



Panther Weekly Bulletin

Breakfast Menu

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Sausage Gravy Biscuit Scrambled Eggs	Egg Patty Sausage Patty Cheese Toast Potato Triangle	Pancake and Sausage on a stick	No School Today	No School Today

Lunch Menu

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Chicken Patty Bun Baked Beans Macaroni & Cheese	Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Brown Gravy Biscuit Broccoli	Breaded Pork Patty Bun Potato chips Carrots	No School Today	No School Today

Happening this week at PHS

Monday, October 13th— FFA Livestock Practice 7:30 am

Volleyball Varsity ECNC vs Freeman @ Freeman 6:30 pm. Bus leaves at 4:30 pm.

JH Football Game vs. Archbishop Bergan @ Olson Sports Complex 4:30 pm

Football JV vs. Conestoga—CANCELLED

Tuesday, October 14th— Volleyball Varsity ECNC Tournament TBA

JH Volleyball @ Freeman 4:00 pm. Bus leaves at 2:45 pm.

One Act Rehearsal 6:00– 8:00 pm.

Wednesday, October 15th— FFA Livestock Practice 7:30 am.

FCCLA Meeting 7:45 am.

Cross Country Varsity District Meet @ Cass County Fairgrounds 4:00 pm. Bus leaves at 1:30 pm.

Thursday, October 16th— No School. Staff work day.

Volleyball Varsity ECNC TBA

One Act Rehearsal 8:30– 11:30 am

JH Volleyball vs. Conestoga @ PHS West Gym 4:00 pm.

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

Friday, October 17th— No School, Fall Break.

Saturday, October 18th— FFA Harvest Lunch at Palmyra and Bennet Frontier Coops 11:00 am– 1:30 pm.

Sunday, October 19th— Midland Honor Choir.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, October 20th– FFA Livestock Practice 7:30 am.

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

JV Football vs. Aquinas Catholic @ Olson Sports Complex 6:00 pm.

Midland Honor Choir.

Tuesday, October 21st– Volleyball JV/Varsity vs. Yutan @ PHS 5:00/6:00 pm.

Wednesday, October 22nd– FFA Livestock Practice 7:30 am.

Thursday, October 23rd– FFA Livestock Judging.

HS Football Team Meal 6:00 pm.

Fall Music Concert 6:30 pm.

Friday, October 24th– Cross Country Varsity State Tournament TBA.

Football Varsity @ Conestoga Cougars 7:00 pm.

Saturday, October 25th– JV Volleyball @ Weeping Water 8:00 am.

NSBA State Marching.

Teammates Trunk or Treat.

GO PANTHERS!

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Newsletter - Oct 10th, 2025

Arrival 7:50-8:20

Dismissal 3:20

Early Dismissal Days 1:00

Principal's Update

Upcoming No School Days

On Thursday, October 16th and 17th, we will have no school for Fall Break.

Report Card Information

The end of Quarter 1 is today, Friday, October 10th. Report cards will be sent home with students on Monday, October 20th. As we discussed during parent-teacher conferences, please know that ELA grades may appear lower than in previous years. We have had fewer assessments to start the year, and the transition to a new curriculum often impacts grades early on. As students adjust and become more familiar with the new expectations, we expect grades to better reflect their growing skills and understanding. We encourage you to take a few minutes to review your child's report card together and celebrate their growth this quarter. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher.

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.

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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.

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 14th- Bennet Safety Action Plan Open House- 4:30-6:30
- Oct 16th&17th- No School- Fall Break
- Oct 23- 2nd Grade Field Trip
- Oct 31- Halloween Parade/ Parties- 1:45-3:00
- Nov 18- No School- ECNC One Act
- Nov 26-28- No School- Thanksgiving Break
- Dec 19- Early Dismissal- 1:00



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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.

● Panther Paw Winners ●



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RESPONSIBLE

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School Counseling PROGRAM

What's Happening in the Classroom?

This week, students in Kindergarten, First, and Fourth Grade learned about what bullying is and how to be an upstander rather than a bystander. They were able to participate in a 3 corners activity where they could choose "it happened to me," "it happened to my friend," or "I've never seen it happen" for various situations that were given that would be considered bullying if it happened repetitively.

Below, you will find actions and terminology you can take to help reinforce the bullying prevention message at home. We appreciate your support in making Bennet Elementary a kind, safe, and encouraging place for ALL students, staff, and families.

Focus for the School Year

- Resilience
- Kindness
- Respect
- Emotional Regulation

Strategy/Skill to reinforce at home

Upstander
Standing up to others and providing support when unkind actions/words are noticed.

How to Teach and Reinforce Being an Upstander at Home

1) Reinforce the Upstander Message - Speak with your student about appropriate ways to stand up for others when they notice unkind words or actions taking place. Even if it is a friend doing it, never join in, and do not be afraid to tell your friends what they are doing is wrong.

2) Practice What to Say and Do - Being an upstander is always easier when you know what to say. Practice the following steps at home.

"Please stop. That is not okay"

"No, that is not kind and I will not do that with you."

If unkind actions and words continue, let an adult know immediately so it can be addressed in the moment.

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Bennet
SAFETY ACTION PLAN

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

October 14, 2025

4:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Bennet Elementary School

50 Dogwood St, Bennet, NE 68317

Join us for the final Public Open House for the Bennet Safety Action Plan on October 14. This is an opportunity to learn more about the drafted safety recommendations, provide feedback, and speak directly with project team members.

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PML HALLOWEEN

COSTUME SHOP

Free Will Donation

Not to late to contribute costumes

Costumes for all ages
FREE WILL DONATION

We have been collecting costumes of all kinds.
Come take a look and let your imagination go wild
ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE LIBRARY IN OUR CHURCH BUILDING
535 Cst Palmyra NE

Saturday Oct 11th
10AM-1PM
plenty of time before
Trunk or Treat or Halloween

402-890-0964 Palmyra Memorial Library



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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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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