

## Important dates

Tomorrow- Friday April 22- Yearbook orders due

Saturday April 23- Spring Service Project (see note below)

Friday April 29- International Day

Looking ahead:

Student Led Conferences- May 9-13

Friday May 13- Bennett Stampede 12-2:00 PM

May 13- **ALL** Library books due

Monday May 16- No School

Tuesday May 24- Field Day

Wednesday May 25- Last day of school ½ day

## Spirit week

**Monday** April 25- **Wear Green** for gratitude. Say thank you to 3 different people.

**Tuesday** April 26- **Wear orange** for helpful. Help a teacher, classmate or family member

**Wednesday** April 27- **Wear blue** for encouragement. Give someone a compliment.

**Thursday** April 28- **Wear yellow** for Positivity. Do something kind for someone else.

**Friday** April 29- **Wear red** for self love OR to celebrate International Day- dress in a traditional outfit that represents something important to you.

Think of something you did well this week, and give yourself a pat on the back!

## Principal Note

Hello Bennett Families,

I'm so excited for this spring weather. I hope you are able to spend some time outdoors! I wanted to give a huge thank you to all of our volunteers for all of your support this year. Also thank you to all of our classified staff for all you do. We are so lucky to have our amazing community to work together for the success of our kids!

## Reminders

- There are a lot of things happening the last month of school. The best way to stay up to date on things classroom specific, is reading the weekly email your teacher sends home.
- If you or a neighbor have a kindergartener for next school year, there's still time to register them!!

## Volunteer appreciation

Thanks again to all our wonderful volunteers! We appreciate all you do for our Bennett Community!

Next time you are in the building volunteering, please pick up a small token of our appreciation!

## Student led Conferences

Student led conferences will be held the week of May 9<sup>th</sup>. You should receive a link to sign up today from your student's teacher. If you are interested in visiting with any of the special's teachers, you can sign up with one of their links below.

Spanish

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4fadab28a4fd0-gibbs1>

Music

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4da8ac28a6f49-hallenbeck1>

PE

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

## New Volunteer check in system

PSD will be using a new Volunteer and Visitor check in system called Raptor. We will begin using this system on May 1. Anyone who is currently registered as a volunteer, your current registration will role over to the new system. **However, the first time you come to volunteer in the building, you will need to bring a valid ID (drivers license, passport).** If you are not a registered volunteer, the link on the PSD website is still where you go to register.

## Busing for the 2022-2023 school year

Earlier in the week you should have received an email from PSD regarding busing for next school year. **Riders must now apply for busing each year, even if they've had busing before.** Families may request transportation online through your ParentVue account. <https://busrequest.psdschools.org/> The Bus Request application can be found on the PSD Forms and Applications tab in ParentVUE.

To be considered in the first round, your application needs to be submitted by July 15. **Submitting a request is not a guarantee of services.** Even with ongoing recruiting efforts and the hiring of additional bus operators, PSD is still busing fewer students than in previous years because of a reduction in routes due to the ongoing driver shortage.

## Free and reduced lunch program

It's not too late to apply for the Free & Reduced Meal Program for this school year. By doing so your student's approval to the program carries over for the first 30 days of next school year. Even though lunch is free for everyone this year, there are some advantages to filling out the form:

1. There are discounts given throughout our community for student summer programs. Check out [fcgov.com/reducedfee](http://fcgov.com/reducedfee) website for more information. The before and after school program,
2. AlphaBest, also gives a 15% discount.

Apply on-line at [www.myschoolapps.com](http://www.myschoolapps.com). Please note that August 1, 2022 is the first day you can apply on line for the 2022-2023 school year. Families do have to apply each school year unless they receive a letter stating otherwise.

## BCO

Hi, Broncos!

Hope this finds you well and enjoying this stretch of glorious warm weather.

April and May are shaping up to be fun-filled, busy months for our students! Mark your calendars for and look for ways to be involved in all the end-of-year events:

- Saturday, April 23, Spring Service Day, meet in Bennett's Outdoor Classroom, 10 AM - 12 PM
- Friday, April 29, Bennett's International Day, with musical performances and international presenters, 9 - 11 AM
- May 2-6, Staff Appreciation Week
- Wednesday, May 4, National Bike and Walk to School Day
- Monday, May 9, BCO meeting at Rolland Moore Park, 6:30 - 7:45
- Friday, May 13, Bronco Stampede, 12:00 - 2:00 PM
- Tuesday, May 24, Field Day

If you are planning to attend the Spring Service Day this Saturday, meet in the Outdoor Classroom at 10:00. Bring garden gloves, garden tools, a few bags for collecting weeds, and your water bottles. We will also be doing a trash sweep of the grounds; a perfect way to clean our school and honor Earth Day as a family. Hope to see you there!

Please note that Staff Appreciation Week is coming up in May. Look for more information coming out soon on ways to show our love and appreciation for all our wonderful Bennett Teachers and Staff, as we are truly lucky to have such incredible humans teaching and caring for our children. I was heartened to see how quickly slots were filling with volunteers to help with the potluck taco bar! Thank you to everyone who is able to bring in an item! Grateful to be a part of such a supportive community!

Finally, some parting thoughts for the day, "One of the secrets to loving your life is looking for things you love." - Erica Layne

Good luck noticing the things that bring you joy and seeking them out whenever possible.

I look forward to seeing you at the Service Day this Saturday!

Warmly,

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## Bennett Spring Service Day

Are you getting spring fever? As families of Bennett Elementary, it is our job to steward the land our kids play on every day. Please join us for our **Spring Service Project on Saturday April 23 from 10 am to noon**. We'll meet in the outdoor classroom out back to do some gardening. Please bring garden gloves and tools. Plastic grocery bags are good for collecting weeds and trash. If time allows, we'll do a litter clean up on the playground.

## Staff Appreciation

The BCO will be celebrating the staff at Bennett the week of May 2-6. They need your help with a Taco Bar on Tuesday May 3. Here is a link to a Sign Up genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a44abac2eaafc1-taco>

They have also come up with some easy ways for students to celebrate their teachers as well:

**Monday:** High Five Day (High Five any staff member you see)

**Tuesday:** Appreciation Day (bring in a note to place on your teacher's door telling them what you love or appreciate about them)

**Wednesday:** Flowers (bring in a flower for your teacher, specials teacher or any staff member)

**Thursday:** Sweets (Tell your teacher how sweet they are with candy or another sweet treat)

**Friday:** Surprise your teacher with classroom supplies!

Here is a link to a Google Drive with some staff favorite things:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1nnxJhmxiBkFaNXSnOqto6LBmcGJZLD->

## **Counselor Corner**

Summer daycare options. See flyers [Program and Childcare Options Summer 2022 SPANISH.pdf](#) [Program and Childcare Options Summer 2022 ENGLISH.pdf](#)

Please follow Bennett Elementary and the BCO on Social Media!

Facebook- Bennett Elementary: [@bennettelementary](#)

Facebook- Bennett Community Organization: [@PSD.BCO](#)

Instagram: [@bennettelementary](#)

Twitter: [@bennettbroncos](#)

BCO Website: <https://sites.google.com/view/bennett-community-organization/home>