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## A Message from PSD



Dear PSD families,

PSD is a learning organization, and we believe students and staff are at their best when schools are open to in-person learning. Our schools play an essential role in the community, and our students count on them for opportunities to learn, grow and build important relationships. Since COVID-19 began affecting our community in March, we have closely monitored both in-district and community data, and we have learned that the virus has lower case prevalence and transmission rates among school-aged children. For those reasons, our students will return to some form of in-person learning after winter break. Please see the January schedule listed below for more details.

**We believe the benefits of in-person learning are as follows:**

- Students and staff thrive on the relationships they build together. Positive relationships instill confidence in our students and those relationships are best cultivated and sustained through in-person interactions. These relationships also provide cues and evidence of progress for teachers that are best evaluated in person.
- Many students require additional help and guidance beyond traditional whole-group instruction. This type of support is best delivered when students are in the classroom.
- Virtual instruction makes the hands-on learning we value particularly difficult for primary-age students. Additionally, our youngest students lack independence to maximize their virtual learning opportunities.

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- In-person learning allows our students to develop and practice their social skills and peer interactions. When students are isolated, it is more challenging for schools to identify individual student needs.
- Although our talented staff have been supporting students' mental health throughout the pandemic, they are better able to meet their needs in school.
- In-person learning each day provides our families with predictability and consistency in their daily schedules.

### Other key information:

**Meals:** The district will provide free meals to PSD students (Pre-K-12) through the end of the 2020-21 school year. [PSD Meals During 2020-21 web page >>](#)

- All current PSD meal programs will continue at schools/kitchens as they are now in Phase 1-3.
- Elementary school kitchens will transition to only serving students who are in-person when schools move to Phase 4.
- Secondary sites serving meals now to any PSD students will still do so in Phases 2-3.
- Mobile meal sites will continue in January as they are now.



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## A Message from PSD, continued...

**Transportation Services** is adapting ridership plans to align with the new phases by grade level after winter break. PSD will bus students for whom transportation is legally required, as well as many of whom applied and were approved for busing this school year. There is no busing for school of choice students. [Transportation web page >>](#)

- o The weeks of Jan. 5 and 11 for PreK-5 students
- o The weeks of Jan. 5 and 11 for 6-8 students

The weeks of Jan. 5, 11 and 18 for 9-12 students Those who were bused in Phase 1 and Phase 3 are not guaranteed transportation as phases change by grade level after winter break. Busing is guaranteed for students for whom transportation is legally required (i.e. those with Individualized Transportation Plans (ITP) and some foster students). As additional available seats are identified, Transportation Services will notify PreK-5 families if their students receive bussing around Jan. 8. We anticipate that Transportation will continue to add riders through February.

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**Bennett Elementary School**

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*January 2021 plan*

- **No school Jan. 4** due to a scheduled workday.
- **Preschool:** Home visits are scheduled for Jan. 4.
  - Jan. 5-7 preschool will be in A/B hybrid model, with A-group students attending Wednesday; and B-group students attending Tuesday and Thursday.
  - Jan. 11-14 preschool will be in A/B hybrid model.
  - Beginning Jan. 19, preschool will be four days a week for all students; no school on Fridays.
- **All K-8 students** in Phase 1 Remote Learning Jan. 5-15.
- **No school Jan. 18** for all grade levels Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- **K-5 students**, starting Jan. 19, will go to school five days a week in Phase 4 following health protocols.
- **6-8 students** are in Phase 3 hybrid learning Jan. 18-29
  - B-group students are in-person Jan. 19 and 21; A-group students on Jan. 20 and 22.
  - A-group students are in school Jan. 25 and 27; B-group students on Jan. 26 and 28. Both groups are remote Jan. 29.
- **PSD's four comprehensive high schools** (Rocky Mountain, Poudre, Fossil Ridge, Fort Collins):
  - In Phase 1 Remote Learning Jan. 5-22. Move to Phase 2 on Jan. 25 with A-group students in school Mondays, B-group in school Tuesdays and then all students remote Wednesdays-Fridays.

**We will communicate to families about plans for February and beyond as soon as possible.**

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Remote learning will take place after winter break for a couple reasons: First, we want to monitor community health conditions to see if there is a surge in COVID-19 cases after the holidays. The staggered return also helps us to gauge the impact of a return to schools without bringing all students back full-time. Additionally, staff need time to prepare buildings and materials for in-person learning.



Our plan is to maintain in-person learning for the rest of the school year, strategically closing schools or classrooms to control the spread of COVID-19 rather than implementing widespread shifts to remote education. It is also incumbent upon us to assess the community-wide spread's effect on our ability to deliver education, maintain operations safely and respond to cases.

Health and safety protocols will look like those in place during Phase 3 hybrid learning. [Health and Safety in 2020-21 >>](#)

Remember, every person has a responsibility to keep others in our communities as safe as possible and stop the spread of COVID-19. You can help PSD Keep Schools Open by wearing a face covering, watching your distance and washing your hands.

Thank you for your continued support of PSD, as we work through this challenging school year together.



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## Lunch Menu

January 2021

Bennett Remote Site  
Lunch

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				<b>1</b> 
<b>4</b> 	<b>5</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Homemade Chili with Goldfish Crackers</li> <li>• Yogurt Parfait</li> <li>• Applesauce &amp; Fruit Cup or Substitute</li> <li>• Carrots &amp; Celery Sticks, or Substitute</li> <li>• Chocolate Milk</li> </ul>	<b>6</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chicken Burrito</li> <li>• Turkey &amp; Cheese Sandwich</li> <li>• Fresh Berries, or Substitute</li> <li>• Fresh Broccoli, or Substitute</li> <li>• Chocolate Milk</li> </ul>	<b>7</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mac &amp; Cheese</li> <li>• Pb&amp;J Sandwich</li> <li>• Fresh Pear</li> <li>• Cherry Tomatoes &amp; Cucumber Slices or Substitute</li> <li>• Chocolate Milk</li> </ul>	<b>8</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chicken Drumsticks</li> <li>• Pb&amp;J Sandwich</li> <li>• Whole Fruit, or Substitute</li> <li>• Salad with dressing</li> <li>• Chocolate Milk</li> </ul>
<b>11</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheese Pizza</li> <li>• Pb&amp;J Sandwich</li> <li>• Fresh Berries, or Substitute</li> <li>• Carrots &amp; Celery Sticks, or Substitute</li> <li>• Chocolate Milk</li> </ul>	<b>12</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chicken Patty Sandwich</li> <li>• Turkey Club Wrap</li> <li>• Whole Fruit, or Substitute</li> <li>• Snap Peas &amp; Red Bell Peppers, or Substitute</li> <li>• Chocolate Milk</li> </ul>	<b>13</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheeseburger</li> <li>• Yogurt Parfait</li> <li>• Fresh Pear</li> <li>• Cherry Tomatoes &amp; Cucumber Slices or Substitute</li> <li>• Chocolate Milk</li> </ul>	<b>14</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheese Calzone &amp; Marinara</li> <li>• Turkey &amp; Cheese Sandwich</li> <li>• Grapes</li> <li>• Salad with dressing</li> <li>• Chocolate Milk</li> </ul>	<b>15</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spicy Chicken Sandwich</li> <li>• Pb&amp;J Sandwich</li> <li>• Whole Fruit, or Substitute</li> <li>• Fresh Broccoli, or Substitute</li> <li>• Chocolate Milk</li> </ul>
<b>18</b> 	<b>19</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rotini &amp; Meatballs</li> <li>• Chef Salad</li> <li>• Applesauce &amp; Fruit Cup or Substitute</li> <li>• Carrots &amp; Cucumbers Slices, or Substitute</li> <li>• Chocolate Milk</li> </ul>	<b>20</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mac &amp; Cheese</li> <li>• Chicken Caesar Wrap</li> <li>• Fresh Berries, or Substitute</li> <li>• Fresh Broccoli, or Substitute</li> <li>• Chocolate Milk</li> </ul>	<b>21</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chicken Burrito</li> <li>• Pb&amp;J Sandwich</li> <li>• Fresh Pear</li> <li>• Cherry Tomatoes &amp; Celery Sticks or Substitute</li> <li>• Chocolate Milk</li> </ul>	<b>22</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Honey Sriracha Boneless Wings</li> <li>• Pb&amp;J Sandwich</li> <li>• Whole Fruit, or Substitute</li> <li>• Salad with dressing</li> <li>• Chocolate Milk</li> </ul>
<b>25</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheese Calzone &amp; Marinara</li> <li>• Chef Salad</li> <li>• Applesauce &amp; Fruit Cup or Substitute</li> <li>• Carrots &amp; Celery Sticks, or Substitute</li> <li>• Chocolate Milk</li> </ul>	<b>26</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheese Pizza</li> <li>• Chicken Caesar Wrap</li> <li>• Fresh Berries, or Substitute</li> <li>• Snap Peas &amp; Red Bell Peppers, or Substitute</li> <li>• Chocolate Milk</li> </ul>	<b>27</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chicken Patty Sandwich</li> <li>• Pb&amp;J Sandwich</li> <li>• Fresh Pear</li> <li>• Cherry Tomatoes &amp; Celery Sticks or Substitute</li> <li>• Chocolate Milk</li> </ul>	<b>28</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheeseburger</li> <li>• Cold Deli Yogurt with Goldfish</li> <li>• Grapes</li> <li>• Salad with dressing</li> <li>• Chocolate Milk</li> </ul>	<b>29</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spicy Chicken Sandwich</li> <li>• Pb&amp;J Sandwich</li> <li>• Whole Fruit, or Substitute</li> <li>• Fresh Broccoli, or Substitute</li> <li>• Chocolate Milk</li> </ul>

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