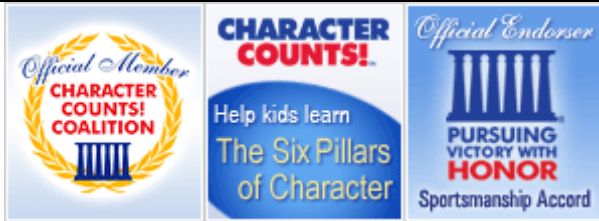


# The Bennet Elementary Express

Volume 1 No. 18

www.districtor1.org

Dec. 18th, 2009



## Character Counts Corner

### One More Day

From time to time Linda Ellis, a talented writer in Georgia, sends me poems. Here's an excerpt from "One More Day."

This day, this precious, wonderful gift has been bestowed upon me free!

And whatever I choose to do with it remains entirely up to me.

I could squander these given hours, treat each task as if it's a chore and mark this day off my calendar like so many times before.

I could overlook the blooming flowers and ignore the sun's warm light before it inevitably sets again, turning my gift of day to night.

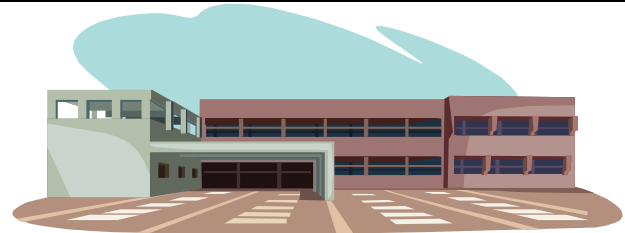
I could dwell upon mistakes I've made and cry regretful tears and live my life in the shadow of my own anxieties and fears. Or I could make a resolution, before one more day has passed, that I shall live it to its fullest, live it...as if it were my last.

Then I shall, as I awaken, relinquish my fret and my sorrow and accept one more day to love and laugh, with no guarantee of tomorrow.

At night, as I lay down my head only to wake again, I'll pray, and if I do, then I'll thank God for giving me one more day.

The theme of gratitude and appreciation for each day reflects old but important wisdom like this from another, unknown author: "Yesterday is a dream. Tomorrow is a vision. But today, well lived, makes every yesterday a dream of happiness and every tomorrow a vision of hope."

This is Michael Josephson reminding you that character counts.



## School and Community Events

**End of Second Quarter/First Semester Today.**

**Winter Break Starts December 19<sup>th</sup>**

School dismissed at 3:20 on Friday December 18<sup>th</sup> for Winter Break. There will be no classes during the Week of December 21<sup>st</sup>, or December 28<sup>th</sup>. School will resume on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

### Report Cards Sent Home January 8<sup>th</sup>.

Second Quarter Report Cards will be sent home on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.

### School Bd Holding Meeting for Superintendent Search

The Board of Education will host a profiling session, January 6, 2010 at 5:15 PM, in the high school library in Palmyra, to determine the qualities desired for our new Superintendent of Schools. If you are interested in attending this meeting, please contact any Board of Education member.

Board of Education members are: Lori Bruss, Jaimi Calfee, Mark Clem, Clayton Maahs, Mike Powers, Kevin Schroder.

### Santa Claus to Stop in Bennet!

Santa will make his visit to Bennet on Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 a.m. He will be making his stop at the Bennet Elementary School Cafeteria in a horse drawn hayrack. There will be rides for the kids. There will also be a magic show presented by a 14 year old magician, treats and lots of fun for everyone! The Bennet Builders are hosting Santa's visit to Bennet.



### Elementary Cheer Camp Set for January

The High School Cheerleaders will sponsor a cheer camp for elementary students. The camp is scheduled for January 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 9:00A.M. – 12:00P.M. Flyers

with information and registration forms are available in the office.

**Palmyra Memorial Library invites you to  
MOVIE NIGHT @ THE LIBRARY!**

**Featuring: *Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaur***

Mark your calendars and come join us for free popcorn and a movie featuring Ice Age woolly mammoths Manny and Ellie, Sid the sloth, and Diego the saber-tooth tiger in their latest adventure and learn how you can help save Earth's polar regions! Here are the details:

Who: Students in Grades 1 - 6

Date: Tuesday, December 29th

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Where: Palmyra Memorial Library  
525 Illinois Place, Palmyra NE  
402-780-5344



**From the Staff at Bennet  
Elementary School,  
Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year  
Everyone!**

**All of our staff members  
would like to extend a  
heartfelt thank you for all  
of the gifts, treats and  
cards that you dropped  
off this week.**

**We have such great  
students and parents!**

**Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year!  
School Will Resume on  
Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>,  
2010.**

**Enjoy your Holiday  
Break.**