

## **Bennett Elementary School**

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Dear Bennett Elementary Families,

Welcome to the start of the 2017-2018 school year! The year we are titling, "One Team, One Dream!"

This summer, our staff has attended and led professional development, our campus has been cleaned top to bottom, new interactive whiteboards have been installed in every classroom, new families have enrolled, and now we are hard at work prepping for an incredible year of impact. We are so excited to throw open our doors and welcome back our returning Bennett families and meet our new families.

We invite you to actively participate at Bennett! At Bennett Elementary, one of the things that sets us apart is the partnership between our parents and teachers. Our Bennett PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) Board has spent many hours this summer preparing for another incredible year for your family. We encourage you to support our Bennett PTO through your membership, as well as, supporting our school as a volunteer. Last school year, our volunteers logged more than 10,000 volunteer hours at our campus. There are many opportunities to volunteer during the school day, as well as, at home, so make this YOUR year to be INVOLVED!

We also invite you to actively communicate with us! It is our desire to keep you informed of all that is taking place at school. The PTO will send out communication monthly through their newsletter as well as post on their Bennett PTO Facebook page. The school will send out weekly newsletters on Tuesday, through the Bear Business. You can sign up on the homepage of our website to receive these directly to your inbox. Grade levels will also communicate with weekly email newsletters. On Sundays, you will receive a call highlighting the important events of the week. You can also follow our Bennett Elementary Facebook page. If you have any questions or concerns that arise at any time, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Our first school event is PTO sponsored Pops with Pops on Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:30-7:30PM in the park behind Bennett. We hope to see you all at Bennett Blast Off on Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. Our PTO will be open in the gym from 5:30-7PM, and you are welcome to visit classrooms from 6-7PM. Our school year will officially kick off on Monday, August 28<sup>nd</sup>, at 8AM. After you drop your child off in their classroom on the first day of school, join the Bennett PTO for "Tears and Cheers" in the cafeteria and our entire Bennett Community at our "Flag Raising Ceremony" at 8:30AM, as we kick off the BEST YEAR EVER at the BEST school in McKinney!

We look forward to serving each Bennett family this school year and building a strong and lasting relationship.

Respectfully,

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