

## Important dates

Thanksgiving Break November 25-27

Winter Break December 21- January 1

Teacher work day Monday January 4

## New Elementary Report Card

PSD is excited to announce that we have updated our elementary report cards. The new report cards provide additional consistency among schools and across grade levels. They are also updated to better align with the academic and personal development skills contained within our Colorado standards. Families will receive report cards at the end of each semester in both January and June.

## PSD Turkey round up

Turkey Roundup Day is Thursday, November 19th!

Take your FROZEN turkeys on November 19<sup>th</sup>, to the old Kmart parking lot on the corner of College and Drake, 2523 S. College Ave. Frozen turkeys will be accepted starting at 7:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m.

The Food Bank staff will receive & count any turkey that comes from any PSD school, individual or group basis and report this information back.

*More than 2,500 turkeys are needed for holiday food baskets. Each year the Food Bank provides services to over 40,000 residents of Larimer County, many of them are PSD students*

## BCO News

Happy Chicken Soup for the Soul Day from the Bennett Community Organization! Your PTO, the BCO! I am Eric, your BCO Co-President. Time to curl up with a fresh book from the Scholastic Book Fair, and a cup of chicken soup!

Thank you to everyone who attended the BCO meeting on Monday night! If you missed the presentation, here is a link to the slides:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1bMbwVzBtcA0ICVLFSEyWyrEPuN3XVg-N?usp=sharing>

Our first virtual SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR is happening right now! The book fair will run through November 12th. Orders will ship directly to your house, and orders over \$25 receive free shipping! Who is this Harry Potter kid? What is that llama doing in the red pajamas? Why are people asking the unicorn to go away? Visit the book fair for these classics and more!  
<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/bennetelementaryib>

The ORIGINAL WORKS fundraiser ends on Sunday! This program allows for student artwork to be printed on a variety of products, and this year with the products being shipped directly to your home, it can make shopping for the holidays a little easier. A percentage of the proceeds go directly back to Bennett, making it an easy way to support the school and our students! Orders are due by November 15th, 2020. Please check Bennett's social media accounts, or the email from the Bennett Office on November 4th for ordering information.

As a reminder, we're still selling SPIRIT GEAR and BENNETT MASKS!

SPIRIT GEAR is available! Check out <https://app.printyourcause.com/campaigns/BennettElementary> for available options. A portion of each sale comes directly back to the BCO to help support your students!

BENNETT MASKS! The BCO is selling custom masks handmade by a Bennett family! They will be duckbill style and have two layers of 100% cotton fabric with adjustable straps. The masks cost \$8.00 each and come in four sizes: Kids ages 3-6 and 7-12, adult small and large. Order forms have been sent home in Wednesday/Thursday folders, and payment can be made by cash, check, or through <https://www.schoolpay.com/link/BennettMasksFundraiser2020-21>.

Please contact us if you have any questions about the fundraisers listed above! Thank you for supporting the BCO and Bennett Elementary!

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## Shout out to parents!

Thank you for making our after school pick up go so smoothly!! Remembering car numbers, pulling forward and using the crosswalks help the process operate efficiently. We realize this was a new way to get the students picked up, and we really appreciate your help and cooperation as we worked through it!!

## Counseling Corner

**Schooling at Home Series: Family Social and Emotional Health: November 19 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm FREE**

How is your family rolling with the ups and downs of schooling at home? Do you have family breaks? Do you have game nights or do you all run in separate directions after a day of working and learning at home?

Tune in for an informational Zoom webinar with a Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) who is an expert in the fields of infant mental health, early childhood mental health, and children and family therapy. We invite you to stay on from 7:30-8:00 where you can enter questions into the chat.

Links to helpful handouts will be made available in both English and Spanish at the time of the presentation. Please click on this link to join – [Zoom – Family Social and Emotional Health](#).

*Presented by Poudre River Public Library District. For more information about this event and additional Library programs please visit <https://poudrelibraries.evanced.info/signup>.*

<https://fcmmod.org/event/schooling-at-home-series-family-social-and-emotional-health/>

## Health Office

Here is an excerpt from the PSD Nov. 3 update that explains the process PSD and LCDHE uses when there is a Covid case at a school. The full update can be found here: <https://www.psdschools.org/News/Nov3COVIDUpdate>

## **PSD, LCDHE response to cases**

*As we're made aware of cases, PSD staff consult with LCDHE about the appropriate response. Each case presents different factors. Responses can range from a determination of no possible exposure, to student and staff shifting to remote education for a case assessment while LCDHE and PSD staff identify close contacts, to close contacts quarantining once identified.*

*Like other districts, PSD has been shifting dozens of students and staff with possible exposure to remote education during an Initial Assessment Period. These four-day periods cover the hours, and sometimes days, it takes LCDHE and PSD response teams to identify close contacts.*

*LCDHE has two contact tracers assigned to PSD who are working nights and weekends to support PSD investigations. LCDHE can't feasibly devote its entire contact tracing efforts to PSD alone – nor should they have to. LCDHE is hiring 10 more contact tracers and we have been making internal adjustments to increase the district's capacity to investigate cases, but it will take time for all those resources to come online and lessen strains on both organizations.*

*Although critical, shifting to remote for assessments disrupts teaching and learning.*

*LCDHE officials believe our protocols and quick shifts to remote education for investigations have helped minimize outbreaks. They say they are NOT seeing communitywide spread (from students to students, or staff to students) in schools across the county or at the state level. That said, our goal is to create a situation that is sustainable.*

Thank you for your support in keeping your children home if they are feeling ill. It keeps everyone safe and healthy when you do!

PSD Covid information links. These websites are updated with current information.

<https://www.psdschools.org/psd2020-21/healthsafety>

<https://www.psdschools.org/psd2020-21/COVID19schoolstatus>