



Panther Weekly Bulletin

Breakfast Menu

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Cheese Omelet Biscuit	Blueberry Pancakes Sausage	Skillet Scramble Toast	Ham, Egg & Cheese on an English Muffin	Chef's Choice

Lunch Menu

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Chili Cinnamon Roll Tater Tots	Nachos Black Beans	Baked Focaccia Sandwich (Pastrami, Salam, Ham & Provolone) Baby Ranch Potatoes Broccoli	Mini Cheese Ravioli/ Meat Sauce Garlic Bread Green Beans	Chef's Choice

Happening this week at PHS

Saturday, December 14th– JH Boys Basketball Tournament @ PHS 8:00 am Streaming on HUDL TV, HS Boys and Girls Wrestling @ Fort Calhoun 9:00 am Bus leaves @ 6:00 am

Monday, December 16th– JH Boys Basketball @ PHS A-Team Only vs Weeping Water 4:00 pm East Gym, C-Team Girls and Boys Basketball @ Syracuse 6:00 pm & 7:15 pm Bus leaves @ 5:00 pm, One Act Banquet PHS East Commons 6:30 pm Use North Entrance

Tuesday, December 17th- FCCLA Christmas Party 7:30 am Mrs. Paxton's Room, JH Boys Basketball @ Lincoln Christian 4:30 pm Bus leaves @ 3:15 pm, HS Girls and Boys Basketball @ PHS vs. JCC JV Girls 4:30 pm West Gym, JV Boys 4:30 pm East Gym, V Girls 5:45 pm V Boys 7:15 pm

Wednesday, December 18th– Show Choir 6:45 am, Choir Caroling @ the Palmyra Senior Center 11:45 am Bus leaves @ 11:35 am

Thursday, December 19th– HS Girls Wrestling @ Fairbury 2:00 pm Bus leaves @ 11:15 am, HS Girls and Boys Basketball @ Weeping Water JV G&B 4:30/5:00 pm, V Girls 6:00 pm, V Boys 7:30 pm Buses leave @ 3:00 & 4:00 pm

Friday, December 20th– Show Choir 6:45 am, Early Dismissal 1:00 pm, HS Girls and Boys Basketball @ PHS vs Falls City JV Girls 4:30 pm West Gym, JV Boys 4:30 pm East Gym, V Girls 5:45 pm, V Boys 7:15 pm, HS Girls Wrestling @ Wahoo 1:00 pm Bus leaves @ 9:15 am

Saturday, December 21st- JH Boys Basketball @ Elmwood Murdock 9:00 am Bus leaves @ 7:45 am, HS Girls and Boys Wrestling @ JCC 9:30 am Bus leaves @ 6:45 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

NSAA Moratorium Dec. 22nd-26th

ALL GYMS CLOSED

Friday December 27th– Holiday Basketball Tournament @ David City Varsity Boys Noon Bus leaves @ 9:45 am, Varsity Girls 1:30 pm Bus leaves @ 11:00 am

Saturday, December 28th– Holiday Basketball Tournament @ David City TBD, HS Girls Wrestling @ Tekamah Herman 10:00 am Bus leaves @ 6:15 am

Monday, December 30th– HS Girls Wrestling @ Conestoga 9:00 am Bus leaves @ 6:15 am

Friday, January 3rd– Girls Wrestling @ Fillmore Central 9:00 am Bus leaves @ 6:00 am

Saturday, January 4th– Boys Wrestling @ Fillmore Central 9:00 am Bus leaves @ 6:00 am

Happy Holidays!

GO PANTHERS!

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Newsletter - December 13th, 2024

Arrival 7:55-8:25

Dismissal 3:20

Early Dismissal Days 1:00

Principal's Update

New Secretary Starting Jan. 7th

Starting next semester, Kristi Norman will be moving to the high school secretary position while Jane Powell will be moving to a new role within the district office. We are excited to announce that Melissa Ostrander will be taking Kristi's place and has been training the past few weeks. You may have seen or talked to Melissa already. Starting next week, please begin directing emails to Melissa at ostrander.mel@districtor1.net. We would like to thank Kristi for all her hard work at Bennet Elementary and look forward to her next role within District OR-1.

Fall Preschool Enrollment

The Little Panther Preschool is currently taking registrations for children who are interested in preschool for the fall of 2025. Please call the Bennet office to place your child's name on the list.

Community Child Care Survey

We're excited to announce a Community Child Care survey to address the childcare needs in the District OR-1 community! This survey will help us assess the demand for early childhood services and work toward creating a local early childhood center while supporting current providers. The survey collects individual responses (not households), so please share it with spouses, friends, and family—more responses mean a stronger case for funding and resources. Addressing early childhood needs strengthens our entire community, and your input is vital. The survey is open now through Friday, January 10th. Take the first step toward positive change by participating today!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/C8VJGPF>

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Upcoming Events

- Dec. 16th-20th- Holiday Spirit Week
 - Monday- Dress like your favorite holiday character
 - Tuesday- Dress like an elf day
 - Wednesday- Holiday accessories head to toe
 - Thursday- Festive Day (Wear red and green or a holiday Sweater)
 - Friday- Holiday pajama day
- **Dec. 20th- 1:00 Early Dismissal/ End of First Semester**
- Dec. 21st- Jan. 6th- No School/ Winter Break
- **Jan. 7th- First Day of School for Second Semester**
- Jan. 14th- Bennet Boosters Meeting
- Jan. 20th- No School- Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Feb. 4th- Early Dismissal- 1:00
- Feb. 4th- Parent Teacher Conferences- 2:00-8:00
- Feb. 5th- No School- Teacher In-Service Day
- Feb 14th- No School- Winter Break
- Feb 17th- No School- Winter Break

● Panther Paw Winners ●



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ARE YOU LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT GIFT
FOR YOUR CHILD'S AMAZING TEACHER?

LET  HELP!

Aspire Academy, District OR1's transition program, located at the elementary school, offers students ages 18-21 valuable opportunities to develop real-world skills through various jobs both on campus and in the community. A key component of the program is the student-run cart, Bennet Bites, where students prepare and sell drinks and treats to the staff.

This year, we are excited to introduce a new way for parents to support the program and find a gift teachers will truly enjoy and appreciate: gift certificates and punch cards for Bennet Bites. These can be purchased as thoughtful gifts for teachers, offering a unique way to show appreciation while supporting the transition program. All proceeds will go directly to further enhancing Aspire Academy.

We are offering gift certificates in any amount, as well as a special Christmas punch card that provides 10 drinks for just \$25 (a \$30 value). Normally, drinks and snacks are \$3 each, so this is a great deal for both parents and teachers! If you would like to purchase a gift certificate or punch card for your child's teacher, please complete the Google Form or scan the QR code.
<https://forms.gle/5DS6kc6CYsiFtLkZA>

Thank you for your support!



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PALMYRA COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL

Christmas LIGHT CONTEST

JUDGING
DEC | 20 | 2024

PRIZES AWARDED TO TOP 3 HOMES IN TOWN & OUT OF TOWN.

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST REGISTER! SCAN THE QR
CODE BELOW TO REGISTER OR EMAIL US AT
PALMYRACOMMUNITYFOUNDATION.NE@GMAIL.COM
A MAP OF ALL PARTICIPATING DISPLAYS WILL BE
SHARED WITH THE PUBLIC



PCF THANKS ALL WHO TOOK THE TIME TO PARTICIPATE! THIS MAKES
FOR A FUN COMMUNITY EVENT THAT EVEN THE KIDS CAN ENJOY, SO
DRIVE AROUND AND ENJOY THE DISPLAYS AND DECORATIONS!

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What: Play time and a movie

(Animated Grinch or Polar Express)

Dinner/Snack: Pizza, Capri Sun, chips, cookies and popcorn.

Cost: \$30/child

RSVP by Dec. 16

Email ferretti.jen@districtor1.net with name, grade and pizza preference of your student(s)

ONLY Cash or Check at drop-off

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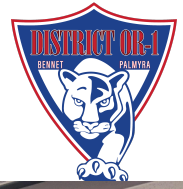
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Standard Response Protocol

Bennet Elementary's adoption of the Standard Response Protocol (SRP) provides a standardized approach to managing various events, both threatening and non-threatening, that may happen in or around our school.

These protocols provide actions for the following situations:

- Lockout (danger is outside the school)
- Lockdown (danger is inside the school)
- Evacuate (leave the school building, such as a fire)
- Shelter (tornado or severe weather)
- Hold (stay in classrooms due to a non-threatening event outside the classroom)

IN AN EMERGENCY TAKE ACTION



HOLD! In your room or area. Clear the halls.

OCCUPANTS

Clear the hallways and remain in room or area until the "All Clear" is announced
Do business as usual

STAFF

Close and lock door
Account for occupants and staff
Do business as usual



SECURE! Get inside. Lock outside doors.

OCCUPANTS

Return inside
Do business as usual

STAFF

Bring everyone indoors
Lock outside doors
Increase situational awareness
Account for occupants and staff
Do business as usual



LOCKDOWN! Locks, lights, out of sight.

OCCUPANTS

Move away from sight
Maintain silence
Do not open the door
Prepare to evade or defend

STAFF

Lock interior doors
Turn out the lights
Move away from sight
Do not open the door
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EVACUATE! (A location may be specified)

OCCUPANTS

Evacuate to specified location
Bring your phone
Instructions may be provided about retaining or leaving belongings

STAFF

Lead evacuation to specified location
Account for occupants and staff
Notify if missing, extra or injured people



SHELTER! Hazard and safety strategy.

OCCUPANTS

Use appropriate safety strategy for the hazard

Hazard	Safety Strategy
Tornado	Evacuate to shelter area
Hazmat	Seal the room
Earthquake	Drop, cover and hold
Tsunami	Get to high ground

STAFF

Lead safety strategy
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[Student Directory Link](#)

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

A few reminders that I would like to share to help everyone get in and out quickly:

- Please have students enter and exit your vehicle on the passenger side of your vehicle. The drop off lane is extremely effective and the safety of your student is our priority. By doing this, we can ensure that students are not in zones of traffic and are not in harm's way.
- If you are using the parent drop/pick up lanes, please stay in your vehicles. If you would like to park and walk up, please utilize the parking spaces in the interior of the parent pickup/dropoff lane.
- In the afternoon **only**, Kindergarten parents may utilize the bus drop off lane for pickup for Kindergarten students and older siblings. Grades 1-5 will continue to use the primary pickup/dropoff lane. Teachers have now been assigned zones to help aid in the location of your students to help you get in and out quickly.
- For preschool students, we have begun a student drop-off zone similar to the primary drop-off lane. If you would like to stay in your vehicle, a staff member will assist with getting your student out of the vehicle.

Arrival Times

Students that are participating in the Rec program can be dropped off starting at 7:00. All other students can arrive no earlier than 7:50 unless they are utilizing school bussing or the Rec Program. School starts at 8:20 and the tardy bell rings at 8:30. Breakfast begins at 7:50 and ends at 8:20.

PowerSchool

Please check PowerSchool to view grades, missing assignments, and lunch balances. If you need to set up your account, please call Kristi in the office.

District Calendar

[24-25 District Calendar](#)

Transportation:

If you have any questions regarding bussing, please contact Cathy Fick at 402-540-2879.



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PATHFINDER TRAFFIC SAFETY SERVICE

Teen Driver Education

PROVISIONAL OPERATOR'S PERMIT PROGRAM (POP)

20 hours hybrid course work:

10 hours online course work

10 hours in the classroom

**5 hours behind the wheel training
with an instructor**

WHEN:

**JANUARY 11TH &
12TH, 2025**

8:00 AM-1:00 PM

WHERE:

**PALMYRA HIGH
SCHOOL**

TUITION

\$425

GO TO:

pathfindertss.com

REGISTER

FOR:

Palmyra

Contact:

Liz Cunningham

402-719-5481 or at

**[pathfindertss@gmail
.com](mailto:pathfindertss@gmail.com)**

PALMYRA FFA JANUARY PANCAKE FEED/ 9TH, MEMBER 2025 ACTION

***Where: PHS Commons
Area***

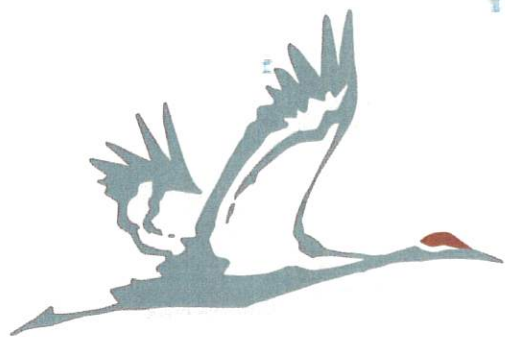
When: Meal at 6:00 p.m.

***Member Auction at
7:00 p.m.***

***Tickets (\$5) are sold by FFA
members or can be
purchased at the door.***

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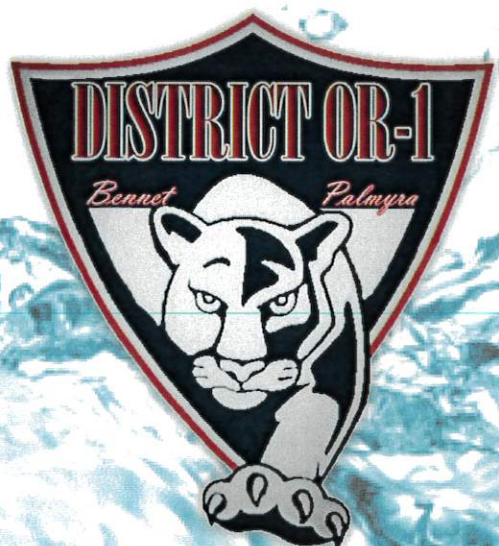


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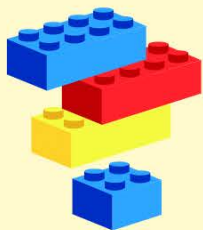
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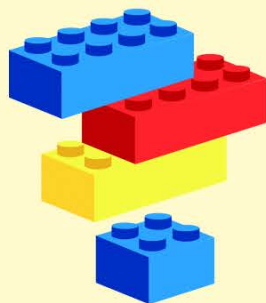
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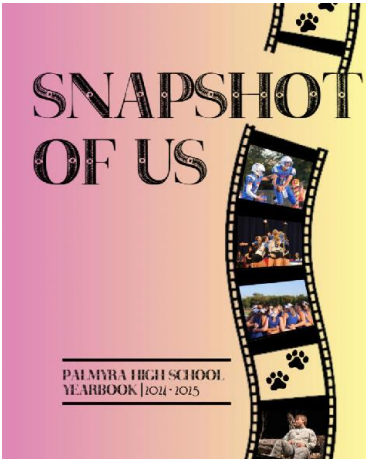
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Walsworth 2024-25 Yearbook Purchase Agreement

Purchase yours today
and get a piece of
history!

\$40



\$50

Prices will go up on
February 13th.

Remember the school year by purchasing a 2024-25 yearbook for \$40. Prices will go up February 13th to \$50, so grab one now. Use the purchase agreement below or go online @ <https://yearbookforever.com/>

Last Name

First Name

of Yearbooks

Total (check or cash)

****All orders must be pre-paid .***

Return to the office with payment if using this document.

Address (if an out-going senior and not picking up yearbook)

City

Zip Code

E-mail to contact you when yearbook arrives.

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BUT YOU CAN BUY A
YEARBOOK
and that's kind of the
same thing.