

Important dates

February 10- Bike to school day

February 13- BCO meeting 7:00 pm

February 20 No School

February 24- Sock Hop 6:30-8:30

Looking ahead

March 13- 17- Spring break

CMAS testing- April 3-14 Grades 3-5 Math and language arts

April 17-20 Grade 5 science

Reminders

- Kindergarten registration for the 2023-2024 school year is open and ongoing.
- School of choice second consideration opened February
 1. <https://www.psdschools.org/schools/school-registration>
- It is helpful if your child's belongings have their name on it. Our lost and found continues to grow!
- The earliest students can be dropped off in the morning is 8:30. They need to go to the cafeteria for breakfast.

From the principal

Hi Bennett Families,

February has arrived! With it comes one of our long standing traditions that we haven't had for the past few years; the Sock Hop! Our wonderful BCO is bringing back this beloved event on Friday, February 24th. It is a fun time for students and families to come hang out together at Bennett and do fun activities related to our 50's theme. Think hula hoops, music and dancing. I hope you will be able to make it and look for more information to come in our newsletters or from BCO directly. Have a wonderful weekend.

5210+ Challenge

The Healthy Kids 5210+ Challenge is a month-long program during February to encourage students, school staff and families to learn and practice the 5210+healthy habits. The goal is to get 5 fruits and vegetables, no more than 2 hours of recreational screen time, 1 hour or more of physical activity, 0 sugary drinks and 9 or more hours of sleep... EVERY DAY! Research shows that good nutrition, daily activity and healthy sleep leads to better concentration, increased attention, improved memory, better moods, less fatigue and improved brain function. Logs will come home in Thursday Folders. Students and staff participants with a minimum of 80 checks on their logs will receive a Challenge T-shirt. Schools with the highest percentage of participation can earn cash for the PE department! For more information or links to the logs visit the UHealth website. <https://www.uhealth.org/services/community-health/healthy-kids/5210-school-challenge/>

BCO

Hello Bennett Families from BCO!!

BCO is very excited to announce that the **SOCK HOP** is back this year. It is such a fun night with a DJ, photo booth, cake walk, and a game room. The Sock Hop will be Friday, February 24th at Bennett from 6:30-8:30. This is a very fun night for the kids and the adults so mark your calendar.

Friday, February 10th is Bike to Work (or wherever) day. BCO is hosting a booth that will have breakfast at Bennett for all families and staff to enjoy. We are collecting donations for breakfast items. Please take a look and consider donating. You can also sign up to staff the breakfast station.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090544aca62aa7fe3-bike?fbclid=IwAR3eKtGU9ETxAyQ1gwNJGwRRO6yy3DGu7ZadNAUrCFJhvrRvTOeUIHKxs#/>

The next BCO meeting is Monday, February, 13th at 7:00 pm at Bennett. We will have a zoom link as well if you want to join virtually. Mr. Zappa, Blevins Principle will be at the meeting to talk about Blevins, changes to Blevins, and answer any questions families have about Blevins. Children are welcome to come to all BCO meetings. Please stop by starting at 6:30 pm that night to enjoy some yummy food before the meeting. We look forward to seeing everyone.

SAVE THE DATE! THE SOCK HOP IS BACK!

Date and time: February 24th from 6:30-8:30

Cost: \$1 entry for each kid and adult

Tickets: Tickets will be used to play games, do the cake walk and buy snacks. They are \$0.50 each.

There will be a DJ, a Cake Walk, a Game Room and more!

Other details:

- We need volunteers to help run the event!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090544aca62aa7fe3-sock#/>

- We need cake donations for the cake walk! Homemade or store bought cakes can be dropped off between 8am-4pm on the Friday of the event. **Donate a cake for the cake walk and you get one free entry!**
- This is not a drop off event. Students and alumni cannot be dropped off, they must enter with an adult and have parent supervision the entire time.
- You are welcome to dress up if you wish, or not. Totally up to you!
- Parents, please do not let your students run in the halls!
- **This is a CASH ONLY event.**

What's Happening at Our Partner Schools in Uganda!

This month all the students are on winter break. School will start up again for the new year on February 6th. Many of the teachers are back at school getting their classrooms ready to greet the new students!

Last week all staff members from two of our partner schools, St. Paul Primary School and Mwebaza Annex Primary School, got together for a three day teacher workshop. Both schools are similar in the grade levels they teach and also the amount of students they have. They worked together on new creative ideas for engaging students, meeting needs of all students and plans for adding a new grade level at each school. They also discussed ways to better engage community members in school activities. Staff members from both schools worked together on creating their annual school budgets and reviewing and revising their social enterprise projects. It was exciting for all of them to share ideas, learn from each other and develop on-going relationships that will benefit both schools throughout the school year.

This week, Mbogo Umar, the computer teacher at our three southern partner schools traveled to Parents' Junior School in Gulu to spend the week working with the staff on mastering their computer skills. Parents' Junior does not have a computer lab yet, but they do have four donated chromebooks and are excited to increase their computer skill knowledge. This week they are working on using their emails to communicate and send attachments. They are also working on ways to use google documents and spreadsheets to make record keeping more efficient. Being able to keep all information about their student's attendance and progress together with lesson plans in one place will increase the efficiency of their time each day. The seven teachers also are excited to be able to explore the internet together looking for new teaching ideas and strategies to meet the needs of all students.

Things to do:

- Rocky Mountain High School Baseball camp: February 25 [Rocky Baseball Youth Camp Flyer \(1\).pdf](#)
- **TEDxMountainAve:** Tickets go on sale mid-February for the live event on Thursday, March 30, at Poudre High School, 201 Impala Drive, Fort Collins. This event is free for PSD students and \$10 for general admission. Speaker presentations begin at 5:15 p.m. Following the presentations, a reception will also be held where attendees can continue conversations inspired by the talks, meet the speakers, and talk with the leadership team. Complementary light refreshments will be provided. Visit <https://www.psdschools.org/news/TEDx-2023-speakers> to read more about this event and learn about the guest speakers.

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>

BCO email: bennettcommorg@gmail.com