

Bennie Blue Note

Allen Park Public Schools

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C A L E N D A R

02/03 2010-11 6th Grade Orientation; APMS;
6:30 PM

02/04 PTA Meeting; 7:00 PM; Media Center

02/05 Report Cards Distributed

02/08 Board Meeting; 7:00PM; APHS LGI

02/10 Second Student Count Day

02/10 Market Day Pick-up; 5:15

02/11 Parent/Teacher Conferences
Student Dismissal @ 11:45; NO PM KDG
NO ECP

02/15- Mid-Winter Recess; School is Closed
02/16

02/18 School Reopens

02/22- Bennie Spirit Week
02/26

02/24 Mid-Winter Fine Arts Festival; APCA; 7:00PM

02/23 PTA/PTSA Founder's Day Event; 6:00 @ Crys-
tal Park

03/03- 5th Grade Camp
03/05

03/04 PTA Meeting; 7:00; Media Center

STUDENT COUNT DAY

The second Student Count Day will be Wednesday, February 10th. It is an important day for schools because state funding is based on the number of students enrolled in the district on that date. It is very helpful to us that your children attend school during the count day period.



REMINDER

Thursday, February 11 will be a half-day of school for students due to parent/teacher conferences. Students will be dismissed at 11:45. Please be sure to have arrangements made for early dismissal. There will be no PM kindergarten and no ECP classes. Your child's teacher will contact you if a conference is required. You may also request a conference if you feel the need.

MID-WINTER BREAK

There will be no school on Monday and Tuesday, February 15-16! School will reopen on Wednesday, February 17th. Enjoy the time with your family.

RECESS

The children enjoy their mid-day break at lunch and recess. This time gives students the opportunity to nourish their brains and bodies, visit with their classmates, and get some physical activity. The Para-professional staff supervises lunch and recess. Please take a few moments and review with your child acceptable behavior for the cafeteria (good manners, clean-up after self, etc.) and appropriate playtime behavior (hand, feet and objects to self, you can't say you can't play). Though this is not a structured time of day, children are expected to follow the Bennie Behavior Matrix and of course, respect the adults in charge. Thank you for your continued support in this effort.





SNOWBALLS

With snow falling, please remind your children that they should not be picking up snow and especially throwing snowballs. Playing in snow is fun, but someone could get hurt from a thrown snowball. If a student is found throwing snowballs, disciplinary action will be taken.



BENNIE SPIRIT WEEK

We will be celebrating our Bennie spirit and pride the week of February 22 – 26. Students are encouraged to dress for the day.

Monday 2/22- Pride in Self; wear your Sunday Best

Tuesday 2/23- Pride in Country; wear red, white and blue

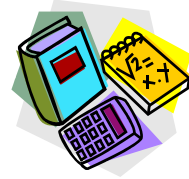
Wednesday 2/24- Pride in State and Community; wear something that promotes Michigan or Allen Park

Thursday, 2/25- Pride in Future; wear your favorite college shirt to promote where you hope to learn in your future

Friday, 2/26- Pride in Bennie; wear Bennie blue and white

MEDICATIONS - REMINDER

All medications, including over-the-counter medicines must have a physician's order with them. Forms are available through Mrs. Siembor and/or the office.



MARDI GRAS OF MATH

Through the hard work and efforts of our 5th grade students and their teachers, Bennie Bobcats will once again enjoy the **Mardi Gras of Math**. Held on Wednesday, February 10th, each classroom student will have the experience of "fun" learning, while playing math games at various stations in the 5th grade classrooms. Students will receive tickets for each game they win. These tickets will be redeemed for "prizes". What a great way to learn, visit with other grade level students, and have fun! Thank you Mrs. Flood, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Johnson, Bennie 5th graders!

FOUNDER'S DAY

This year's PTA/PTSA Founder's Day event will be held on Tuesday, February 23rd at the Crystal Park on Champaign at 6:00PM. Tickets are available in the Bennie office from Mrs. Siembor. Thanks to the Bennie PTA for all it does for our Bobcats! The following are being recognized for their contributions to Bennie Elementary and our community:

Valerie Bowdell: Educator of the Year

Alison Hagedorn: Support Person of the Year

Cathy Trimble: Distinguished Service Person of the Year

Jolly Holly Ball: Program of the Year

Masons of Allen Park: Business Partnership.

Congratulations to all!