

Important dates

December 6- New kindergarten information night 6:00- 7:30

December 7 2023-2024 Kindergarten registration day

December 12- BCO Meeting at 7:00 PM

December 22- Start of Winter Break- No School

January 3- Return to school

Monthly newsletter for November: [November Monthly.pdf](#)

Reminders

- PSD's School of Choice application process is currently open! If you will be attending a school that is **NOT** your neighborhood school next year, you need to apply. This would be only for families not attending Bennett next year OR current families who have siblings that will be **attending Bennett for the first time next year**.
- We have many volunteer registrations that have expired or will expire in the next few weeks. If you are a registered volunteer, you will get an email from **Raptor Technologies** when your registration needs renewed. Check your Spam folder. Please don't forget to renew your registration so you can continue to volunteer!
- We go outside for recess anytime the temperature is at least 10 degrees! Make sure your children have the appropriate clothing so they can stay warm. Labeled with their names is always a good idea.
- Please make sure the office has your correct email and phone numbers. During inclement weather, the district will notify parents of closures via email and phone calls. Here is the link to the PSD procedures on closures:
<https://www.psdschools.org/schools/safety-and-emergencies/inclement-weather-procedures>

Principal Note

Hello Bennett Families,

I hope you are doing well. We have received a lot of questions about our cold weather procedures so I thought I would review them for you this week. We go outside as long as the weather is above 10 degrees. We go by the “feels like” temperature, so if it is above 10 but “feels like” anything below we do indoor recess. To that end, please make sure that your child is dressed for the weather! For the little ones, we do try to make sure they don’t go out into the snow if they aren’t in proper attire. For the older kids, we tell them but expect them to self monitor. Also, let us know if you are missing any of that winter gear because our lost and found is full! Stay well!

Winter Spirit Week: December 19-21st

Monday: Deck the Halls Day: Wear Festive colors

Tuesday: Peppermint Day: Wear Stripes

Wednesday: Twas the night before Winter Break: Wear Pajamas

[Winter spirit week flyer.jpg](#)

BCO

Hello Bennett Families!

We hope everyone has a great and relaxing break. Thank you to everyone who helped support the Scholastic Book Fair. It is always heartwarming to see how much the students enjoy the book fair and to see their big smiles when looking at all the different books the fair has to offer. We finished very strong and with the fundraising, Bennett will be able to continue to build their library and help the students work on their reading skills and other learning possibilities. The next BCO meeting is Monday, December 12th at Bennett Library starting at 7 pm. We will have an online link so anyone can attend virtually as well. Enjoy the snow and stay warm!

Wishing everyone a wonderful day,

Jessie Gibson-Raschen, BCO President

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Support Students Experiencing Homelessness

The number of PSD families and youth experiencing homelessness has risen by 10% since last year, and their needs have risen exponentially. Currently, **one out of every 27 students is experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity in our district.** Students experiencing homelessness encounter many barriers to their education. The department of Language, Culture, and Equity works to help youth and families overcome these barriers, including transportation, access to extracurricular activities, before and after-school care, and meeting basic needs. We do this along with case-management to help them reach independence.

Your generous donation allows the Language, Culture and Equity Department to support these students and families with personal items, temporary shelter, provisions, clothing, etc. The need has never been greater.

Please help us reach our goal of raising \$40,000 to support PSD students and families facing housing insecurity and homelessness.

*All donations are tax deductible and an automated email will provide you with your tax receipt.

<https://schoolpay.com/pay/for/Support-for-Students-Experiencing-Homele/SPrfYG>

Health Office

1. If your child has borrowed clothes from the health office please return them.
2. Also, if you have any extra sweatpants laying around, sizes 6-10, we could use them!
3. The December 2022 issue of the Healthy Kids Connection is available on the Healthy Kids Club website in both English and Spanish. This issue features information on the 5210+ Healthy Kids Challenge coming to registered schools in February and ways to incorporate the 5210+ healthy habits into holiday traditions and Every Day! Go to healthykidsclub.org to read/download the Healthy Kids Connection.

What's Happening at our Partner Schools in Uganda

The Mwebaza Foundation is working with their Ugandan partner schools to establish social enterprises. This project supports our goals of self sufficiency, sustainability and quality education.

What is a social enterprise? It is a small business cooperative comprised of community members working together to meet a shared goal.

At Mwebaza's partner schools, community members are working with the schools to establish different small businesses that will provide income for participants and the school, decreasing the school's reliance on tuition and lessening the financial burden on families.

A beekeeping social enterprise just got started last week at our partner school in Gulu. A community member donated their land and other members worked together to get the logs ready. The beehives are inside these logs. The bees will colonize and eventually produce honey that will be sold in local markets.

Things to do:

Basketball camp [FCHS Basketball Flyer.pdf](#)

Lego [Lego January.pdf](#)

Drama [Creative Drama @Bennett Ele. Spring.pdf](#)

Yoga [Yoga @Bennett Ele. Spring.pdf](#)

Chess [Bennett Elementary Chess.pdf](#)

Helpful links

Bennett website: <https://ben.psdschools.org/>

PSD website: <https://www.psdschools.org/>

BCO website: <https://sites.google.com/view/bennett-community-organization/home>