

## Important dates

Monday October 11, 7:00 PM BCO Meeting-

Wednesday October 13, 6:00 PM Odyssey of the mind information meeting:

Thursday October 14, **No School - K-5 Teacher Conferences**

Friday October 15, **No School - K-12**

October 18-29 StamRead- (details sent home in Thursday Folders)

## Reminders

- If your child arrives at school after the bell rings at 8:50, the student needs to enter through the office. If your student is riding their bike, and they are late they will need to lock it on the rack in front of the staff parking lot because the gate will be locked.
- Children need to bring a properly fitting mask every day. We also ask, if possible, that they have an extra one in their backpack.
- Unless an entire class is receiving an invitation to a party, we ask that you do not distribute party invitations at school. This will help to prevent hurt feelings. This is from our Student handbook, which can be found here:  
<https://ben.psdschools.org/sites/ben/files/2021-06/Bennett%202021-2022%20Student%20Handbook.pdf>

## Principal Note

Hi families,

I just wanted to briefly tell you what the process is at school if we have a student who has a confirmed positive case of COVID-19. If a student in your child's class has a positive case, you will get a note from your child's teacher by email that will make you aware that there has been a case. You will get a note for every case that we get in your child's class. When there is a positive case, we must contact trace in the lunchroom as we are unable to be 6 feet apart and students are more than 15 minutes without a mask. During regular classroom time students are 3 feet apart and wearing their masks. We have seating charts for the lunchroom, so, if your child was a student who sits on either side or across from an infected student, they would be considered a close contact. In this case, you will receive an email from Bennett Office that we have identified your student as a close contact and one from the county Health Department detailing the quarantine requirements. (Please check your spam as a lot of the ones from the county are going to spam)!

If your child is quarantined for having COVID-19 or being a close contact, each grade level has a plan on how to provide your child with access to the new learning being taught as well as work to be completed while on quarantine. The teacher will reach out if you are quarantined. For more information, you can visit the district website and search for COVID-19 as they have all of the protocols that are followed at every school listed. Please let me know if you have any questions.

## **Specials (Music, Spanish, PE) Conference Sign up Genius links**

If you are interested in having a conference with any the specials teachers, below are the links to their Conference Sign Up Genius.

Mrs. Hallenbeck (Music, 5<sup>th</sup> grade and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade art)

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

Mrs. Gibbs (Spanish, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and Kindergarten art)

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

Mr. Bray (PE, 4<sup>th</sup> grade and 1<sup>st</sup> grade Art)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b44aea92ca1f58-pe2122>

## **Biking to School**

We have had several concerned neighbors report that students riding their bikes to and from school are not following the rules of the road. Riding in large groups and not stopping at stop signs are the biggest concerns. Please remind your students to follow the rules for the road. For bike safety tips you can visit: <https://www.fcgov.com/bicycling/rules>

## **Odyssey of the Mind**

What: Odyssey of the Mind - Informational meeting

When: Wednesday October 13 the 6:00-7:00pm

Who: Previous and new families interested in Odyssey of the Mind. Kids are welcome! Masks are mandatory.

For more information on what Odyssey of the Mind is, or how you can get involved, please visit the Bennett webpage: <https://ben.psdschools.org/activities/odyssey-mind>

## Poudre School District needs substitutes

Apply to Substitute in PSD!

Are you interested in gaining valuable work experience? Would you like a flexible schedule and the opportunity to make a difference?

Have you considered working for Poudre School District as a substitute?

We want to meet you!

For more information, pay scales, and an application link, visit:

<https://www.psdschools.org/careers/substitute-teachers>

Once your application has been processed, you will be invited to sign up for an orientation.

If you have questions about the process of becoming a substitute for PSD, please contact the substitute coordinator at: [subs@psdschools.org](mailto:subs@psdschools.org)

## BCO

Happy National LED Light Day from the Bennett Community Organization! Your PTO, the BCO! I am Eric, your BCO Co-President. Fun fact, the 'E' in LED does NOT stand for Eric. But, speaking of lights, here is a little bright spot to look forward to...

Please join us for this month's BCO Meeting on **Monday, October 11th at 7pm!** We will be discussing the upcoming Bronco StamREAD and the Scholastic Book Fair to be held in November. As a reminder, Eric is retiring as BCO Co-President in January. If you are looking for a fun volunteer opportunity, being BCO President might be the job for you! Tune into the meeting to learn more: [meet.google.com/xjq-soxf-toq](https://meet.google.com/xjq-soxf-toq)

The second annual Bronco StamREAD read-a-thon is almost here! In today's Thursday folder you will find papers to get your students registered. Be sure to hang onto the registration sheet as it contains a unique code for your student that will be used to log in and track their minutes read. We will begin registration, and collecting donations, on **Monday, October 11th**. The actual StamREAD will run from **October 18th through the 29th**.

The primary goal of the StamREAD is to encourage reading for our students. Bennett's reading goal is 20 minutes per student, per day, so the StamREAD should fit nicely into your student's lifestyles and learning. We have some fun events and prizes planned to support all of our readers and emerging readers! We are aiming to have the students collectively read for 100,000 minutes during the event. Twenty minutes a day per student adds up quickly!

The StamREAD will be our biggest fundraiser this school year with the fundraising goal to pay for Bennett's annual subscription to Renaissance Learning. Renaissance Learning is purchased for Bennett Elementary by the BCO and provides Accelerated Reader and STAR math programs to our students! In addition to paying for Renaissance Learning, we are always raising money to support the students and staff throughout the year. Do you have something specific in mind that we should use the raised money for? Please let us know!

We hope to see you on Monday!

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## Health Office

1. The date to have all vaccine records or exemptions, is November 1. As a reminder, exemptions **MUST** be done every year. There are new requirements for exemptions. Vaccination exemption form requirements:

Two ways to file a nonmedical exemption, certificates and online education module:

- a. File the Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption WITH a signature from an immunizing provider, OR
- b. File the Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption received upon the completion of our online education module [Downloadable certificates and online education module are available on the CDPHE website here.](#)

### **Vaccination Clinic**

Help keep your student safe and healthy for in-person learning this school year! Back-to-school vaccines will be available at no cost at the Larimer County Department of Health and Environment in Fort Collins for students who have Medicaid, health insurance that does not cover vaccines, and those who do not have health insurance. COVID-19 vaccines will also be available for anyone who is age 12 and older.

### **Families must have an appointment for their student.**

**Who:** Youth who have Medicaid, insurance that doesn't cover vaccinations, and those who do not have health insurance are eligible

**What:** No cost for immunizations

**When:** Saturdays, 10/9, 10/23, from 9am-3pm

**Where:** Larimer County Health-Fort Collins, 1525 Blue Spruce Dr, Fort Collins

**How:** Appointments only. Sign up here: <https://larimerhealth.secure.force.com/schoolVaccine>

**Students who have private health insurance should visit their healthcare provider or a local pharmacy for vaccines.**

## **Girls in the Spotlight**

Want to have a unique experience? Girls in the Spotlight offers seasonal programs to help girls find their voice. We focus on: • Communication • Connection • Creativity Enrichment Program

**3rd-5th graders Oct. 18 – Nov. 29\*, 6 weeks Mondays, 3:30-4:40pm Cost: \$125**

Strictly limited to 15 spaces! Girl to coach ratio 5:1

Build confidence and communication skills while exploring vocal range, movement, leadership principles, storytelling, public speaking, and creative writing.

Supply kits include t-shirt, journal & a COLORpocket. All girls will have an opportunity to present daily in a supportive girl-centric environment.

Register now via the website: <https://www.girlsinthespotlight.org/events/bennett-gitsl-club-fall>

## ICYMI

- When there is a change to your child's after school pick up plan, please let the teacher and the office know no later than 3:00 PM.
- If you are dropping your student off in the morning and they need breakfast, please have them here no later than 8:45.
- The immunization exclusion date is November 1. If you are new to Bennett, please submit your immunization record as soon as possible if you haven't already.
- Nationwide food shortages impact on PSD meals

The PSD Child Nutrition team works with local and regional vendors to ensure PSD's 25,000 students are served healthy and nutritious meals every day. Currently, unprecedented food shortages are affecting PSD and school districts nationwide. The Child Nutrition team is working closely with suppliers and the US Department of Agriculture to ensure every student who wants a meal, gets one.