

Important dates

Spirit Week- April 26-30 see flyer for detail

International Day- Thursday April 30

Reminders

- 5th graders going into 6th grade, will need a Tdap booster shot.
- If students are out sick, they should be symptom free for 24 hours, before returning to school, per PSD protocols.
- We are still collecting Morning Fresh bottle caps! If you or your neighbors get milk delivered, turn them to the office.

Principal Note

On Friday, April 30th, we will be celebrating International Day, one of our beloved Bennett traditions. Through the process of watching presentations from people who are from or who have travelled to other countries, students and teachers together make discoveries and learn about diversity in the world. While we want to always honor each other, international day gives us a special time to acknowledge and celebrate our differences as well as foster the part of the IB mission statement which says “The IB aims to develop inquiring knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.” We recognize that this day identifies the more obvious cultural differences such as foods, holidays, arts, and clothing — differences that are clearly visible. We hope it serves as a way to begin fostering knowledge about other cultures, traditions and languages, which helps to build a more equitable and multicultural society, as well as help our students become an “internationally minded community of learners who work to make a difference in our world”. As always, students are invited (if they wish) to wear traditional clothing that represents their culture or a culture that is important to them. We hope our Broncos will enjoy this special day!

Caring themed Spirit week

Monday 4/26- Wear green for gratitude.

Say thank you to 3 different people.

Tuesday 4/27- Wear orange for helpful.

Help a teacher, classmate or family member.

Wednesday 4/28- Wear blue for encouragement.

Give someone a compliment.

Thursday 4/29- Wear yellow for positivity.

Do something kind for someone else.

Friday 4/30- Wear red for self love **or** to celebrate International Day- dress in a traditional outfit that represents something important to you.

End of year conferences

Conferences will be held the week of May 10. You should be receiving a link to a Sign up Genius from your teachers today. You can also sign up to meet with any or all of the specials teachers. Their links are here:

Music- Mrs. Hallenbeck

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4da8ac28a6f49-music1>

Spanish- Mrs. Gibbs

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4fadab28a4fd0-spanish1>

PE- Mr. Bray

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b44aea92ca1f58-pespring>

Tech Tips for a Successful Parent-Teacher Conference on Google Meet:

Be on the lookout for specific times, details, and links from your teacher about upcoming student conferences on Google Meet! This year's conferences will be held remotely, so to ensure the most successful conference, please keep these tips in mind while planning how you will meet with your teacher. While we've all learned and adapted to

our remote world, there are some things that may work differently than you might expect due to how schools need to address privacy laws. Thanks for your support and understanding throughout this year - we've almost made it through!

1. We suggest using a laptop or desktop with a webcam if possible. Mobile devices and dialing in will work as well, but are more limiting.
2. A microphone is necessary for back and forth communication; and a camera is suggested for a more personal meeting.
3. On a desktop or laptop, we recommend using [Google Chrome](#) to access the Meet to avoid problems with compatibility.
4. If you are using a mobile device (smartphone or tablet), the device may require you to download Google Meet before allowing you to join. Downloading the app prior to the conference will ensure you will have the full scheduled time to talk about your child's progress.
5. Because PSD uses Google Workspace for Education which has enhanced privacy restrictions, **you will be asked to sign on to a Google account when logging on to the Meet**. Google for Education does not allow a person to be admitted anonymously like other versions of Google Meet. You may use your own personal Google account, or your child's PSD Google account for this Meet. Please wait patiently to be admitted in order to give time for the previous conference to be completed. If you need your child's PSD login information, please contact your classroom teacher so they can send you your child's username and password.
6. If you have technology concerns before the conference, feel free to contact your classroom teacher or email Mr. Woolner (kwoolner@psdschools.org).

Yearbook orders

It is Yearbook Time! The 2020-2021 *Yearbook* is a 32 page book filled with pictures of your classmates, teachers, the Bennett Staff and lots of memories.

The price is only **\$20.00 per yearbook**

All orders must be prepaid.

All orders will be online only at www.yearbookmarket.com

Yearbook will be delivered to Bennett at end of May.

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Enter Bennett Elementary in the search box which takes you to your school's book for purchase or scroll down to Bennett

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All orders due April 29th, 2021

BCO

Happy National Jelly Bean Day from the Bennett Community Organization! Your PTO, the BCO! I am Eric, your BCO Co-President. Did you know that during the Beatles first U.S. concert, fans threw jelly beans at the band? Another concert had to be stopped twice because the band was being pelted with jelly beans.

There are some big events coming as we prepare to round out the school year. International Day is on April 30th! I know that we have some great presentations lined up for the students!

During the week of May 3rd, staff appreciation events are planned! Please check out the links in this Bennett Thursday Note for ways that you can help support the staff!

Additionally, during the week of May 3rd, make-up Eco Week activities for the fifth graders will be held! More details will be revealed to the fifth graders soon! I know they will have an amazing time!

I have also been enjoying Mr. Kucza's lost and found segment of the Bennett Bronco Bulletin! "Bonjour! Don't know how to rap in French..." was one of my favorite lines this week. Thanks for the laugh Mr. Kucza!

Thank you! Have a great week!

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Teacher Appreciation

Greetings Broncos!!

Teachers Appreciation is less than two weeks away, May 3rd—7th. We still need your help showing our appreciation to the amazing Bennett staff for the very challenging year they have just crushed. We have some of the best teachers in Fort Collins. Let's show them what we think!

1) I know it's weird to send delivery instead of making something from your heart, but this is the way of the year. Please help us by signing up to bring something for our Tuesday Treats Pizza Delivery Luncheon.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084caaaa2fabfa7-pizza> ** Due to COVID restrictions, all food and drink items must be purchased and delivered in sealed containers. Pizzas need to be purchased for delivery to 1125 Bennett Road between 1045am-11:15am. Thank you!!!

2) Help your kids do something amazing for their teachers!! Click here for suggestions of things you and your kiddo can do each day of Teacher Appreciation Week to let your educators know how much they rock! Many of the themes echo events that the BCO is doing on those days as well. Help us by participating! Each day of Teacher Appreciation Week, we have come up with different small things you can do to show your teachers they rock:

- Maker Monday- make something from your heart
- Treats for Tuesday- sign up to bring something for the Pizza potluck, or bring your teacher a store bought treat
- Fill Their Bucket Wednesday- make a card, write a nice note (or two or three) or print and fill out the attached sheet and give it to your teacher Wednesday
- Flower Power Thursday- make or buy your teachers a flower or plant to thank them for helping you grow

· Supply Day Friday- help your teachers stock up for next year by bringing in needed supplies for next year, including copy paper, post it notes, dry erase markers, and Ziploc bags.

3) Help us gather donations!! We are trying to assemble 40 individual teacher donations as well as gift bags for all 65 Bennett staff members. I have written a generic donation letter and have PSD's tax free info letter. Please e-mail me at katmike.reeves@gmail.com and I will send them to you.

4) Donate to the teachers via School Pay! We know it's a weird year, and many people don't feel comfortable interacting face to face yet. We get it. You can still help!! Click this link to donate to Teacher Appreciation Week through your Bronco's School Pay account. <https://psdschools.schoolpay.com/link/BennettBCO> Monies will be used to purchase appreciation gifts for the teachers from local businesses. Remember, a little goes a long way. If one student in every class donated \$20, we would have almost enough money to buy a cool gift FOR EACH TEACHER!!

5) Keep being awesome! Parents, thank YOU for everything you have done to keep the ship sailing this year as well. Every one of you deserves some appreciation this Teacher Appreciation Week. Our teachers couldn't do what they do every day without your support and belief. Thank you!!

Bennett Community, y'all rock!! My sincere thanks to everyone who has reached out with a donation or a suggestion. Please contact me at (970)214-9907 or katmike.reeves@gmail.com if you have questions, if you have a donation that you need to drop off or need picked up, or if you just want to say hi.

ICYMI:

1. There are new guidelines from the state regarding vaccine exemptions. Starting with the 2021-2022 school year, you must now have a health care provider sign the exemption form. You can read more about it on the state's health department website: <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/vaccine-exemptions>
2. Following public health guidelines, PSD to allow voluntary shortened quarantines

PSD believes access to education is critical to student success. As allowed by [county](#) and state public health guidance, PSD staff and students can voluntarily end their quarantines early if they meet strict criteria and are approved by PSD COVID-19 Response Teams to do so. This goes into effect March 22 and is a change from PSD's previous protocols. Process information and criteria are available on the [PSD Protocols for COVID-19 web page >>](#)

Please note, the shortened quarantine is not available if an entire class has shifted to Remote Learning. Students may not "test back" into class early because the classroom will remain closed to all until a date communicated by the school.