



Panther Weekly Bulletin

Breakfast Menu

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Egg Patty Sausage Patty Cheese Biscuit Potato Triangle	Pancakes Sausage Links	Scrambled Eggs Bacon Wheat Toast	Burrito Breakfast Wrap	Cinnamon Roll Yoplait Yogurt

Lunch Menu

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Ham & Scalloped Potatoes Peas Breadstick	Rice Bowl Steak or Chicken Black Beans Broccoli Breadstick	Steak Fingers Mashed Potatoes White Gravy Corn Biscuit	Mandarin Chicken Egg Roll Carrots Roll	Deep Dish Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Garlic Bread Mixed Vegetables

Happening this week at PHS

Monday, October 27th– Lincoln Symphony Orchestra @ Lied Center, bus leaves at 10:15 am.

Volleyball Varsity Sub Districts, PHS vs Syracuse @ Bishop Neumann 5:30 pm.
Bus leaves at 3:30 pm.

One Act Rehearsal 6:00– 8:00 pm.

FCCLA Halloween Social 6:00 pm.

Tuesday, October 28th– FFA National Convention.

Volleyball Varsity Sub Districts TBA (Away).

One Act Rehearsal 6:00– 8:00 pm.

Wednesday, October 29th– FFA National Convention.

High School Boys Basketball meeting in the West gym 3:15 pm.

JH Boys Basketball meeting in the West Commons 3:25 pm.

Volleyball Varsity Sub Districts TBA (Away).

Thursday, October 30th– FFA National Convention.

SCC Milford College Visit, bus leaves at 8:15 am.

Cross Country Team Banquet 6:00 pm East Commons.

One Act Rehearsal 6:00– 8:00 pm.

Friday, October 31st– FFA National Convention.

One Act Rehearsal 4:00– 6:00 pm

Saturday, November 1st– FFA National Convention.

Volleyball Varsity Sub District Finals TBA (Away).

Post Prom Craft Fair Set Up 6:00 pm.

Sunday, November 2nd– Post Prom Craft Fair @ PHS 8:00 am.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, November 3rd– FCCLA District Leadership Conference at Weeping Water.

Unified Bowling JV/Varsity @ Malcolm 11:30 am.

One Act Rehearsal 4:00– 8:00 pm.

Tuesday, November 4th– One Act Rehearsal 4:00– 8:00 pm.

Wednesday, November 5th– One Act Rehearsal 4:00– 6:00 pm.

Thursday, November 6th– FCCLA Curbside Coffee and Cocoa 7:45 am.

One Act Rehearsal 4:00– 8:00 pm.

JH Girls Wrestling @ Auburn 4:30 pm.

Friday, November 7th– FFA Mock Contest 11:45 am.

One Act Home Performance 6:00 pm.

Saturday, November 8th– Doane Honor Band.

Sunday, November 9th– Football Team Banquet 5:30 pm.

GO PANTHERS!

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Newsletter - Oct 24th, 2025

Arrival 7:50-8:20

Dismissal 3:20

Early Dismissal Days 1:00

Principal's Update

Halloween Parade Information

We are excited to announce that our Halloween parade will be held outside this year! The parade will begin at 2:00 PM, with Kindergarten leading the way. Parents are welcome to watch from outside along the parade route.

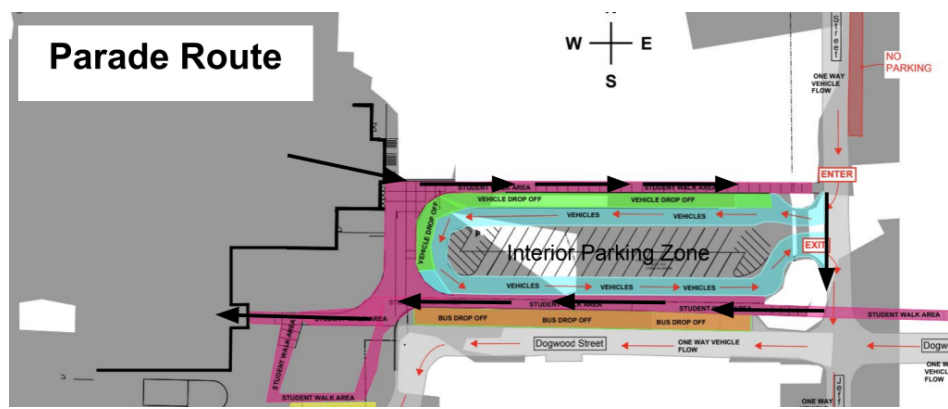
Costume Guidelines:

- Students are allowed to bring their costumes to school. However, we ask that students are not sent in their costumes but change into them in the afternoon prior to the parade.
- Costumes should be respectful and not offend any racial, ethnic, or gender group.
- No fake weapons or props that could be used as a weapon. Items that do not follow this rule will be collected by Mr. Haag and returned to parents later.
- No live animals as part of costumes. Stuffed animals may be used instead.
- Makeup should be simple enough for students to apply independently.

Parent Information:

- Please park and gather in the parent drop-off loop or on surrounding streets.
- Students will parade along the sidewalks of the drop-off loop—please keep sidewalks clear for students to walk safely.
- After the parade, students will return to their classrooms to begin their holiday parties.

A map of the parade route is included for your convenience. We look forward to celebrating with you!



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Thanksgiving Food Drive

Please see the below flyer for information regarding our Thanksgiving Food Drive. We hope to earn an early out (1:00 dismissal day) on Tuesday, November 25th. Please consider donating various items to help families during the holiday season.

Winter Weather Clothing

As we transition from fall to winter weather, please help your child come to school prepared for the day's temperatures. Students go outside for recess as long as the weather allows, so be sure they have appropriate jackets, hats, and gloves when needed. Guidance for jackets and recess wear as well as indoor recess can be found below.

Our lost and found is located by the entryway. We strongly recommend labeling your child's jackets and coats with their name. This helps ensure that their items are returned to them instead of sitting unclaimed in the lost and found. Please take a moment to visit the lost and found if your child is missing any items.

Dismissal Changes

Coordinating the dismissal plans for 350 students each day is extremely challenging and time consuming for the office staff. If you have a change request, we ask that these are communicated to the office by 2:00 each day. Ideally, the transportation plan is consistent day to day. We understand that some days a change is needed. However, receiving these requests within an hour of dismissal is a challenge for ensuring timely communication to staff to ensure these students get to where they need to go. Please assist in helping make this process smooth and effective.

Bus Changes

Due to limited bus drivers and seating, we are unable to support students riding to a friend's house. Students can be bused home according to their regular route, and we are unable to provide transportation to other locations. We will continue to have daily shuttles from the elementary school and high school. Thank you for understanding.

Arrival Procedures

Students in the Rec Program may be dropped off starting at 7:00. All other students should arrive no earlier than 7:50 unless they are riding the bus or attending the Rec



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Program. The front doors will open at 7:50, and staff will begin monitoring the drop-off line at that time. Students dropped off before 7:50 will be unsupervised and the doors will be locked. Breakfast will be served from 7:50 to 8:20 daily. During arrival, students will gather in the Bennet Commons until 8:20 and then be escorted to classrooms. The school day starts at 8:20, and the tardy bell rings at 8:25.

If you are dropping a student off to ride the morning bus shuttles to PHS and have elementary students with them, we cannot provide supervision for students prior to 7:30. Please have students wait in the car until this time as the buses do not arrive until 7:30.

Parent Drop Off and Pickup 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 top 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.

Upcoming Events

- Oct 27-31- District OR-1 Thanksgiving Food Drive
- Oct 27-30- Red Ribbon Week- Dress Up Days:
 - Monday- Pajama Day
 - Tuesday- Wear Red
 - Wednesday- Dress for your future career
 - Thursday- Sports Day
 - Friday- Halloween Dress Up Party (End of Day)
- Oct 31- Halloween Parade/ Parties- 1:45-3:00
- Nov 18- No School- ECNC One Act
- Nov 25- Potential Early Out/ 1:00 Dismissal- Thanksgiving Food Drive
- Nov 26-28- No School- Thanksgiving Break
- Dec 19- Early Dismissal- 1:00

PowerSchool

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

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District Calendar

[25-26 District Calendar](#)

Transportation

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

● Panther Paw Winners ●



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RESPECTFUL
RESPONSIBLE

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Red Ribbon Week

October 27-31, 2025

Red Ribbon Week is a national celebration used to teach youth about the importance of living a drug free life. At Bennet Elementary, we take this opportunity to talk with students about all healthy choices they can make each day. Please join us in discussing with your student(s) about the importance of making healthy choices in their daily lives.

Monday

27

Sleep Is Important! Get 9-11 Hours A Night!

Wear your favorite PJ's or comfy clothes

Tuesday

28

Our Friends Help Us Stay Healthy. Unite For Red Ribbon Week!

Wear red

Wednesday

29

Our Choices Today Impact Our Future Selves

Dress for your future career

Thursday

30

We're Teaming Up To Make Good Choices!

Wear your favorite sports team or Panther gear

Friday

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Hocus Pocus, Healthy Choices Are Our Focus!

Bring your costumes to school for the parade



**Bennet Elementary is
united in making healthy
choices every day!**



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16th Annual Trunk or Treat

Sponsored by

Teammates Mentoring Program & Palmyra Community Foundation

When: Saturday October 25th, 2025 from 4:00-6:00pm

Where: Palmyra Main Street (On C Street between 5th and 6th St)

Come in Costume to Trick or Treat

All children 6th grade and younger welcome for trick or treating!

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School Counseling PROGRAM

Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week is officially here! Students will get the opportunity to discuss positive choices that we can make every day to promote healthy lives and communities. Discussions that will take place include healthy friendship choices, healthy food choices, physical activity, etc.

Please partner with Bennet Elementary and discuss the Red Ribbon message at home, at the dinner table, at family outings, and with friends and extended family. Together, we can ensure our students, families, and communities come together to live healthy lives!

Student Council Update

This week, our 5th grade Student Council had the opportunity to travel to York College to participate in a youth leadership development day. There were 16 schools from Nebraska present and students were able to learn great skills, build relationships with peers from other schools, and learn more about kindness and respect. I am excited to see how what they learned will be put into place to continue to improve Bennet Elementary and District OR-1. A brief synopsis of key points they learned is below:

Kindness always includes, encourages, celebrates, and trusts. This was the key messaging from the event and our student council members will be working hard to get this messaging throughout our school!

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Santa's Overflow

* *Extravaganza* *

For families in need, please come shop new
and used items for FREE!

12.06.2025 | 10 am - 2 pm

Ho Ho Ho

New Coats
New Toys
Canned Goods

Gently Used
clothes, coats,
shoes, toys!

Gently used
blankets, pots
and pans and more

Questions: Lillie at 402.440.2871
Bennet Legion Hall, 970 Monroe Street,
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2025 District OR-1 Thanksgiving Food Drive

October 27th-October 31st

Organized by Palmyra High School National Honor Society

Points System

Thanksgiving Dinner Basket Items:

- 1 can of corn = 1 points
- 1 can of green beans = 1 points
- 1 can of cranberry sauce = 2 points
- 1 can of gravy = 3 points
- 1 box of stuffing = 3 points

District OR-1 Goal:

7000 points

High-Need Items

- Monetary Donations: 1 Dollar = 1 point
- 1 can of soup = 2 points
- 1 can of pinto, kidney or refried beans = 2 points
- 1 jar of jelly = 2 points
- 1 bottle of cooking oil = 3 points
- 1 can of nonstick cooking spray = 4 points
- 1 box of pancake mix = 5 points
- 1 large bottle of Juice = 5 points
- 1 box of pasta = 5 points
- 1 boxed baking mix (brownie, cake. etc.) = 5 points
- 1 bottle of shampoo or conditioner = 6 points
- 1 container of pancake syrup = 6 points
- 1 box of crackers = 8 points
- 1 bottle of ketchup = 8 points
- 1 bottle of mustard = 8 points
- 1 box of breakfast cereal = 8 points
- 1 jar of mayonnaise = 8 points
- 1 box of plastic bags (any size) = 9 points
- 1 box of garbage bags (any size) = 9 points
- 1 container of deodorant = 10 points
- 1 package of plastic wrap = 12 points
- 1 package of aluminum foil = 12 points
- 1 container of coffee = 14 points
- 1 container of laundry detergent = 20 points



District OR-1 Prize:

**1:00 Dismissal on
November 25th**

**Bring donation items to Palmyra
Jr.-Sr. High School or Bennet
Elementary.**

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Weather Protocols



**NO RECESS WHEN IT
"FEELS LIKE" 15 OR BELOW,
OR ANY PRECIPITATION**



**60 OR BELOW: NEED LONG
SLEEVES OR JACKET**



**50 OR BELOW: NEED
JACKET OR COAT**



**40 OR BELOW: NEED COAT,
HAT & GLOVES**





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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:

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

IN AN EMERGENCY TAKE ACTION



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

STUDENTS

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

ADULTS

Close and lock the door
Account for students and adults
Do business as usual



SECURE! Get inside. Lock outside doors.

STUDENTS

Return to inside of building
Do business as usual

TEACHERS

Bring everyone indoors
Lock outside doors
Increase situational awareness
Do business as usual
Take attendance



LOCKDOWN! Locks, lights, out of sight.

STUDENTS

Move away from sight
Maintain silence
Do not open the door

ADULTS

Recover students from hallway if possible
Lock the classroom door
Turn out the lights
Move away from sight
Maintain silence
Do not open the door
Prepare to evade or defend



EVACUATE! (A location may be specified)

STUDENTS

Leave stuff behind if required to
If possible, bring your phone
Follow instructions

ADULTS

Lead students to Evacuation location
Account for students and adults
Notify if missing, extra or injured students or adults



SHELTER! Hazard and safety strategy.

STUDENTS

Use appropriate safety strategy for the hazard

Hazard

Tornado
Hazmat
Earthquake
Tsunami

Safety Strategy

Evacuate to shelter area
Seal the room
Drop, cover and hold
Get to high ground

ADULTS

Lead safety strategy
Account for students and adults
Notify if missing, extra or injured students or adults