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Important Dates

Spring Book Fair- March 7-11

Spring Break- March 14-18





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Hi Bennett Families,

I hope you had a wonderful month of February. It is so hard to believe that March is here and we are close to Spring Break. It has been so great getting to see so many more people's faces and smiles around. I am reacquainting myself with some students as it has been such a long time since I've seen their faces (if ever). I have a couple of things I was hoping you could support us with. One, we have been talking to the kids about not playing roughly or physically at recess. There are some games they invented which include grabbing or hugging each other. Many times, what starts as fun leads to rough housing which leads to anger. Also, we are trying to minimize the physical contact due to COVID. I would appreciate you talking to your students about this. On another note, please take care not to make U-turns in front of the school. There are signs posted for the non U-turn areas that identify most of Bennett Road. It is especially dangerous when people U-turn in the crosswalk area directly in front of the school. Thank you so much for your continued partnership! Please reach out if you have any questions. Happy Spring!





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TALKING TO SOMEONE CAN HELP.

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BCO News

Greetings, Broncos!



Happy Thursday! How has this month flown by so fast? The end of Feb. means that our next **BCO meeting** is just around the corner. We will be holding it on **March 7th at 7:00 PM**, the first Monday of the month, due to Spring Break. It will be virtual. Look for a link to join in the next newsletter. Hope to see you there!

Also, our **Spring Book Fair** will begin soon! Come support our school by buying books for your kids during the week of **March 7-11**. A portion of all sales goes back to our school and helps us update the books in our library. The Book Fair will be open before school, during lunches, and after school throughout that week. We will be needing volunteers to help with set up on Friday, March 4, take down on Friday the 11, and working the registers during the week. Keep your eyes peeled for a Sign Up Genius for your chance to volunteer. Thanks for helping to support our school either through purchasing books or volunteering your time! We appreciate you!!!

Have you heard about **International Day** - a day where Bennett celebrates our diversity by learning about the different cultures and places our Bennett families are from? Despite the challenges of this year, we didn't want to let this special day go. On the morning of *Friday April 29* we will be celebrating International day, and we need your help! Are you from another country or have you spent significant time abroad? Are you willing to either come in and present, or create a short 5-10 minute video to be viewed the morning of April 29? If so, we would LOVE to hear from you! Please email me, Lisa Verbsky - <u>lisa.verbsky@gmail.com</u>. I will then send you more information and a list of ideas for your presentation. Thank you for helping us keep this tradition alive!

Finally, some words of wisdom for today - "The sun will rise and set regardless. What we choose to do with the light while it's here is up to us." - Alexandra Elle

May you enjoy a peaceful week. Make it a great one!

Gratefully, Lisa Verbsky

<u>bennettcommorg+pres@gmail.com</u> (BCO related email, Bennett questions)

lisa.verbsky@gmail.com (favorite inspirational quotes)

Spectacular Specials: Music!

Kindergarten: In music we continue to explore comparatives: music can be loud and soft; music can have long and short sounds. Kindergarten has been very enthusiastic about being a risk-taker and singing solos in class. Coming soon are videos with some song demonstrations and a folk dance that we have been practicing in class.

1 st Grade: November and December were pivotal months; 1st graders are reading and tracking rhythmic notation that includes quarter notes and eighth notes! We have also been learning songs that are preparing first graders to read pitch on staff, starting with so and mi. The weather and snow has presented some fun creative movement activities. Favorite songs: Snowflakes, Lemonade, Cobbler Cobbler.

2 nd Grade: Second Graders have continued to work on mallet technique and practice of half notes on the xylophones/metallaphones/glockenspiels. We have also started preparing for a new pitch, the home note do. As an extension from reading so-mi-la melodies, we are working to be fluent in identifying notes that are a step and a skip apart on the staff. Favorite songs: Wake Up Sleepy Head, Sorida (Zimbabwe greeting song), Jack In The Box

3 rd Grade: Students are continuing their practice of reading notation of pentatonic songs (songs where the set is do, re, mi, so, and la). We have just begun to prepare the melodic pitch of low la! Most of Jan. and Feb. has been identifying notes in the musical alphabet on staff (ABCDEFG). We've been having fun with manipulatives and virtual videos to work on note identification fluency. Favorite songs: See the Rabbit, Old Brass Wagon, Wildcat.

4 th Grade and 5th Grade: Students are continuing to work on their mallet technique and practicing a new skill which is the crossover bordun. We are continuing to read notation with our most recently presented pitch fa. Just this week we've been putting together phrases of Frere Jacques (Are You Sleeping) on the pitched instruments. Favorite Songs: Chairs to Mend, Wishy Washy, Cut the Cake.

5 th Grade: Coming soon this spring....guitar unit!

MANY MANY thank you's go out to our student teacher, Ms. Megan Doyle! She has been our guest over the last seven weeks and we have been so thankful to share in our music making with her. Ms. Doyle has led some very creative lessons with our Bennett students that have included a variety of approaches through singing, movement, instruments, and play. We wish her the best as Ms. Doyle continues her final assignment with middle school band in JeffCo Schools.



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Art Update: Kindergarten and 3rd Grades

What an enjoyable trimester we've had together! Kindergarten and 3rd grade Art has been having a ball with the following projects:

Kindergarten

Shooting Stars: exploring use of lines

Paper Owls: fine motor skills and free drawing shapes

Paper Plate Turtles: color mixing with primary colors

Shape Castles: using basic shapes to create a picture

Sweater Bears: paper weaving

<u>3 rd Grade</u>

Popsicle stick art: exploring the color wheel and use of color opposites

Northern Lights: using chalk and oil pastels to create a landscape Winter

Snowflakes: use of two different mediums (watercolors and oil pastel) to create art

LOVE pictures: a project inspired by the LOVE series by artist Robert Indiana Heart Origami for Valentine's Day





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Scouts meet with their dens 2-3 times each month for activities like first aid, wood carving, and fun and games.

Pack meetings are the last Monday of each month, held at Bennett Elementary!

Dear Parents and Families:

Reading increases knowledge and vocabulary, lowers stress, and supports your child's emotional growth. But perhaps the best benefit is the lasting bond you create with your child when you read with them.

Visit the Book Fair with your child to discover new books together!

Save the date! Book Fair dates: March 7th – March 11th Shopping hours for parents: 8:00am to 9:00am Monday through Friday 3:30pm to 4:30pm Monday through Thursday



Kids & Family Reading Report [™]: 7th Edition



Students will be allowed to shop during lunch so please get your child an eWallet!

NEW In-School and Online Shopping Options! With Book Fair eWallet, a safe and convenient digital payment account, your student can shop the Fair cash-free! And if you're not able to attend the Fair, try our new online shopping option. We've partnered with The Scholastic Store[™] to offer over 6,000 products that ship direct to your home (with free shipping on orders of \$25 or more)! Visit our homepage to access eWallet or shop online.

https://www.scholastic.com/bf/bennettelementaryib

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember all purchases benefit our school.

Sincerely,

Your book fair chairs! Erica Andrews and Anali Siegle



March Menu

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