

From the Principal

Hi Bennett Families. As we are starting to experience some cooler weather, please make sure that you are having your student check the lost and found on occasion. This is the time of year where we typically see a pile up of outer wear as students warm up at recess and shed their long sleeves. Remind your students to place their jackets in their classroom bins when they take them off at recess. If possible, write their name somewhere on the garment as well. If your child is missing something and you are in the area, please visit our lost and found in the cafeteria. Anything not claimed by tomorrow, will be donated. Hope you have a great month!

Reminders

- Please remember to contact Base Camp if your student will not be attending after school!
- Anything not picked up from Lost and Found tomorrow (Friday) will be donated.

Important dates

November 18- BCO meeting

November 19- Bigfoot running club

November 21- Turkey Round-up (see note below)

November 26- Last Bigfoot until spring

Thanksgiving Break- Wednesday November 27-Friday November 29

Treats for Troops

Thank you for the generous donation of Halloween candy. We collected **135** pounds! Poudre High School will pick it up tomorrow and deliver it to a company called Soldiers Angels. They will then deliver the candy to deployed service members and veterans in VA hospitals!

Book Fair

We would like to send a special THANK YOU to all of our families who bought books at the book fair this last week. We were able to use those funds to buy a ton of new books for the Bennett library AND new books for our teachers too.

And an even bigger THANK YOU to all of our volunteers who helped make our book fair a success. The book fair has lots of moving parts and we couldn't do it without you!

Erica Andrews and Anali Roath

Book fair chairs

Spirit Wear

If you are interested in sporting some great Bennett spirit wear please see the attached flyer for all the details. The last day to order spirit wear is tomorrow, November 15! [Spirit Gear.pdf](#)

Gratitude

This time of year is a great time to reflect on the many things we are grateful for. Here at Bennett we are grateful for our wonderful students, and our dedicated staff. Attached is a great flyer from the Wellness Journal, explaining the benefits of gratitude. [the Power Of Gratitude.pdf](#)

Turkey Round up

Bennett will be collecting frozen turkeys for the Larimer county food bank next Thursday the 21st. Ms. Shig, with the help of the student leadership team, will collect them at our front door! All next week we will also be collecting canned goods. If you can bring a turkey or any canned food it will be greatly appreciated. [Turkey roundup.pdf](#)

Spectacular Specials!

I sometimes get questions from parents about what exactly we do in Technology. The answer ranges from learning how to move a mouse in Kindergarten... all the way up to Photoshop and 3D design in 5th grade! My philosophy on technology at Bennett is that it should be used purposefully, in support of classroom goals, as a tool rather than a toy. On occasion, we may learn a skill or tool that has no direct connection to the classroom, but more often than not, I work with other teachers to enhance the units of inquiry with technology.

Demonstrating student understanding in different ways and improving the school-to-home connection are two major strengths of technology use. For example, in past years, some teachers piloted the Seesaw student portfolio program, and it was so successful we are now offering it school-wide! It is still a work in progress as teachers learn more about best practices, but we hope to continue expanding and refining how we use this tool, so you can see and hear your child's progress through writing, drawing,

photographs, audio recordings, and video. Many of you have already signed up on your student's Seesaw account, but if you haven't had the opportunity, please contact your child's classroom teacher and she or he will give you instructions on how to access your child's portfolio.

- Mr. Woolner, Media Specialist

Fun Things to do:

- PSD day at Rams football game [PSD CSU fball.pdf](#)
- Rocky Mountain High School will be hosting their annual craft fair on December 7. See attached flyer. [Rocky Craft Fair 2019.pdf](#)

Old news:

Bathroom painting

We are excited to share that we have been approved to paint the fronts of the bathroom stalls in the 4th & 5th grade hallway as well as the 3rd grade hallway. This project is similar to what you might have seen on Pinterest or like what O'Dea Elementary has also done. We will be the second elementary school in all of Fort Collins to do a project like this! We have a wonderful volunteer who is going to take on the painting piece once we have a plan. As a way to get students involved, the 5th grade student leadership group would like to invite your student to share their creative ideas. We hope that students can be engaged in the creative process and would love to hear their ideas. Please print out and complete the attached document and turn it in to the box in the office by 11/26/19. If you are unable to print off the PDF, we have some printed off in the office. Thanks! [Bathroom Stall Painting.pdf](#)

Pick up and drop off procedures

Please take a moment to review our drop off and pick procedures. We understand at times the process can seem slow, but it really is the most efficient and safest way to get our students in and out. This is taken directly from the Student/Parent Handbook (pg 23-24):

Dropping off students and picking up students:

Parking lot safety is a major concern for us here at Bennett. We believe that with a little patience, understanding, and following a few simple procedures we can ensure that all students are safe and help keep things moving smoothly. With assistance from the Bennett Site Improvement Team and other district personnel, we have developed the following procedures for drop off and pick up:

- ALL drop off and pick up for students occurs in the parking lot East of the building.
- PLEASE, when pulling in to the drop off/pick-up lane, pull all the way up as far as possible.
- DO NOT park in the drop off/pick-up lane!
- Have your student(s) ready to get out of the car when you pull in. If for some reason your child cannot immediately exit your vehicle, please exit the lane and pull into a parking space.
- If possible, please make sure your student(s) exit/enter your vehicle from the sidewalk side.
- Do not block crosswalks.

During pick-up, students will not be allowed to cross the pick-up lane to “meet” a pick-up person who has parked. You must escort the student across.

Here are some other suggestions:

- Do not drop students off on Bennett Road. If you must, make sure you and your children use the cross walks and wait for the crossing guard.
- If you are parked in the East parking lot, please escort your student(s) across the parking lot and onto the sidewalk.
- Do not use the handicapped parking spaces at the front of the building for drop-off.
- Watch your speed!

We will always have a staff member(s) on duty in this area before and after school. We ask that everyone using the drop-off/pick-up lanes follow the directions of these staff members. While sometimes the process may feel frustrating because someone is not following the correct procedures, being patient and considerate is always a great skill to model for our students. Saving a few minutes is not worth the potential harm that could come to a child if an accident were to occur.

Spaghetti Dinner Thank You

The BCO would like to thank everyone who came out yesterday for the Spaghetti Dinner, the 31th annual Bennett Community Dinner. It was a HUGE success, and the only green and compostable event at Bennett! We hope you all had as much fun as we did. **A special thanks goes out to everyone who volunteered taking tickets, prepping & serving food or cleaning up. You are all amazing!** We’d also like to thank the Bennett Cub Scout Pack 91 who were instrumental in many ways and created a wonderful presence in their awesome uniforms. Great job Scouts!!! In addition, we would like to acknowledge the following local businesses, who donated goods and services to this year’s Spaghetti Dinner:

Thanks to Clyde, owner of Canino’s Italian Restaurant, for providing the spaghetti sauce & rolls at a significant discount to Bennett, and for his support of the Bennett community
<http://www.caninositalianrestaurant.com/> 613 S. College Avenue, Fort Collins (970)493-7205

Thanks to Jill & Sacha, owners of Tasty Harmony, for donating the delicious vegetarian spaghetti sauce

www.tastyharmony.com 160 West Oak St, Fort Collins (970)689-3234

Thanks to Kat & Mike, owners of Fish Restaurant, for donating the salad bar, parmesan cheese, butter & napkins, & to the chefs at Fish for cooking the tastiest pasta ever for the dinner!

www.fishmkt.com 150 West Oak St, Fort Collins (970)224-1188

Thanks to Mike & LuAnn, owners of Tortilla Marissa's & Panhandlers Pizza, for donating the iced tea

<http://tortillamarissas.com> 2635 South College Ave, Fort Collins (970)225-9222

<https://panhandlerspizza.com/> 2721 South College Ave., Fort Collins (970)232-9328

Thanks to Raisin' Roots Farm for donating two compost bins, which allowed us to make the Spaghetti Dinner an almost 100% green event!

<https://raisinroots.com/> **2229 West Vine Drive** (443)863-0677

Finally, we just want to say that we have THE BEST custodial, kitchen and office staff in the city of Fort Collins, and without them this night would not have existed. Thanks to Sue, our day custodian, for setting everything up, to Duane, our night custodian, for cleaning up all our messes, to Michelle Scarberry, office manager, magician, and wonder woman, and to Susi, Bennett's amazing kitchen manager, for once again presiding over all with good humor, calm demeanor, and great expertise.