

Bennet Elementary - District OR-1

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Newsletter - Sep 19th, 2025

Arrival 7:50-8:20

Dismissal 3:20

Early Dismissal Days 1:00

Principal's Update

We Did It – \$25,000 Raised for Our Library!

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our students and families, we raised \$20,000 in student donations. On top of that, our amazing community partners contributed \$7,000 in business sponsorships, helping us hit our \$25,000 school-wide goal!

That means... the big moment is here: On Wednesday, Mr. Haag will ride his unicorn to school! We know the students won't want to miss this celebration.

Prize Order Reminder – Due Friday!

This week is your final chance to place your student's Reward Store order. All orders must be submitted by FRIDAY so they can be processed.

Here's how to redeem:

Log in at [MyBooster.com](https://mybooster.com) and check your total point balance. Click "Visit the Reward Store."

Browse the available prizes and add your favorites to your cart (stay within your point total). Proceed to checkout – items will be automatically assigned to your oldest child to bring home.

Submit your order! You'll receive a confirmation popup and email. All prizes will be shipped to school and distributed to students.

Other things to know:

Need help? Submit questions here: [Boosterthon Help Center](#)

Any families who earned points but do not place an order will receive standard prizes based on their available point balance.

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2025-2026 Student Directory

Parents, if you would like your child to be included in the Student Directory this year, please take a moment to fill out this optional form. If you do not want to be listed, simply do not complete the form.

Complete the form here: <https://forms.gle/SZuJJoGNQxqA46Zx8>

Deadline: Friday, September 19

Please note: This directory is organized by Bennet Boosters and is not affiliated with the school. Any information provided will be included by the Boosters; the school does not publish or communicate this information.

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 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.

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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

- Sep 24- Parent Teacher Conferences- 2:00-8:00
- Sep 24- Early Dismissal- 1:00
- Sep 24 & 25- Bennet Elementary Book Fair
- Sep 25- No School- PT Conferences- 8:00-12:00
- Sep 26- No School
- Sep 30- Picture Retake Day
- Oct 3- Kindergarten Field Trip
- Oct 23- 2nd Grade Field Trip
- Oct 31- Halloween Parade/ Parties- 1:45-3:00

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.

District Calendar

[25-26 District Calendar](#)

Transportation

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

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● Panther Paw Winners ●



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To support our local Palmyra-Bennet-Douglas Chapter, please dine at the following location:

8525 Andermatt Drive, Nebraska Pkwy, Lincoln, NE 68526

—— 10% OF SALES DONATED TO ——

TEAMMATES
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Panther Football

How We Live: Love. Accountability. Ownership. How We Play: Fast. Physical. Disciplined Pursuit.

Dear Palmyra-Bennet Youth Football Parents, Players, & Coaches,

The Palmyra Panther High School football team will be hosting our annual Youth Football Night prior/during their home football game against Louisville on Friday, September 19th. We would like to invite you and your athlete to attend the football game! **Youth FB players should wear their uniform to the game.** They will be able to run out on the field before the high school team takes the field. They will also be recognized during halftime!

Schedule

6:30pm (30:00 on scoreboard): Meet at the High School Field (west gate entrance by the concessions stand).

6:40pm (20:00 on scoreboard): Coaches & players line the track on the east side for the HS team to run through as they enter the locker room at 6:44. They will then follow the team to the locker room to wait for their entrance.

6:52pm (08:00 on scoreboard): Follow the HS team out of the east locker room and onto the field.

6:55pm (05:00 on scoreboard): Introduced with the HS team as they run out to the 50 yard line (youth team, then HS). After the youth run through, they can head to the sideline to allow for the HS team to run through as well.

6:57pm (03:00 on scoreboard): National Anthem on the sideline, then exit the field.

7:00pm: Kickoff, Youth FB players are encouraged to sit with their parents

2:00 left in the 2nd quarter: Coaches & players gather near the east gates to take the field to be recognized during halftime. During halftime, all teams will take the field and align along the home sideline in numerical order. The PA announcer will announce each team & team member at that time.

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ABSENTEE & RETAKE PICTURE DAY



**BACKGROUNDS MAY VARY
- MORE CHOICES ONLINE!**

RETAKE:

For a no charge retake, return the entire package to the photographer on retake day.

ABSENTEE:

Please Order Now!



DESIGN IT YOUR WAY!

You can select multiple backgrounds & build your package.

**MUST PURCHASE ONLINE TO
SELECT MULTIPLE BACKGROUNDS!**

BENNET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Absentee/Retake Picture Day is

September 30, 2025

0092158AR

order code for online purchases

(password expires 24 hrs. after picture day)

CLICK TO ORDER



THIS IS A PREPAY EVENT. PAYMENT IS DUE ON PICTURE DAY. *Este es un evento prepagado. Pago se debe entregar el día de las fotos.*

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QUESTIONS? 1.800.220.7667



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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
Maintain silence
Account for occupants and staff
Prepare to evade or defend



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

Tornado
Hazmat
Earthquake
Tsunami

Safety Strategy

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

STAFF

Lead safety strategy
Account for occupants and staff
Notify if missing, extra or injured people



Panther Weekly Bulletin

Breakfast Menu

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Skillet Scramble English Muffin	Panther Funnel Waffle Syrup Sausage Links	Cinnamon Roll Yoplait Yogurt	No school today	No school today

Lunch Menu

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Cheeseburger Bun Green Beans French Fries	Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes White Gravy Broccoli Croissant	Chicken Quesadilla Tortilla Round Bag Refried Beans Carrots	No school today	No school today

Happening this week at PHS

Monday, September 22nd– FFA Land Practice 7:30 am.

JH Football vs. Milford @ Olson Sports Complex 4:30 pm.

Volleyball C Team and JV Team @ Elmwood-Murdock 5:30 pm. Bus leaves at 4:15 pm

One Act Rehearsal 6:00– 8:00 pm

Tuesday, September 23rd– Girls Varsity Golf Invitational @ River Wilds 9:00 am. Van leaves at 6:45 am.

Cross Country Varsity Invitational @ Branched Oak 10:00 am. Bus leaves at 7:45 am.

One Act Rehearsal 6:00– 8:00 pm

Wednesday, September 24th– 1:00 early dismissal for Parent/Teacher Conferences. Parent teacher conferences 2:00– 8:00 pm. Teachers will be in the commons. Please use the north doors.

FCCLA Fall Leadership Conference @ UNL all day for officers.

FCCLA hosts the parent-teacher conference dinner for teachers 5:00– 6:30 pm

Thursday, September 25th– No school. Parent Teacher Conferences 8:00 am—12:00 pm. Teachers will be in their rooms.

Girl's Varsity Golf vs. Norris @ Woodland Hills 4:00 pm.

JH Volleyball @ Calvert Elementary 4:30 pm. Bus leaves at 2:30 pm.

Volleyball C Team/JV/Varsity @ Auburn 4:30/ 5:30/ 6:30 pm. Bus leaves at 2:30 pm.

Football Varsity vs. Bishop Neumann @ Olson Sports Complex 7:00 pm.

Friday, September 26th– No school.

Saturday, September 27th– Volleyball Varsity Quad @ Sterling 9:00 am. Bus leaves at 7:30 am.

Waverly Parade & Field Marching Festival. Bus leaves at 8:20 am.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, September 29th– FFA Land Practice 7:30 am, FFA Chapter Meeting 7:45 am.

Girls Varsity Golf Invitational @ Elmwood-Murdock 10:00 am.

Cross Country Varsity Invitational @ University of Nebraska Kearney 3:00 pm

JH Football vs. Falls City @ Olson Sports Complex 4:30 pm

Volleyball C Team and JV vs. Nebraska City @ PHS 5:00/6:00 pm

JV Football vs. Falls City @ Olson Sports Complex 6:30 pm

Tuesday, September 30th– Picture Retake Day. Have students bring in their previous picture packet in order to retake. Or if they were absent on our first picture day, they are able to get a picture.

Volleyball Varsity Triangular @ Syracuse 5:00 pm

One Act Rehearsal 6:00– 8:00 pm

Thursday, October 2nd– Girls Varsity Golf Invitational @ Lincoln Christian 9:00 am

Cross Country Varsity Invitational @ Raymond Central 10:00 am

Volleyball Varsity Triangular @ PHS 5:00 pm

One Act Crew Only 6:00– 8:00 pm

HS Football Team Meal 6:00 pm

Friday, October 3rd– Football Varsity @ Raymond Central 7:00 pm

Saturday, October 4th– Capital City Band Championships

Volleyball JV Tournament @ Syracuse 8:30 am

JH Volleyball Tournament @ Lincoln Christian 9:00 am

GO PANTHERS!