Bennington Public Schools
Bond Issue Student Mock Vote

This week, students at all Bennington Public Schools participated in a mock vote for the BPS bond issue. The students watched an informative video and then filled out a ballot. It was a great learning opportunity. The votes were tallied and a majority of the students voted FOR the bond issue.

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75.7% of Bennington Students Say YES to Bond!
Bennington Elementary PTO Happenings

Payment Link: https://www.myschoolbucks.com/

Adopt a Lounge (1st Grade)
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4DA4A92FA13-adopt5

Food Nights
March 24th Don N Millie’s
4:30-9:00pm

PTO Meetings
March 16th 7:00pm
April 20th 7:00pm

Foundation Gala Basket
Bennington Elementary will be donating a basket for the silent auction for the Foundation Gala on March 28th. The theme of our basket is “Fun in the Sun” and will contain items for kids to have fun in the summer. Anything from towels, swim toys, goggles, yard games, gift cards for ice cream, bowling etc. Please consider donating an item and signing up with the link below. Items can be turned into the school office by FRIDAY, MARCH 6th. Thank you!

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084BA9AC22A31-bennington6
**Boxtops**

Congratulations to our February box top winner! Please continue bringing in box tops or scanning them in on the app.

**Character Sign Winners**

Congratulations to our character sign winners this week! We are so proud of the character you have displayed!

**Kindergarten Roundup**

We are excited to meet our new BE Badgers joining us for Kindergarten next year! If your child, or a child you know will be eligible for Kindergarten this fall, please enroll them through the district website at www.benningtonschools.org and select ENROLL NEW STUDENT. Students enrolled through the website will receive all upcoming information about the Kindergarten roundup student and parent activities.

Here are some important dates regarding Kindergarten Roundup here at Bennington Elementary. Please contact the office at 402-238-2690 if you have any questions.

- Parent Meeting: **March 19th at 5:30pm**
- Kdg Roundup Day: **March 20th** (your child's hour time frame will come in your packet)
  - There will be no school for current kdg)
March 13th is now a student day!

Due to the cancellation of two (2) days of school this year due to weather, there has been a calendar change. This day was reserved as a possible snow day makeup day. The board of education has voted to change March 13th from a staff in-service day to a regular school day. Any additional calendar changes may be needed if the district needs to cancel school due to weather in the future. At this time the only change that has been made is:

Friday March 13th will be a regular school day – Teacher Inservice will be rescheduled

Help Us Turn Trash Into Benches

Please continue saving your plastic caps! Bennington Elementary will be participating in an exciting program which will enable us to get benches for our courtyard area. A Bench for Caps program was designed by children to recycle approved plastic material into outdoor benches produced by Green Tree Plastics.

How it works: The school collects approved plastic caps, kids weigh and sort them. When we reach our goal we deliver them to Green Tree Plastics who will manufacturer our benches. We need everyone’s help as each bench requires 250 lbs of plastic caps. Our 5th grade Girls Scouts will be sorting and weighing the caps as part of their Bronze Award project.

FAVORITE CAPS: small caps from food grade containers and household items.
Snap on: butter tub, coffee can, yogurt lids, deodorant, hair spray
Small twist on: medicine, drink bottle, milk caps, sports drinks, juice, toothpaste
Large twist: detergent caps, peanut butter, mayonnaise
Spout: squirt condiment caps
Flip top: Ketchup caps, mustard, shampoo, conditioner, Pringles, butter

NOT ACCEPTABLE:
Any cap with metal
Pumps with metal spring inside – as on lotions
Fast food drink caps
No lid or cap over 8” in diameter
Medical supplies

Bennington Lions Club
BBQ & Rib Feed
Saturday, March 14th
Bennington High School 4:30 to 7:30 pm

Lion Menu: Baby Back Ribs, Pulled Pork & Brisket
Sides: Corn Fritters, Mac ‘n Cheese, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw

Leo Menu: Pulled Pork or Hot Dog & Sides

Advance Tickets: Lion $15 / Leo $7
Tickets At the Door: $17

Proceeds Benefit: BHS Scholarships & Community Projects

Additional Info or Tickets call: Gordon Mueller 402-614-7509

We Serve!
Bennington Public Schools wants to hire YOU!

Bennington Public Schools has an open position for **Head Cook** at **Pine Creek Elementary**. Please visit benningtonschools.org and look for *job opportunities* for more information. Thank you!

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**BE Music Concerts for 2019-20**

**Combined Elementary Choir Concert**
Tuesday, December 3, 2019  6:30 PM at Bennington High School
*Combined Choirs from BE, PC, AP, and HE

**Winter Concert for Choir/ 5th Grade Band/ MS Jazz Band**
Friday, December 20, 2019  8:30 AM at Bennington Elementary

**2nd/3rd Grade Music Program**
Thursday, April 2, 2020  6:30 PM at Bennington Elementary

**4th/5th Grade Music Program**
Tuesday, April 28, 2020  6:30 PM at Bennington Elementary

**Kindergarten/1st Grade Music Program**
Tuesday, May 5, 2020  6:30 PM at Bennington Elementary

**BE Choir and Drumming Concert**
Tuesday, May 12, 2020  8:30 AM at Bennington Elementary

**Elementary Band/Middle School Band Concert**
Thursday, May 14, 2020  6:00 PM at Bennington Middle School
*Combined Bands from BE, PC, AP, and HE
Lady Badgers Basketball State Send Off

Students & Parents Grades K-8
Saturday, February 29
11:00am - 12:00pm
at Bennington HS Main Gym

Join us for games, autographs, giveaways, and a message from the players!

Contact John O'Connor with Questions
joconnor@bennps.org

BBA SELECT TRYOUTS

Registration Deadline:
*GIRLS - TUESDAY, February 25th at Midnight*
*BOYS - SUNDAY, March 1st at Midnight*
www.benningtonbasketballassociation.org

Lady Badgers
February 26th - 930pm - 8:30pm 3rd & 4th Grade
February 27th - 6:30pm - 6:30pm 5th & 6th Grade
February 28th - 6pm - 7:30pm 7th & 8th Grade

Badgers
March 2nd from 6:30pm - 8:30pm 3rd and 4th Grade
March 3rd from 8pm - 8pm 7th and 9th Grade
March 4th from 6pm - 8pm 5th and 6th Grade

*Please bring your child to the designated time for the GRADE he/she will be in for the UPCOMING 2020/2021 school year.

*Please arrive 30 minutes prior to your child's tryout time.

*A parents meeting will be held the first 15 minutes of each tryout.

*Please have your child wear a reversible jersey to the tryout*

*Please note: IF THERE ARE ENOUGH PLAYERS REGISTERED AT ALL LEVELS
- ALL kids will be placed on a team based on individual skill level.

*All Tryouts will be held at Bennington Middle School*
Read Across America Week

3/2/20: Sleep Book - Wear your PJ’s to school!


3/4/20: Wacky Wednesday Wear your wackiest outfit!

3/5/20: If I Ran the Zoo - Dress like an animal!

3/6/20: Fox in Socks - Wear your crazy socks to school!
PTO Pancake and BINGO Night

It’s back by popular demand and we hope you can join us for this fun event and a chance to socialize with classmates and friends.

The Pancake Man is coming to Bennington Elementary to feed and entertain us. Plus, don't miss BINGO and plenty of prizes to go around!

When: Tuesday March 3rd, 2020

Where: Bennington Elementary Cafeteria and Gym

Cost: $6 per person

Time: 5:00-7:00 Pancake Man
5:30-7:30 BINGO

Please return the bottom portion to the office by February 7th.

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Pancake Man Registration 2019

Student(s)/Family Name:

Number Attending: __________ x $6 per person
Amount Enclosed: __________
TeamMates touches the lives of our mentees. TeamMates is currently serving over 9,000 youth in 160 local chapters.

A 2011 TeamMates study conducted in conjunction with Gallup found that TeamMates mentors have the ability to make a statistically significant impact on the level of hope their mentees have. By simply showing up, week after week, mentors build on a sense of hope in their mentee. Our 2019 annual survey found that 91% of mentees reported higher levels of hope as a result of their mentor. This hopefulness manifests itself in greater confidence, positive feelings about the future, and higher quality of living. One student put it this way, “A mentor can make you feel hopeful when all else seems to go wrong.” Another student noted, “My TeamMate teaches me that there is hope in my future and he believes in me.”

Our TeamMates Mentoring Chapter in Bennington continues to grow. We hope to reach 90 matches soon. We are always looking for new mentors. Can you (Be There) for one of our students? If you are interested in becoming a mentor, we would be excited to have you on our team. Your gift of time can help inspire a student to reach his/her full potential. Your involvement as a mentor can help you become a better listener. It helps you engage with youth and gives you a sense of pride knowing you are helping a child reach his/her full potential.

If you are interested in joining our mentoring team, please contact Stan Turner, Program Coordinator, at sturner@bennps.org or 402-672-9647.

TeamMates Runza night is scheduled for Tuesday, April 7th. Ten percent (10%) of their sales that day will be donated to our chapter.
Omaha Funfest
Ralston Arena
Saturday, April 18th, 2020
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Register at: http://givesignup.com/funfest2020

2020 Funfest will feature BRAND NEW FUN!
- LEGO Creation Station
- Console Cave Video Game Room
- Board Game Room
- Wheels, Wheels, Wheels - Cars, Trucks and More!
- New Photo Op Areas
- 9 Hole Mini-Golf
- New Bounce Houses and Obstacle Courses!
- Face Painting
- Photo Booths
- Characters
- Meet local providers and inclusive businesses

Schedule and Registration Options
- 8:45 am - Registration Opens
- 9:00 am - Indoor/Outdoor Events Open
- 11:30 am - Closing Ceremonies & Tunnel Walk
- Leisure Walk immediately following
- Early Bird Special Pricing through February 28th
- Regular Registration (Ends March 31st):
  - $10 General Admission (any age) (NO SHIRT)
  - $15 Youth Admission + Shirt (0-18)
  - $20 Adult Admission + Shirt (19+)
  - $15 VIRTUAL Package (shirt + shipping)
- Late Registration (Ends April 17):
  - $15 Youth Admission (0-18) (NO SHIRT)
  - $20 Adult Admission (19+) (NO SHIRT)

All people of all abilities are welcome!

Benefitting Autism Society of Nebraska
Improving the Lives of All Affected by Autism in Nebraska

Come join us for a day of community, pride, and fun!

www.autismnebraska.org   https://www.facebook.com/OmahaFunfest   walk@autismnebraska.org

100% of proceeds stay in Nebraska!
Bring your friends, teens, and tweens for an awesome night of conversation! Light snacks and door prizes will be provided.

Where: Bennington Public Library Community Conference Center, 11401 N 156th St, Bennington, NE 68007
When: Monday, March 16th 6pm-8pm (FREE tickets required) OR Tuesday, March 17th 6pm-8pm (NO tickets required; RSVP to lisamettler@hotmail.com)
Cost: FREE (Donations accepted at screening will go toward the cost of this screening as well as the cost of Part Two: Next Chapter, which will be scheduled at a later date. Paypal and Venmo accepted)

Free Tickets: MONDAY NIGHT ONLY-Click on the following link to register:


OR TUESDAY NIGHT: RSVP to lisamettler@hotmail.com/913-327-5541
CLIP & SCAN

CLIP: If your package has a traditional Box Tops clip, cut it off and attach it below. Each clip is worth 10¢ for your child’s school. Please be sure each clip has a valid expiration date.

SCAN: If you see this label, use the new Box Tops app to scan your store receipt within 14 days of purchase. The app will find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to your school’s earnings online. No clipping required! Tell us your scan date and earnings below.
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### NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK

March 9-13, 2020

Menu contains approximate Carbohydrate Counts. Additional nutritional information is available on request. Contact Annette Kay--402-238-2447. Account questions, contact Jo Pruess--402-238-3044
SECURE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

Register at INVENT.ORG/CAMP or 800-968-4332

Camp Invention® is for children entering grades K-6th.

Location: Heritage Elementary School
9950 Rosewater Pkwy, Bennington, NE 68007

Date: July 13 - 17, 2020

Time & Cost: 9:00am - 3:30pm | $235 (before discount)
Extended Day Hours Available: 7:30am to 5:30pm | Additional $80

Camp Director: Jessica Ehlers | jehlers@bennps.org

If these dates/times don’t work for you, please visit invent.org/camp for other locations near you.
OFF TO THE RACES
BENNINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION GALA

3.28.20 | A VIEW ON STATE

Enjoy dinner, a program, live & silent auctions, music and dancing!

Register and pay online: bennps.ticket.qtego.net
Cost: $65/per person | RSVP’s taken through March 13

*Bennington employees and their spouses may purchase tickets at a discounted rate of $50/per ticket.

BASKETS NEEDED!

We could use baskets and small containers of all sizes for our silent auction items! Drop off at Anchor Pointe Elementary by 3/6/20 or contact Alyssa Dahlgren at adahlgren@bennps.org if you would like to donate.

Visit: www.benningtonschoolsfoundation.org/annual-gala for more info!
TeamMates Mentoring of Bennington is now hiring!

**POSITION: PART-TIME PROGRAM COORDINATOR!**

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**Pay range:** $15 to $18 an hour, based on experience.

**Hours:** 10 to 15 hours per week on average.

**Approximate start date:** April 15, 2020.

**Apply at:**
https://forms.gle/MTVSN4BGHXYsVFSq7 or email Regina Meradith at rmeradith@bennps.org to request an application.

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**Job Description:**
The Program Coordinator oversees the day to day operations of the Bennington TeamMates Mentoring chapter. The Coordinator will work collaboratively with the TeamMates Central Office, the Bennington Chapter Board of Directors and administrators to support all aspects of the program in the Bennington School District. This will include recruiting mentors, support of current mentor/mentee matches, budgeting, planning, communications, implementing initiatives of the board of directors, data entry and maintaining the TeamMates match tracking system.
New Educator, Distinguished Educator, Support Staff, Volunteer, & Alumni of the Year Nomination Form

ATTENTION: Students, Parents, Teachers, Alumni & Community Members

You can nominate on-line at www.benningtonschoolsfoundation.org.

We need your nominations for selecting the following individuals to receive these awards at The Foundation’s 20th Annual Awards Ceremony on April 26, 2020. Please use this form to nominate individuals for the following awards and return by March 27, 2020.

NEW EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

Name: ________________________________
(A past or present teacher or administrator who has made a significant and positive contribution to the Bennington Public Schools and taught in the Bennington school district for 5 years or less)

Comments in Support of Nominee ____________________________________________________________
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(Comments can be continued on back of page)

Your name and phone number are optional
Name: ____________________________________________
Phone: __________________________________________

DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

Name: __________________________________________
(A past or present teacher or administrator who has made a significant and positive contribution to the Bennington Public Schools and taught in the Bennington school district for 6 years or more)

Comments in Support of Nominee ____________________________________________________________
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(Comments can be continued on back of page)

Your name and phone number are optional
Name: ____________________________________________
Phone: __________________________________________
SUPPORT STAFF OF THE YEAR

Name: ____________________________________________

(A past or present support staff, non-certificated person who has made a significant and positive contribution to the Bennington Public Schools)

Comments in Support of Nominee: __________________________________________________________

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Your name and phone number are optional

Name: ____________________________________________

Phone: __________________________________________

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Name: ____________________________________________

(May be a parent or community member or someone who has made a significant and positive contribution to the Bennington Public Schools)

Comments in Support of Nominee: __________________________________________________________

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Your name and phone number are optional

Name: ____________________________________________

Phone: __________________________________________
ALUMNI OF THE YEAR

Name: ___________________________________________
(A graduate of Bennington High School who has made a significant and positive contribution in their community, profession or life's work, therefore serving as a model to future Bennington alumni).

Comments in Support of Nominee: __________________________________________________
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(Comments can be continued on back of page)

Your name and phone number are optional

Name: ___________________________________________

Phone: _________________________________________

THANK YOU FOR YOUR RESPONSE

Please return by March 27, 2020

To: Bennington Public Schools Foundation
   P.O. Box 309
   Bennington, NE 68007

You may also scan and send to Foundation Executive Director Regina Meradith at
rmeradith@bennps.org