

Important dates

December 22- Start of Winter Break- No School

Return to school Correct date: **Thursday January 5**

No School- January 16 Martin Luther King Day

December Monthly Newsletter:

This newsletter contains updates from the specials teachers and a lunch menu for January.

[Bennett December 2022.pdf](#)

Lost and found

We have **a lot** of things in our lost and found please take a look at this fun video Mr. Kucza made and see if you recognize

anything! <https://www.wevideo.com/view/2900786663>

Reminders

- Please do not send cough drops to school with your child. Cough drops are considered medication and need a form from a doctor.
- If your child has borrowed clothes from the health office, please wash and return as soon as possible.
- Spread the word: Kindergarten registration for the 2023-2024 school year is now open! <https://www.psdschools.org/kinder>
- We go outside when the temperature is at least 10 degrees (with wind chill). Please send your child with the appropriate winter clothing.

From the principal:

Hi families!

I hope you are winding down to a calm and relaxing winter break and I hope you are able to take some time off with your family. I have had a lot of questions come up lately about homework. While it differs by grade level, one thing that is consistent is reading every night. Even if your child can't read yet, reading with them has so many great benefits! Talk to your child's teacher if you need specifics on what reading homework looks like at their grade level. Have a great break.

Winter Spirit Week: December 19-21st

Monday: Deck the Halls Day: Wear Festive colors

Tuesday: Peppermint Day: Wear Stripes

Wednesday: Twas the night before Winter Break: Wear Pajamas

Volunteer opportunity

Dear Bennett families,

We are looking for a volunteer or two to put together this years yearbook. This volunteer opportunity takes around 30-40 hours total over the span of 3-4 months.

Duties include:

- **Design the yearbook using web-based software.** The design software is Pixami Pro or Memento. Basic knowledge of web design or graphic design is a must. A staff member can help you get started as there is a learning curve with the software. You can access the software from home or here at Bennett.
- **Collect grade-level and schoolwide photos.** You must be able to download and upload files from multiple sources (for example, download photos from an email or Google Drive to your laptop, and then upload them to the Yearbook Creator). You can request picture from the teachers as well as come in and take photos during the school day.
- **Collaborate with Skillman photography and a company called Studio Source to add portrait photos to the Yearbook Creator.** Simply put, you will be working with three different companies

We need to know of your interest by January 13th and the deadline to have the yearbook created is April 26th.

Please reach out to Mrs. Noden at anoden@psdschools.org if you have any questions or are interested in helping us out with this important volunteer opportunity.

Thank you!

Health Office

It is definitely cold and flu season here at Bennett. Here are a few things that can help us stop the spread:

1. Encourage your child to wash their hands well and often.
2. Cough and sneeze into their elbow.
3. If your child is experiencing headache, sore throat, vomit or fever they should be symptom free for 24 hours without medication before returning to school.

***If you have any extra sweatpants or leggings size 4-6 we would gladly take them off your hands.

What's Happening at Mwebaza Annex School in Uganda?

The Chicken Coop!

The chicken coop at Mwebaza Annex received 250 new baby chicks in October. After a couple of years, the chickens they started the program with weren't laying as many eggs anymore and it was time to sell them and get new ones. These cute babies are growing up and will soon start laying eggs.

The staff at Mwebaza Annex are working hard toward the goals of self-sufficiency and sustainability! They mix their own feed to make sure the chickens are fed a diet that provides vitamins and nutrients to keep them healthy. The chickens also get vaccinated and seen by a local veterinarian on a regular basis.

When the students return to school in 2023, some of the eggs will be part of their school lunches and some will be sold to community members to generate funds to meet school expenses and run a sustainable program.

Mwebaza Annex School and the Mwebaza Foundation have a great partnership based on the shared goals of sustainability, friendship, and innovation.

Things to do:

1, Art club with Mrs. Giovando: Attached is a flyer with information as well as the sign up genius.

[Bennett Art Flyer Spring 2023_01.pdf](#)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f4fa95-bennett5>

2. RMHS dance camp

[RMHS dance camp.jpeg](#)

3. FCHS Basketball camp

[FCHS Basketball Flyer.pdf](#)

4. Lego

[Lego January.pdf](#)

5. Chess: A new session begins Jan 23

[Bennett Elementary Chess.pdf](#)

Helpful links

Bennett website: <https://ben.psdschools.org/>

PSD website: <https://www.psdschools.org/>

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

BCO email: bennettcommorg@gmail.com