

Bench Buzz

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What's the Buzz? Last month we had a lockdown drill which required the district emergency call out system to be activated. If you did not receive a call out please contact our office to update your contact numbers. It is critical that we have current information not only for these types of situations, but also for day to day illnesses or injuries that your child might encounter. Please help us to keep your kids safe.

Conferences and Safety: Please remember school conferences will be held on November 7, 8, and 9th. We will dismiss each day at 12:00. Like any time throughout the school year, it is School District 2 policy that all community members must show an ID and be buzzed into the main entrance to the building. Once inside, you must check in at the office and wear a visitor's badge. Please expect staff to ask you to return to the main office if they see you without a visitor's sticker. These procedures have been put in place to protect your children, so please be kind to the office staff when they ask for your ID as well as the reason for your visit.

Breakfast: Breakfast is served at Bench from 7:45 to 8:05 and all children are expected to eat breakfast prior to going out to morning walk. Please make sure your child arrives on time each day to ensure they are able to enjoy a full breakfast. If your child arrives between 8:05 and 8:40 they will be offered a late breakfast which consists of milk, a breakfast bar and a fruit. Students will take these items to class to enjoy while participating in their class learning activities. **Students arriving after 8:40 should try their best to eat at home prior to coming to school.** Morning snack is provided Tuesday through Thursday.

Staff Spotlight and Holiday Performance Update: My name is Mrs. Murphy, and I am excited to be teaching music at Bench Elementary this school year. I am new to the Billings School District, but previously taught K-8 music at Canyon Creek School the past 10 years. To allow myself more time to get to know the students at Bench, I have decided **not** to schedule any holiday or winter concerts this year. I do feel it is important for every grade level to have at least one performance opportunity during the school year, **so please plan on concerts being scheduled for sometime in the spring.** If you ever have any questions or concerns about general music class, please feel free to contact me at murphykn@billingssschools.org.

Upcoming Events:

10/1 through 11/9 Playground Coin Drive
11/7-11/9 Fall conferences Dismissal at 12:00
11/5 PTA Cup Sale Orders must be turned in
11/21-11/23 No School Holiday Break
12/3 Skyview performance of Robin Hood 9:10
12/20 5th Band and Orchestra Concert 8:30
12/24-1/1 No School

As the weather turns colder please make sure to send your son or daughter with a winter coat, hats, gloves, boots and snow pants. Students go out for recess unless it is 0 degrees or less.

The Bench PTA has been hard at work raising funds for the new primary playground. This month the following fundraising events will be wrapping up. Please consider helping out with this worthwhile project.

Coin Drive 10/1- 11/9th please bring your loose change to Bench. The class that brings in the most funds will be treated to a pizza party.

Spirit Cup Fundraiser: 10/22-11/5 A new fundraiser for Bench Elementary went home with your children on 10/22. For this fundraiser students are selling spirit cups. These cups would make the perfect holiday gift and are very durable. The cups will be delivered to Bench in early December with plenty of time to have them for Christmas.

Thanks for your continued support and we will see you January 8th at 4:00 for our next PTA meeting!

