

Important dates

October 10- BCO meeting 7:00PM

October 11- Odyssey of the Mind info meeting

October 12- National Walk/Roll to School Day

October 13- No school (elementary only)

October 14- No School (all schools)

October 17- StamRead begins

Reminders

- PSD and Bennett communicate primarily through email. However, during inclement weather phone calls are used as well. Please make sure the school has the most up to date phone numbers and emails, so you receive the information.
- Please help remind your students to check the lost and found.
- There is no adult supervision outside the school before 8:30 am. Students can go in for breakfast starting at 8:30, but if they are not having breakfast, they do not enter their classrooms until 8:40.
- If your student will be absent, please call the attendance line 488-4751, or log into your PVue account and mark attendance there.

Principal Note

Hi everyone,

Finally...cooler weather! I hope you are enjoying it. I wanted to let you know that, at parent teacher conferences, the district has asked that the teacher send home a device (laptop, Chromebook, Ipad) with each student. The purpose is to make sure you can get on to classes at home in the event of a remote learning day. Please know that WE DO NOT EXPECT TO HAVE TO DO THIS. It is only due to being proactive in case we were to run out of school closure days due to severe weather or other unforeseen event. We don't want you to see this in any way as us preparing for remote learning like we had to do during the peak of COVID. The teacher will give you the device and instructions. If you do not want to take the device you do not have to. If you need more help when you get your device, please come to the front office and someone can help you since the teacher's time for your conference is limited and we don't want to use it up on this subject. Thank you so much and we look forward to seeing you at conferences.

Parent Teacher conferences

Conferences are next week Hopefully you have signed up with your teacher, if not do so as soon as possible. If you are interested in meeting with any or all of the Specials teachers here are their links:

Spanish, Mrs. Gibbs: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4fadab28a4fd0-gibbs2>

PE, Mr. Bray: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b44aea92ca1f58-bray>

Music, Mr. Ferris: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e44aac22a1fdc16-ferris>

Bike and Roll to School

Wednesday October 12, is National Walk and Roll to School Day. This event was started to encourage cities and schools to work together in support of safe walking and rolling routes to school, as well as encouraging movement. The BCO will have a table set up in the grassy area near the bike racks with stickers and other goodies for anyone who walks or rolls to school that day!!

Odyssey of the mind

Odyssey of the Mind is an extra-curricular school activity centered on creative problem solving that is modeled after interscholastic sports. Odyssey of the Mind's creative competitions achieve the excitement of athletic competition, utilizing fun-filled and often-clever mental gymnastics. Teams match wits and abilities at local, state, and world competitions. Grades K-5 are welcome. Teams are based on grade level.

What: Odyssey of the Mind – Informational Meeting

When: Tuesday October 11, 2022 6:00-7:00pm

Who: Previous and new families interested in Odyssey of the Mind.

Kids are welcome!

[Bennett OM open house \(1\).pdf](#) [OM Sign up sheet 2022-2023 \(1\).pdf](#)

StamRead

Greetings from your favorite BCO Presidential artifact, Eric Bowman! If you're hearing from me, you know that the Bronco StamREAD starts very soon! If you're new to Bennett, you are probably wondering what the Bronco StamREAD is. The Bronco StamREAD is our annual Read-A-Thon fundraiser!

In today's Thursday folder you will be receiving StamREAD starter kits from Bennett. This packet includes a form to help you get your student registered online with Read-A-Thon, a Little Benny, and a note about raffle prizes.

The Bronco StamREAD officially runs from October 17th through October 28th, but here's what you can do to be prepared:

1. Register your student using the registration papers that were sent home. Every student who signs up earns an entry into the raffle for some fun prizes! Be sure to hang onto the registration sheet as it contains a unique code for your student that will be used to log in and track their minutes read.
2. Have your child read for at least 20 minutes per day! You know that you want the quiet time at home.
3. Have your child log their reading minutes on the Read-A-Thon website! Did they read at school? Log the minutes! Did you read to them at bedtime? Log the minutes! Does your child never put down a book from the time they get home until the time they pass out at night? Log the minutes!
4. Collect donations from family, friends, and enemies! Every dollar helps us reach our goal! We are aiming to earn \$50 per student to help us meet our fundraising goal to support students and teachers!

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Eric Bowman (grateful BCO past President)

enamwob@gmail.com (love letters, hate mail, Go StamREAD!)

Vision and Hearing Volunteers

Every year PSD does vision and hearing screenings. To make this successful we need volunteers. **No experience is required!** Volunteers are needed at many schools across the district, so if you can help at another school that would be greatly appreciated! Bennett will be doing our screening on November 8. If you are interested in helping please sign up on the Raptor site or email Millie Martinez millie@psdschools.org.

If interested in Vision & Hearing Screenings please follow the below instructions:

1. Login to your Volunteer Portal through this link: [Raptor Volunteer Portal](#)
2. When logged in, click on Events within the Navigation Menu
3. Review the details of the Event you wish to sign up for, and click "Sign-Up".

****As a reminder, any volunteer information will come from the email address Raptor. It may go to your Spam/Junk folder.

PSD Literacy

Dear PSD parents/guardians,

Poudre School District will be adopting elementary (K-5) literacy materials for district-wide implementation at the start of the 2023-24 school year, and we are seeking parent representatives to serve on the adoption materials review team. The team will meet during the school day and will start its work on Tuesday, Oct. 18.

Tentative meeting schedule (8 a.m. to 3 p.m.)

- Tuesday, Oct. 18
- Wednesday, Oct. 26
- Tuesday, Nov. 8
- Tuesday, Nov. 15

If this schedule will work for you and you are interested in serving on this committee, please complete this [short form](#). We have four seats on the team for parents/guardians of elementary students and plan to select members so that we have geographic representation across our school district.

If you are interested but unable to serve or are not selected, you can choose to be added to our mailing list for focused community engagement. Those on the list will receive frequent updates about the team's work and will be invited to focused information sessions with our team. Please use [this link](#) if you want to serve on the review team or be added to our focused community engagement mailing list.

This adoption will provide our teachers with high-quality instructional materials that align with the [Colorado Academic Standards](#) and support the [Common Core Key Shifts in Language Arts](#). Adopted materials will be on the [Colorado Department of Education's Advisory List of Instructional Programming](#), which identifies programming that supports systematic development of foundational reading skills for all PSD students. We look forward to sharing our progress.

BCO

Greetings Bennett Community,

The next BCO meeting will be on Monday, October 10th. This meeting will take place in the Bennett Library at 7 pm. You can also join this meeting virtually through [Google Meet](#).

Walk and Roll to school day is next Wednesday, October 12th. The BCO will have a table before and after school with prizes for students that walk or ride their bikes to school.

The Bronco Stamread starts October 17th. Look for a packet in your student's Thursday folder.

Random Fact: Voyager 2, launched in 1977, is the only spacecraft to visit Neptune or Uranus. It is still active and exploring interstellar space.

Health Office

1. Immunizations or exemptions must be turned in to the health office by Oct. 31. Students who are not update will not be allowed to attend school on Nov.
 1. Reminder, **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. You will receive an email from PSD if you are not compliant.

2. The change in season has produced A LOT of coughing! PLEASE keep your child home IF...
 - * They have a fever
 - * They cannot stop coughing
 - * Their nose keeps running or very congested
 - * They have tested positive for anything.

As always, keep students' home if they have thrown up or had diarrhea in the last 24 hours. See attached document on PSD guidelines: [When to keep your child home.pdf](#)

The Mwebaza Foundation - Languages and cultures in our partner schools.

In Uganda, there are 56 tribes in a country that is the size of the state of Colorado. There are over 41 spoken languages in Uganda, which represent all the diversity of cultures and people. Similar to the diversity within the United States.

When Uganda was colonized by the British they were told that they had to learn to speak, read and write in English. British rule lasted for almost 70 years. When Uganda won back their independence in 1962 they continued to follow some of the practices that were started during colonization.

Today, in most schools students learn English and their native language. Many students are fluent in at least 2 languages and often more. The students in 3 of the partner schools we work with learn English and Luganda. And in our northern school near the town of Gulu, they learn English and Acholi.

The indigenous tribes in Uganda have traditional music, dance, and art. These important and diverse practices continue to be a big part of their lives.

Things to do:

1. Rocky Mountain High School Trick or Treat Street. October 26. See flyer [Trick or treat RMHS.pdf](#)
2. A new session of Lego Club will begin Nov. 1. See flyer for more information [Lego minecraft 22.pdf](#)