NEW****

Starting next week, students will have the option to purchase extra food items. The items vary in price, and the days they will be offered. In order for the students to purchase these items, they MUST have money on their accounts. The staff will not be monitoring what the students buy or how often they make these extra purchases: if they have money in their account, they will be allowed to purchase these items. Attached are the prices and items that may be available. <u>Al a carte prices edit.pdf</u>

Health Office

Medication for 2022- 2023- If medications are needed for 2022-2023 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!

- ** All medication must be labeled with student's name, in original packaging.
- ** Cough drops are not allowed

Vaccine exemptions for 2022-2023

There are new guidelines from the state regarding vaccine exemptions. 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: <u>https://cdphe.colorado.gov/vaccine-exemptions</u>. Exemption forms must be signed every year.

BCO

Greetings Bennet Community,

I hope your first week of the new school year was a smashing success! I want to thank the parents and guardians that have stopped by the BCO table in the last couple of weeks. We are very happy to welcome those of you who have taken the time and expressed your interest in helping out with BCO by signing our sheet. Those of you that are interested but have not yet signed up, please fill out this google form.

Our first BCO meeting will be at Rolland Moore Park on Monday, September 12 at 6:30 pm. We will have snacks and a chance to chat informally starting at 6 pm. Kids are absolutely welcome to come and play on the playground while the meeting proceeds. This month's meeting will include an introduction to the BCO, your current BCO officers, and what the BCO will aim to accomplish this year.

Some of the events that BCO is gearing up to put on or support include: • Bronco StamREAD (October 17-21) • Book Fair (November 14-18)

• Ice Cream Social (November 15). Please reach out to your BCO officers or fill out this google form if you would like to help out for one or more of these events.

Do you love to work in the garden or create beautiful outdoor spaces? The Bennett Outdoor Classroom needs parent volunteers this year! If you haven't seen the Outdoor Classroom, it's a beautiful, professionally landscaped space with native plants, a shade cover, and a large display stand that serves as a peaceful outdoor learning area for students and teachers.

To keep it looking beautiful, the classroom needs regular maintenance to keep the weeds at bay, remove trash and dead leaves, and keep the pathways clear. Unfortunately, this year invasive field bindweed has struck and if not pulled regularly will quickly take over and kill the plants.

Specific tasks needed:

- Regular weeding and pruning
- Trash and debris removal

• Beautification – e.g., garden art, seasonal decorating, filling in of bare areas with native plants

• Educational resources – e.g., plant identification labels, information on bees & butterflies (we've got milkweed!), and ideas for integrating outdoor learning into the curriculum – avid gardeners, ecologists, botanists, and more are welcome!

If you are interested in volunteering, please email Carolyn Gould Burton (mom of Halsey in 5th) at <u>cvgould@gmail.com</u>.

Whew! That was a lot for one week. If you are still reading, Thank you! And here is your random fact: Water has its highest density at 4 degrees Celsius.

Thank you,

Ryan Lucas, BCO VP

Things to do

1. Art Club

Students create fun and colorful works of art to take home after each class! • Classes after school in the art room - 3:30 - 5:00 pm September 7 through December 14 on most Mondays and Wednesdays (same project both days). • Projects feature a variety of art including painting, drawing and watercolors. • Students follow easy step-by-step instructions but are encouraged to customize their art with their own personal touches! • The party (we call it a party because it is fun after all!) takes just 1.5 hours; students take home their Masterpiece that day! <u>Bennett</u> <u>Art Club Flyer Fall.pdf</u>

2. Chess Club Chess club fall 22.pdf

Monday 3:30 – 4:30 PM Room: 6

Fall Dates: Sept 12, 19, 26 | Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | Nov 7, 14, 28 |

Winter Dates: Dec 5 Jan 23, 30 | Feb 6, 13, 27 |

Spring Dates: March 6 March 20, 27 | April 3, 10, 17, 24 | May 1,

Fall \$120

Winter \$60

Spring \$80

FULL YEAR \$240

Chessmates Curriculum Our chess instructors teach lesson plans each week about Openings, Middle Games and Endgames. Players will learn how to think ahead, play smart and beat their parents at chess! In Chess Club, we work to create an environment where the kids enjoy learning and playing chess, incorporating fun activities, prizes and time for 1 on 1 chess. Our Chess Club works for all skill levels. Registration: chessmatesfc.com/school/bennett

- 3. Yoga or Dramatic play, see attached flyers for details <u>Creative drama.pdf</u> <u>Fall</u> <u>Yoga.pdf</u>
- 4. Lego Club Lego minecraft 22.pdf

STEM FUNdamentals Using LEGO Materials! Fall 2022

Tuesday's | 3:30 - 5:00 PM | September 06 - October 25 |

Grades K-3 Level up your engineering skills with Play-Well TEKnologies and tens of thousands of LEGO[®] parts! Apply real-world concepts in physics, engineering, and architecture through engineer-designed projects. Projects are rotated seasonally to ensure that even returning students get a new experience, so join us to design and build as never before and explore your craziest ideas.