### **Important dates**

March 13-17 Spring Break- No School

March 20- BCO meeting

## Reminders

- No school next week, it is Spring Break!!
- To volunteer in Poudre School District you need to register. You can do that here: <u>https://www.psdschools.org/community/volunteers</u> Raptor Technology is the name of the company we use as our volunteer system. You will receive emails from them about your registration.
- If your child has borrowed clothes from the health office, please lauder and return to school.

# **Principal Note**

Hi Families,

I hope you are doing well. Hopefully you are able to get some good family time in over Spring Break next week. Thank you so much to all of you who volunteered at the Book Fair. We really appreciate you! Also, thank you to everyone who came to the Book Fair as customers. We appreciate your support. If you were unable to make it, but would like to help our school, please contact me or your child's teacher to ask for ways to volunteer. We have so many needs from clerical work to reading with kids to working at events. We even might have things you can do at home! Of course we do understand that some of you just don't have any free time and please know we are just happy that you get your kids to school everyday! Enjoy your Spring Break!

### **BCO News**

Hello from BCO!

Who is ready for Spring Break? Can not believe how fast this school year has been. It has been so nice to see all the students and families at our events this year.

Our next BCO meeting is Monday, March 20th at 7 pm at Bennett Elementary. Here is our virtual link if you would like to join virtually. <u>meet.google.com/wrt-jbek-qvs</u> Kids are welcome and we will have snacks for everyone to enjoy and activities for the kids. We hope to see you at the meeting.

#### **Clothes/pants for the health office**

If you have any extra size 4-6 boys pants or sweat pants, the health office would love to take them off your hands! We like to have clothes on hand for when students get wet or have a toileting accident.

### CMAS letter to 3,4 and 5<sup>th</sup> grades

Hi Bennett Families!

Spring is coming, and along with anticipating nicer weather and Spring Break, we are also starting to gear up for CMAS testing in grades 3 - 5.

For 2023, Bennett's main testing sessions will be **April 4**<sup>th</sup> – **April 6**<sup>th</sup> (Math) and **April 11**<sup>th</sup> – **13**<sup>th</sup> (English Language Arts). 5<sup>th</sup> grade (only) will also test in Science from **April 18**<sup>th</sup> – **20**<sup>th</sup>. Makeups sessions for absent students will be scheduled as needed, and may continue through **April 28**<sup>th</sup>.

Here are the times we have set aside to complete the testing, although please know the tests aren't as long as the times we have blocked off.

3<sup>rd</sup> grade block: 12:45-3:00

4<sup>th</sup> grade block: 10:00-12:15

5<sup>th</sup> grade block: 9:00-11:15

<u>Please don't feel that testing will be the only thing happening in your child's classroom those</u> <u>days!</u> The majority of your child's day will be spent as normal, including specials, recess, lunch, most academic subjects, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Exhibition.

We appreciate you planning appointments and absences around testing times whenever possible. It is better for students to be able to test with their classes, but we obviously understand if there is an unavoidable scheduling conflict or illness. When we begin testing on a given day, students cannot stop their test and then go back to finish it another time. Also, if they are late, they won't be able to begin the test with their class. They will have to take that particular session on a makeup day.

We have been introducing the processes and tools the students will be using on the computerbased tests this year, so they are comfortable physically, mentally, and emotionally before starting. We at Bennett feel that this time should be as low stress as possible, so we try not to overemphasize these tests. We know our students are extraordinary, and we treat this as just another opportunity to prove it!

If there are any changes to the CMAS schedule we will let you know as soon as possible. Otherwise, if you have any questions, please contact us. Thanks for helping your child demonstrate the remarkable learning that happens every day at Bennett Elementary, an IB World School!

### Yearbook cover contest

ATTN: Bennett Bronco Artists!!!

Design a custom cover for our yearbook this year!

Please drop off your entry by Wednesday, March 22nd to the front office with this completed form. All entries must include the following: Name, Grade, Teacher

Instructions:

· Use markers or colored pencils and make sure your colors are bold

• Submit on 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of white paper vertical orientation

Entry must include:

o Theme: Up to you! You tell us what represents Bennett during 2022-2023.

o Benny or the Bennett logo (which may be traced or freehand)

o Name: Bennett Elementary, an IB World School

o The Year: 2022-2023

Submit by March 22nd . The First Place Winners Artwork Will Appear on the cover of the 2022-2023 Yearbook.

ALL Students Invited to Participate. Teachers & Students Will Vote to Decide the Winner!

### Things to do:

- Spring chess club- Starts March 20 Spring Chess flyer.pdf
- Yoga @ Bennett- Starts March 21 Yoga @Bennett March.pdf
- Creative Drama @ Bennett- Starts March 23 <u>Creative Drama @Bennett March.pdf</u>
- Spring Lego Club- Starts March 21 Lego March.pdf

<u>Helpful links</u>

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

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

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

BCO email: <u>bennettcommorg@gmail.com</u>

970-488-4751- Attendance line