



# PANTHER TIMES

## NEWSLETTER

Bennet Elementary  
District OR 1

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*Together, we prepare our students to successfully  
meet the challenges of the future.*

### From Mrs. Walter

It has been a very busy week at Bennet Elementary with Valentine's Day parties, a Kindness quilt activity and the Bennet Caring Project Pep Rally Kick off!

Last Monday, the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Caring Team kicked off our Caring Project with a pep rally on how Bennet Elementary can come together to show care and kindness to others. What a wonderful week! Please be checking your child's take home folder for more information on this wonderful project to show "Bennet Cares."

Each spring all students in grades third through sixth grade complete the Nebraska State Accountability (NeSA) assessments. It is important that your child be present during these assessments in order to get an accurate picture of his/her level of mastery in relation to the state standards.

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> will be the NeSA testing dates at Bennet Elementary.**

I continue to welcome the opportunity to visit with you should you have any questions, concerns, or comments.  
Thank you for your continued support!

Mrs. Walter

**February is National Kindness  
Month!**

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Caring Project

By Drew Moyer and Slade Lamp

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade from Bennet Elementary is doing a fundraiser from Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> to help the new expansion of the Lincoln Children's Zoo. In order to make this possible the District OR 1 students will be collecting money and organizing bake sales to donate money for this matter. The bake sale will be Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at the Junior High Girls basketball game at Bennet. Additionally, there will be jars scattered throughout Palmyra High School and in Bennet Elementary classrooms for loose change to be collected. All donations will be given to the Lincoln Children's Zoo at a press conference in Lincoln, Nebraska in March.



### Family Reading and Pajama Night

Families are invited to Bennet Elementary Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> for a Family Reading Night. Bennet Boosters will be providing cookies and milk to families. Students can come in their pajamas, read books, take Accelerated Reader Tests, and shop the Scholastic Book Fair. Please plan on attending the Family Reading Night from 6:30-8:00 PM.

## Palmyra Memorial Library Movie Night

The Palmyra Memorial Library will be hosting movie night on Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at the Palmyra Activities Center. Doors will be open at 6:30 PM and the movie will begin at 7:00 PM. Snacks will be provided.

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## PHS Fine Arts and Music

The Fine Arts & Music Boosters Meeting will be Sunday, February 19, at 5:30 PM at the Bennet Elementary School. All FA&M Booster members are welcome to attend!

The Fine Arts & Music Boosters have a new Facebook page! Find information about upcoming events, fundraisers, deadlines, and accolades of our students. Search "Panther Fine Arts & Music Boosters".

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## Fall Preschool Enrollment

Little Panther Preschool is currently taking registrations for children who are interested in preschool. Please call the office to place your child's name on the list.

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## Bennet Care Project Update

Bennet Elementary has reached their first goal of \$250.00 for the Zoo Fundraiser. Students have earned a dress up day on Tuesday: Super Hero Day! Students may dress up as their favorite super hero. Please no masks or face painting.

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