

Important dates

March 8- Class Pictures

Spring Book Fair- March 7-11

March 14-18- No School- Spring Break

Reminders

- Students should not be dropped off any earlier than 8:30. If dropped off at 8:30, they need to go to the cafeteria for breakfast.
- Both breakfast and lunch are free for students this year.
- If you are interested in Bennett spirit wear you can visit this website:
<https://app.printyourcause.com/campaigns/BennettElementary>
- If your child has borrowed clothes from the school, please launder and return.

Spirit Week

March 7-11

Monday- Dress up like your favorite book character to celebrate the beginning of the Scholastic BookFair!

Tuesday- Dress Fancy Day. Wear your fancy shoes, shirts, dresses and ties! It's time to look stunning!

Wednesday-Hat day

Thursday- Beach Day: Dress like you're taking an amazing vacation to soak in the sun! (No swim suits)

Friday- School color day!!

[Spring Spirit Week 1.pdf](#)

BCO

Warm Greetings, Bennett families!

What a beautiful week we're having. Hope you've found time to get outside and enjoy it! Warm weather gets me dreaming about garden season around the corner... any other gardeners out there feeling this, too?

Our next **BCO meeting** is this coming Monday, **March 7th at 7:00 PM**. We would sure love to see you there! It will be virtual. Come learn about all the fun events coming up in April, including the Book Fair, our Family Night at the MOA, International Day, Spring Service Day, and Bike to School Day. It's so fun to have the year end on a more normal note, with bringing back all these traditions. Here is the link to join:

meet.google.com/geq-nhpe-wke

Our **Spring Book Fair** is just around the corner! 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. Look 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!!! I also want to give a shout out to our two parent volunteers who run the Book Fair, Erica Andrews and Anali Siegle. *Thank you both for your time and leadership over the past years!* Anali's son is a 5th grader, and this is her last year at Bennett. We are looking for another parent to partner with Erica and learn the ropes of putting on the book fair. If this is something you would like to learn more about, please reach out to me at lisa.verbsky@gmail.com. Remember, lots of hands make for small work.

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 - lisa.verbsky@gmail.com. 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, a parting thought for today - *"Despite the forecast, live like it's spring."* - Unknown
Good luck with that with our weekend forecast! Have a good day, Broncos.

Gratefully yours, Lisa Verbsky

bennettcommorg+pres@gmail.com (BCO related email, Bennett questions)

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

Class Pictures

Class pictures will be held on Tuesday March 8. Order forms will be sent home soon. You can also order online at <https://www.skillmanphotography.com/>. The Access Code is Benet2021G.

5210 Challenge

Thanks everyone for participating in the annual 5210 challenge. We hope you had fun! All submissions must be done online (no paper logs will be collected) The last day for submission is March 4. The link is below;

Submit your log online (one submission per student) using this link:

<https://redcap.ucdenver.edu/surveys/?s=RJHT4RMHP7NNR479>

Counselor Corner

Attached is a flyer for some mobile food banks hosted by the Larimer County Food Bank.

[March mobile pantries.pdf](#)

CMAS testing this spring

Hi Bennett Families!

Spring is coming, and along with anticipating nicer weather and Spring Break, we are also starting to gear up for CMAS testing in grades 3 - 5.

For 2022, Bennett's main testing sessions will be **April 5th – April 7th** (Math) and **April 12th – 14th** (English Language Arts). 5th grade (only) will also test in Science from **April 19th – 21st**. Makeups sessions for absent students will be scheduled as needed, and may continue through **April 29th**.

Here are the times we have set aside to complete the testing, although please know the tests aren't as long as the times we have blocked off.

3rd grade block: 12:45-3:00

4th grade block: 10:00-12:15

5th grade block: 9:00-11:00

Please don't feel that testing will be the only thing happening in your child's classroom those days! The majority of your child's day will be spent as normal, including specials, recess, lunch, most academic subjects, and 5th grade Exhibition.

We appreciate you planning appointments and absences around testing times whenever possible. It is better for students to be able to test with their classes, but we obviously understand if there is an unavoidable scheduling conflict or illness. When we begin testing on a given day, students cannot stop their test and then go back to finish it another time. Also, if they are late, they won't be able to begin the test with their class. They will have to take that particular session on a makeup day.

We have been introducing the processes and tools the students will be using on the computer-based tests this year, so they are comfortable physically, mentally, and emotionally before starting. We at Bennett feel that this time should be as low stress as possible, so we try not to overemphasize these tests. We know our students are extraordinary, and we treat this as just another opportunity to prove it!

If there are any changes to the CMAS schedule due to Covid, we will let you know as soon as possible. Otherwise, if you have any questions, please contact us. Thanks for helping your child demonstrate the remarkable learning that happens every day at Bennett Elementary, an IB World School!

Health Office

**5th graders going into 6th grade are required to have Tdap. One dose of Tdap is required for 6th through 12th grades.

**Mobile Bus Vaccine Clinics

- **Tuesday, March 8, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Beattie Elementary School, 3000 Meadowlark Avenue, Fort Collins; Sign up link coming soon.**

Appointments are available on a first-come, first-serve basis and entirely voluntary. After receiving the first dose, a second-dose appointment is automatically scheduled for 21 days later.

LEGO Club

Minecraft Master Engineering!

Tuesday's 3:30 - 5:00 PM

March 22 - May 10

Grades 3-5 Bring your favorite Minecraft adventures to life with our enthusiastic Play-Well instructors. In a Minecraft world powered by LEGO® resources, we will build shelters to keep out Creepers, craft mystical items that only true masters can wield, and perfect our crossbow skills to stop the Wither from taking over! If you can imagine it, we can build it.

[Lego March flyer.pdf](#)

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Covid updates

For the most up to date information on Covid protocols, head to the PSD website. Changes occur often, and communications are not always sent out to parents regarding the changes. Bennett does follow all district/county guidelines.

The following link has current quarantine protocols as well as return to learn guidelines.

<https://www.psdschools.org/psd2021-22/psdprotocolsCOVID19>

This is a link to some Covid FAQ:

<https://www.psdschools.org/psd2021-22/healthsafety>

When a student is REQUIRED to wear a mask:

- On school buses, [according to a federal mandate](#), students and staff may not get on a bus without a mask.
- In Early Childhood Education classrooms and facilities, [according to federal mandate](#).
- Those positive or required to quarantine for COVID must isolate for five full days and return on day six only if symptoms are improving. They must wear a mask on days six through 10, according to state and county health guidance.
- Those who have decided not to test when symptomatic according to [Return to Learn](#) guidelines must wear a mask on Day 6 to 10.
- When students become symptomatic at school, they will be required to wear a mask in the precautionary room.
- If students or staff have a medical mask exemption and are not able to wear a mask, they would need to remain home for Day 6 to 10.