

**BENNETT PTO NEWSLETTER**

**BEAR TRACKS**

**OCTOBER 2018**



**SAVE THE DATES**

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| Spirit Day Fundraiser  Wednesday, October 3rd  All Day  Please tell the cashier you’re with Bennett Elementary and 20% of each purchase will be donated back to the school. | Fall Product Catalog Fundraiser  Fundraiser: Oct 5th -17th  Fundraiser is avaliable online and we receive 40% back to the school.  Prizes awarded to top selling student and classroom! | Monday, October 8th  No School  Columbus Day |
| We welcome you to attend the Bennett PTO meeting on Tuesday, October 9th beginning at 6 pm at Bennett Elementary School! We would love to have you! Come see what we have in store for the rest of the school year! | October 9th from 6:30-8:30 pm  The cost is $8.00 per person and kids under 3 FREE! This includes skate rental, one token note, a slice of pizza and a small drink. If you want to add laser tag it will only be $4.00 per person. (1 of 4 dates) Bennett PTO will receive $1000 after all 4 dates held. | Spirit Night Fundraiser  Monday, October 22nd  4-8 pm  Please tell the cashier you’re with Bennett Elementary and 20% of each purchase will be donated back to the school. |
| October 26th 6-8 pm  Come out to Bennett Elementary for food, fun, and prizes. Also come out to see our school’s book fair in the library. | October 19th – 26th  Your kids have been making artwork at school and soon you will receive a flyer with their artwork. You can purchase items for keepstakes. 25% of each purchase will be donated back | We will have a prize for classes with the most box tops this year.  Details to come. |
| Bennett will be collecting food items to support ForK (For Kids, Inc.), the supplier of our Weekend Backpack Program. ForK helps families fill the weekend gap when in-school meals are not available during the weekends by providing nourishing foods to our families on a weekly basis. Each month we will have two items that we are collecting. You can find the list below. Thank you for your donations.  **October : Fruit Cups and Oatmeal Packets** | | |

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| ***President’s Message***  This year I wanted to do a few different things for fundraisers. After talking with many of you parents we are on the same page with fundraisers. I want to say thank you to everyone who does participate in the fundraisers. The board and I wanted to offer a “Fun”-draiser to those who dislike the traditional fundraisers and want to help the school with a 100% donation and not feel guilty about disregarding spirit nights or fundraisers. We have created an “OPT-OUT” Fundraiser which will help the school. | |
| ***Spirit Wear***  We have delivered most of the Bennett Spirit Wear to the teachers. We had a few issues with sizes and will be fixing them in the next few weeks. | Spirit Sticks  Spirit Sticks are back!!! Flyer will be delivered soon to the teacher boxes. |
| ***PTO Members***  The Bennett PTO kicked off its Membership Drive during Bennett’s Open House on Thursday, August 24. We welcomed 133 new members who donated at least $15 to become a Bennett PTO Member for the 2018/19 school year. Through our new members we raised $1995. This year we’ve set a goal to welcome at least 125 new members by September 30. We have reached this goal so we have raised the total to 200 by October 31st! Currently there approximately 500 families that represent the Bennett Bears community making our goal achievable. Please consider signing up to donate at least $15 to join the Bennett PTO as a Family PTO Member. | Volunteers Shout Out!!  We would love to thank so many of you for helping the PTO and the school!  Crissy Bibb  Anna Holmes  Heather Nickens  Kristin Roof  Leslie Tom  Without you parents we can’t do anything! |
| **Save the Date for these Upcoming Events:**  Penguin Holiday Shop - Dec  Basket Bonanza/Movie Night–Dec14  Paint Night for kids – Jan/Feb  Family Dance – Feb 15  Check Out The Bennett School Community Facebook Page and School Webpage for all upcoming school events. [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) (The Bennett School Community) |