

UPCOMING EVENTS

September

- 1 – NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
- 5 – All Staff In-Service
- 10 – School Board Meeting – 5:00
- 18 – Elementary Literacy Night – 5:30 to 7:00 @ AC Gym
- 23 – Picture Day
- 24–25 – Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 25 – 1:00 STUDENT DISMISSAL



CONSTITUTION DAY – SEPTEMBER 17

BCSD students will take part in Constitution Day with activities and lessons that help them learn about the importance of the U.S. Constitution. These activities are designed to make history meaningful and connect students to the rights and responsibilities it provides.



New Parent Teacher Conference Options & Book Fair Week

We are excited to share that Parent Teacher Conferences will look a little different this year! Families will have two opportunities to meet with teachers and talk about their child's progress—Wednesday, September 24 from 4:00–6:00 p.m. and Thursday, September 25 from 2:00–6:00 p.m. To make the week even more special, our Book Fair will run September 22–25 during conference week, giving families a chance to browse and shop for books before or after visiting with teachers. The Book Fair will be in the Elementary Little Gym.

FLAT STANLEY TRAVELS IN 3rd/4th MAC

3rd/4th grade MAC class is taking a learning adventure across the United States! After reading the book Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown, each student created their own "Flat Stanley" and mailed him to three different people in three different states. As Stanleys travel and return, they'll bring back information, fun facts, and even small souvenirs to help us learn about and remember all 50 states. We can't wait to see where in the country our Stanleys go next!

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Warrior PRIDE

Elementary will Host Family Reading Quest – Chapter One!

Families, get ready for a night of games, food, and fun as we dive into the world of reading together!

Wednesday, Sept. 18 5:30 – 7:00 PM
(Dinner at 5:30, Stations at 6:00)

Elementary Activity Center Gym

Bring the whole family and join us for an exciting exploration of reading—with activities for all ages!

OPPORTUNITY FOR PRIDE BUCK STORE AT ELEMENTARY

Bennett County Elementary has a wonderful opportunity to earn extra funds through Dakotamart's "We Care" program. By collecting Dakotamart cash register tapes, our school will receive \$100 for every \$10,000 in receipts that we turn in.

The money we earn will go directly toward purchasing supplies for our Pride Buck Store, which rewards our students for their hard work and positive behavior.

We encourage you to save your Lynn's Dakotamart receipts and send them to school with your child. Every little bit adds up and helps support our students!

In addition, if you would like to make a direct donation to our Pride Buck Store, we would greatly appreciate it. Donations of small items such as toys, school supplies, or fun prizes are always welcome.

Thank you for your continued support of Bennett County Elementary!

Sincerely,
Melissa Byrne
Elementary Principal

PARENT RIGHT TO KNOW

The federal education law, the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), requires that all parents in a Title I school be notified and given the opportunity to request information about the professional qualifications of classroom teachers and paraprofessionals instructing their child.

Title I Part A, (Section 1112)(e)(1)(B)(ii) specifies the following requirement: At the beginning of each school year, a local educational agency that receives funds under this part shall notify the parents of each student attending any school receiving funds under this part that the parents may request, and the agency will provide the parents on request (and in a timely manner). The information must include, at a minimum, the following:

1. Whether the student's teacher—

- has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
- is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived; and
- is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher.

2. Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

Parents may also request information on the level of achievement and academic growth of the student, if applicable and available, on each of the State academic assessments required under this part and timely notice that the student has been assigned, or has been taught for 4 or more consecutive weeks by, a teacher who does not meet applicable State certification or licensure requirements at the grade level and subject area in which the teacher has been assigned. BCSD Schools will notify parents if the teacher does not meet state qualifications.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's principal.

BCSD FERPA

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education.

FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's education records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of 18 or attends a school beyond the high school level and they become 'eligible students'.

- Parents or eligible students have the right to inspect and review student's education records maintained by the school. Schools are not required to provide copies of records unless, for reasons such as a great distance, it is impossible for parents or eligible students to review the records.
- Parents or eligible students have the right to request that a school correct records which they believe inaccurate or misleading. If the school decides to not amend the record, the parent or eligible student then has the right to a formal hearing. After the hearing, if the school still decides not to amend the record, the parent or eligible student has the right to place a statement with the record setting forth his or her view about the contested information.
- Generally, schools must have written permission from the parent or eligible student in order to release any information from a student's education record. However, FERPA allows school to disclose those records, without consent, to the following parties or under the following conditions (34 CFR 99.31):
 - School officials with legitimate educational interest;
 - Other schools to which a student is transferring;
 - Specified officials for audit or evaluation purposes;
 - Appropriate parties in connection with financial aid to a student;
 - Organizations conducting certain studies for or on behalf of the school;
 - Accrediting organizations;
 - To comply with a judicial order of lawfully issued subpoena;
 - State and local authorities, within a juvenile justice system, pursuant to specific State law.
- Schools may disclose, without consent, "directory" information such as a student's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, honors and awards, and dates of attendance. However, schools must tell parents and eligible students about directory information and allow parent and eligible students a reasonable amount of time to request that the school not disclose direct information about them.
- Schools must notify parents annually about their rights under FERPA.
- The actual means of notification (special letter, student handbook, school website, or newspaper/newsletter article) is left to the discretion of the school.

2025-2026 FOCUS ON ATTENDANCE

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**WE want YOU to be
HERE ... by 7:55 AM**

Chronic Absenteeism is defined as missing **two or more days a month for any reason**. Missing more than two days in the first two months of school can be a predictor for attendance issues through the rest of the year. A high school student who misses 10 days in a school year is less likely to enroll in college.

WHEN STUDENTS
IMPROVE THEIR
ATTENDANCE RATES,
THEY IMPROVE THEIR
ACADEMIC
PROSPECTS AND
CHANCES FOR
GRADUATING AND
FINDING A SOLID JOB.

***Tardies** include coming to school late and after lunch, as well as not making it to classes on time through the day.
***Tardies** impact a student's attendance for Prom eligibility.
***Tardies** are documented on a student's permanent attendance record and follow them to college.

Being tardy 5 minutes each day for one class period equals

**12.5 hours / or nearly
two full DAYS**

***of missed instruction time for
the whole school year.***



Students have four minute passing times between classes. Be to class on time!

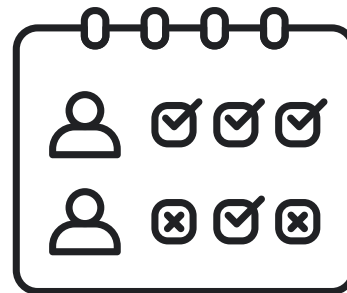
ATTENDANCE:

Missing 2 days a month can equal missing

20 days a year

That's **140 HOURS** of instruction...

LOST!



Absences affect your understanding and grades, which can impact graduation.

TRUANCY

- *Counts only excused absences
- *Emphasizes state compliance
- *Relies on legal solutions

Vs.

CHRONIC ABSENCE

- *Count ALL types of absences
- *Emphasizes academic impact
- *Uses school-based strategies


All absences, tardies, and truanies become part of a student's transcript & permanent record. Schools in your post-high school plans and future employers are very interested in attendance and tardy records at school.

Exempt Absences


Students will not be counted as absent if they are gone for the any of the following reasons:

1. Attendance at a school activity
2. Medical Verification

September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 Labor Day NO SCHOOL – LABOR DAY	2 10:00AM Cross Country @ Mile High Lead/Deadwood 5:30PM VB vs New Underwood	3 FFA Lemon Land and Range Judging @ 9:00AM VB vs Jones County	4	5 8:00AM All Staff In-Service 7:00PM FB @ Phillip	6 VB @ Early Bird Tourney
7	8 4:00PM MSFB @ Phillip 4:30PM MS VB vs Porcupine	9 4:15PM VB @ Edgemont	10 5:00PM BC School Board Meeting	11	12 10:00AM Cross Country BC Invite 7:00PM FB @ Kadoka	13 9:00AM MS FB @ Kaddoka Jamboree 9:00AM VB @ Phillip Tournament
14	15 2:00PM Cross Country @ Wager Invite 4:30PM MS Volleyball vs Gordon Rushville 4:30PM MSFB @ Kaodka	16 4:30PM VB vs Lakota Tech	17	18 5:30PM Elementary Literacy Family Fun Night	19 7:00PM FB @ Lyman (7:00 MT)	20 1:00PM MS Volleyball @ Lyman 1:00PM VB @ Hill City
21	22 BOOK FAIR 4:00PM MS Volleyball @ Valentine (5:30 CT) 	23 LifeTouch Pictures at BCSD 4:00PM MSFB vs Todd County	24 FFA Land & Range @ Wall 4:00PM Parent Teacher Conferences	25 10:00AM Cross Country @ WCPD Meet 2:00PM Parent Teacher Conferences- 1:00 Dismissal 4:30PM VB @ Lyman (4:30MT)	26 7:00PM FB vs Hill City 	27
28	29 4:30PM MS Volleyball @ Kadoka	30 2:00PM Cross Country @ Miller Invite 4:30PM MS Volleyball @ White River Tourney 5:00PM MSFB vs Gordon/Rushville 6:00PM VB @ Kadoka	1 5:30PM Family Engagement Title I Parent Information Night	2 7:30AM 4th Grade Parent Breakfast 4:30PM VB @ Hot Springs	3 VB LNI 9:00AM Cross Country @ Phillip Invite 7:00PM FB vs Kadoka	4 VB LNI 9:00AM MS Volleyball @ WGPC

September 2025 BREAKFAST

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 NO SCHOOL	2 BREAKFAST PIZZA FRUIT JUICE MILK	3 DONUT FRUIT JUICE MILK	4 SAUSAGE PATTY BAGEL FRUIT JUICE MILK	5
8 BREAKFAST TORNADO FRUIT JUICE MILK	9 BREAKFAST BURRITO FRUIT JUICE MILK	10 PANCAKE FRUIT JUICE MILK	11 EGG PATTY TOAST FRUIT JUICE MILK	12
15 WAFFLE FRUIT JUICE MILK	16 PANCAKE ON A STICK FRUIT JUICE MILK	17 CEREAL GRAHAM CRACKER FRUIT JUICE MILK	18 FRENCH TOAST FRUIT JUICE MILK	19
22 BAGEL PULL APART FRUIT JUICE MILK	23 OMELET BAGEL FRUIT JUICE MILK	24 BANANA BREAD FRUIT JUICE MILK	25 BISCUIT & GRAVY FRUIT JUICE MILK	26
29 CEREAL BAR GOGURT FRUIT JUICE MILK	FRUDLE FRUIT JUICE MILK			

September 2025 LUNCH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 NO SCHOOL	2 SPAGHETTI GARLIC BREAD FRUIT JUICE MILK	3 CHICKEN FRIED STEAK MASHED POTATO/GRAVY DINNER ROLL LETTUCE VEGGIE FRUIT MILK	4 CORN DOG BAKED BEANS LETTUCE VEGGIE FRUIT MILK	5
8 STROGANOFF DINNER ROLL LETTUCE VEGGIE FRUIT MILK	9 CHICKEN NUGGETS GARDEN BLEND RICE LETTUCE VEGGIE FRUIT MILK	10 HAMBERGER BAKED BEANS LETTUCE VEGGIE FRUIT MILK	11 CHICKEN GRAVY MASHED POTATO DINNER ROLL VEGGIE FRUIT MILK	12
15 BBQ PORK PATTY POTATO WEDGE LETTUCE VEGGIE FRUIT MILK	16 DUNKERS MARINARA SAUCE LETTUCE VEGGIE FRUIT	17 CHICKEN FAJITA BLACK BEANS/CORN LETTUCE VEGGIE FRUIT	18 HAM & SCALLOPED POTATO DINNER ROLL LETTUCE VEGGIE FRUIT MILK	19
22 PIZZA CORN LETTUCE VEGGIE FRUIT MILK	23 TURKEY SANDWICH BANKED BEANS VEGGIE FRUIT MILK	24 CHICKEN ALFREDO STEAMED BROCCOLI DINNER ROLL LETTUCE VEGGIE FRUIT	25 CHEESE BURGER CURLY FRIES LETTUCE VEGGIE FRUIT MILK	26
29 CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP DINNER ROLL LETTUCE VEGGIE FRUIT MILK	30 HOT DOG WRAP BAKED BEANS LETTUCE VEGGIE FRUIT MILK			



