

From the Principal

Hi Bennett Families. It has been so great to see so many of your familiar faces as we kick off the school year. I would love to see you on Monday, September 9th at our first SAC and/or BCO meetings. You can find information about both of these groups on our website. In a nutshell, they are both amazing ways to get involved in your child's school and to know what is happening as well as why. SAC is an advisory committee where you will advise administration on many different topics and BCO is the Bennett "PTO" who contributes great things to our school and would love to hear your voice! We have scheduled the meetings on the same night for your convenience. Please check the website to learn more!

Reminders

- Birthday treats and snacks, brought in to share with the class, must be store bought, not homemade.
- The Student/Parent Handbook can be found here: <https://ben.psdschools.org/webfm/271> It has a lot of important information about school policies.
- Please call the attendance line if your student will be absent: 488-4751.
- Please log into your Parentvue account and sign the Code of Conduct. If you need help logging in, or need your activation c

Important dates

- September 9- BCO meeting 7:00 PM
- September 10- Odyssey of the Mind parent meeting 6:00 PM
- September 13- Picture Day
- September 20- No School
- September 23-25- 5th grade ECO week

From the health office:

- Any medication taken at school needs to have a doctor's note, including cough drops. These forms need to be filled out EVERY YEAR. Here is the link to the form needed: https://www.psdschools.org/sites/default/files/PSD/student_services/health/Authorization_Release_to_Administer_Medicine.pdf
- If you sign an Immunization Exemption, **it must be done every year**. You can pick one up in the office, or they can be found here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/107Nbi81INo_lpKcVqQrbeRtdafnnS-Ty/view?usp=sharing It must be completed by November 1.

From the Counselor

**Is your child having a hard time adjusting to coming to school? Please see the attached article regarding separation anxiety for some helpful tips!

If you need further support, don't hesitate to contact me! [Help Kids with Separation Anxiety at School.pdf](#)

****Free Youth Mental Health First Aid Course**

The Health District of Northern Larimer County is offering a free Youth Mental Health First Aid course from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11. Mental Health First Aid is an eight-hour course that gives people the skills to recognize warning signs for mental health or substance-use problems, and the tools to help someone who may be developing a mental health-related problem, or experiencing a mental health crisis. Read more about the course in the attached flier. [Mental Health flyer.pdf](#)

** McKinney-Vento is a program that supports families who are in housing transition. You may qualify for services if you are living with friends or family members such as a grandparent, because you cannot afford housing. There are also other housing situations that may qualify you as well such as living in a motel or shelter. The McKinney fund may assist families with:

- Weekly food bags
- Free breakfast/lunch
- Possible busing/transportation assistance
- Health and medical resources
- Connection to community resources
- Fee Waivers for school events, activities, sports
- Holiday Resources
- Remove educational barriers

If you would like to learn more about the McKinney program and determine if you qualify, please contact our me.

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