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Newsletter - Oct 30th, 2026

Arrival: 7:50-8:20 Dismissal: 3:20 Early Dismissal Days: 1:00

Principal's Update

Thank You, Bennet Families!

Thank you to all of our families for helping make this such a fun week at Bennet Elementary! Students enjoyed participating in our **Red Ribbon Week dress-up days**, fall parties, Halloween Parade, and other special activities throughout the week.

We appreciate everyone who sent supplies, volunteered their time, helped with costumes and dress-up days, or supported these activities in other ways. Your involvement helped us reinforce healthy choices while creating wonderful memories for our students.

We are incredibly grateful for our families, staff, and volunteers who made it all possible. It was a fun and exciting week to be a Panther! 🐾

No School – Tuesday, November 17th | Champions Full-Day Care Available!

Just a reminder that there will be no school on Tuesday, November 17th, as our teachers will be participating in a professional development day.

For families needing childcare, Champions will be offering full-day care at Bennet Elementary! This is a great opportunity for students to enjoy a fun-filled day of activities while school is not in session.

Families interested in attending should register in advance using the link below.

Sign Up for Champions Full-Day Care – November 17th

New to Champions? Families who are not currently enrolled can learn more and complete enrollment using the link below.

Champions New Family Enrollment

We appreciate Champions for providing this opportunity for our families on days when school is not in session!

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Toys, Fidgets, and Other Items From Home

We are asking families for help keeping toys, collectibles, fidgets, and other unnecessary items at home. These items can become a distraction during the school day and may also be lost, traded, damaged, or create conflicts between students. Please regularly check your child's backpack and reinforce that items not needed for learning should remain at home. This does not apply to items requested by a teacher or fidgets approved as part of a student's individual support plan. Thank you for helping us protect instructional time and maintain a focused learning environment!

Panther Pride Protocols: A Resource for Families

Several parents have requested a copy of our **Panther Pride Protocols** to help reinforce the same language and expectations we use at school.

These protocols provide clear reminders about following adult directions promptly and responding calmly and respectfully. We hope families find them helpful for reviewing and practicing these expectations at home, if they choose.

View the Panther Pride Protocols

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Upcoming Events & Important Dates

November:

- Nov 2nd- Fifth Grade Symphony Field Trip
- Nov 2nd- Fourth Grade Field Trip
- Nov 17th- No School/ ECNC One Act
- Nov 18th- 4th Grade Kindness Retreat
- Nov 23rd- 2nd Grade Grandparent's Day- 1:30-3:00
- Nov 23rd- Winter Concert (K-4)
- Nov 24th- Career Day (K-5)
- Nov 25-27- No School/ Thanksgiving Break

December:

- Dec 18th- Early Dismissal- 1:00
- Dec 18th- End of First Semester
- Dec 19-Jan 3- No School/ Winter Break
- Jan 4- No School/ Teacher PD

District Calendar

26-27 District Calendar

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Panther Paw Winners



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RESPECTFUL
RESPONSIBLE

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2026 District OR-1 Thanksgiving Food Drive

November 2nd - November 6th

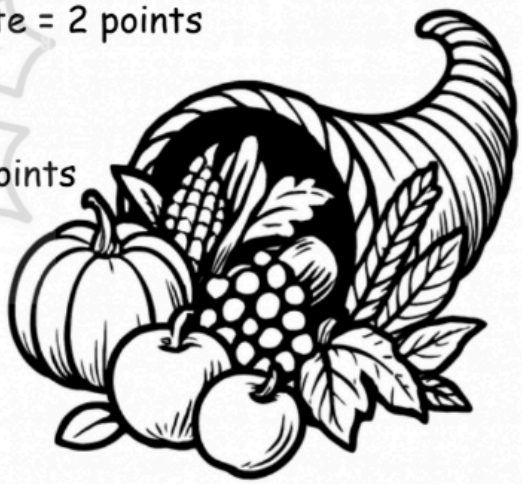
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District OR-1 Prize:

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How to Access our School Programs from Home

This document is to help our students reach their academic school programs from home. **This includes AR, Boost, and IXL.** Please follow this step by step guide to access these programs.

Important information to login:

Student email address:_____

Student email password: _____

Step 1: Go to https://www.districtor1.org/

Step 2 Click on this dropdown menu on the webpage.



Step 3: Click on students from the dropdown menu



(check back page)

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Step 4: Click on Clever login

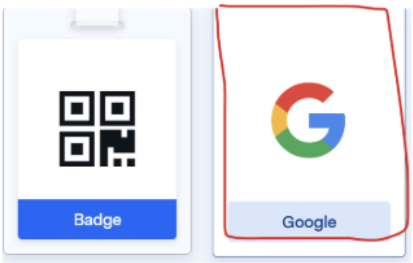
Elementary Links

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Clever Log In
Accelerated Reader Log In
Accelerated Reader Book Finder
Library World (Bennet)

High School Links

PowerSchool
Library World (Palmyra)

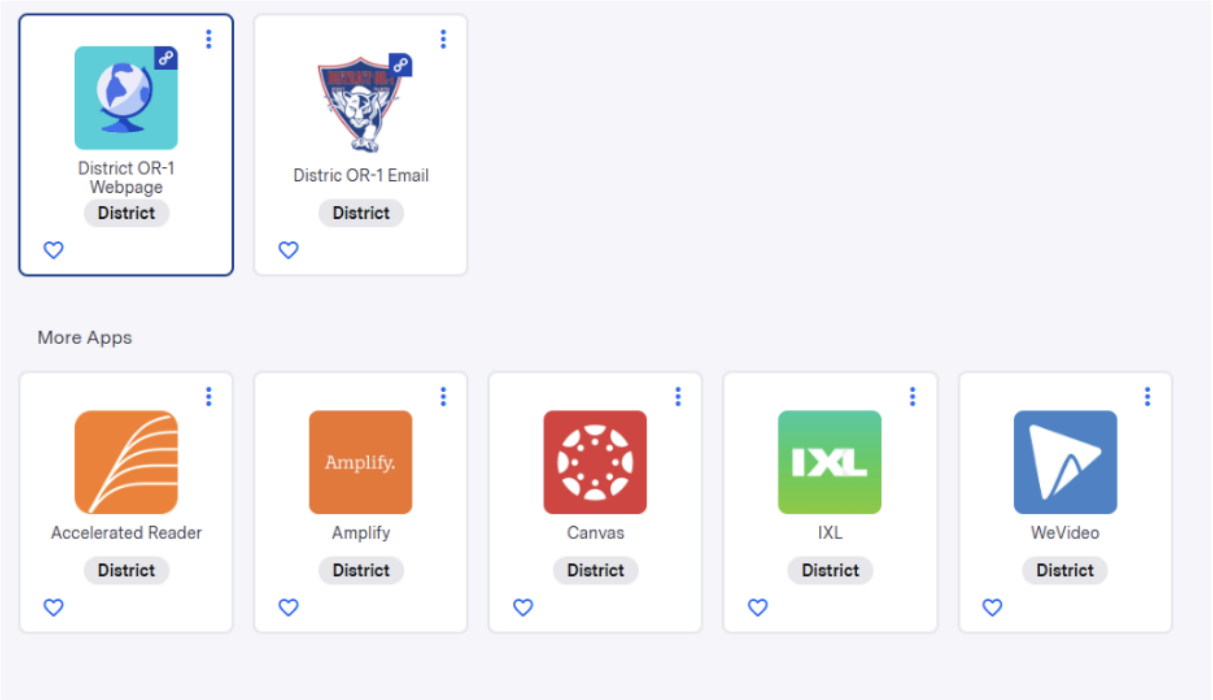
Step 5: Click on Google log in



Step 6: Enter in student email address and password:

Step 7: Click on desired program

***** Please note the Amplify option will get you to Boost. *****



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CHAMPIONS

WE'RE YOUR ONE-STOP SHOP FOR LEARNING AND FUN.

Bennet Elementary

- Safe and sound environments
- Talented and nurturing teachers
- STEM skills galore
- Laughter and friends
- Independent and curious
- Inside (and outside!) play
- Help with homework
- Snacks included!

Our before-and-after school programs start when school stops so your child can extend their education in a new way every day.

SPACE IS LIMITED...ENROLL TODAY!

Programs	Hours	Weekly Tuition Part Time 1-2 days I Full Time 3-5 days
Before School	6:30am - School Start	$30.00 I $45.00
After School	School Dismissal - 6:00pm	$40.00 I $65.00

Enroll Here!

Area Manager: Jessica Shafer-Coburn
Phone: (682) 371-8864
Email: jessica.shafer@discoverchampions.com

Call or email us for more information, or to schedule a tour today.

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CHAMPIONS

HOW TO ENROLL

Follow these steps to register your family and enroll in a Champions® program. This can only be done on the website, not in the app.

- Register once per location if your child attends more than one school.
- If you want to enroll in a program at a different school, make sure to use the same email so we can link accounts. Enroll at Multiple Locations.
- Complete registration steps for each child.!

STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Go to **my.discoverchampions.com.**
2. Search by Zip Code or choose your location, then click "Enroll."
3. Enter your child's information. Click "Continue."
4. Fill in parent/guardian information. Select the Primary Caregiver. Click "Continue."
5. Add at least three contacts: Family Member, Authorized Pick-up, and Emergency. Click "Continue."
6. Choose your program, select attendance days, and pick your Monday start date. Click "Continue."
7. To add any discounts, click "+Add Discount," select Coupon Code or Subsidy from the drop-down options, and then enter eligibility information or coupon code.
8. Review your order and click "Continue."
9. Click "Pay Now," enter payment info, and confirm.
10. Check your email for confirmation. Follow the link to set your password, and finish setting up your account.

WELCOME TO CHAMPIONS!



Questions? Email us at ChampionsHelp@KC-Education.com or call 1-800-246-2154. Champions Family Support is open Monday through Friday, from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. PST.

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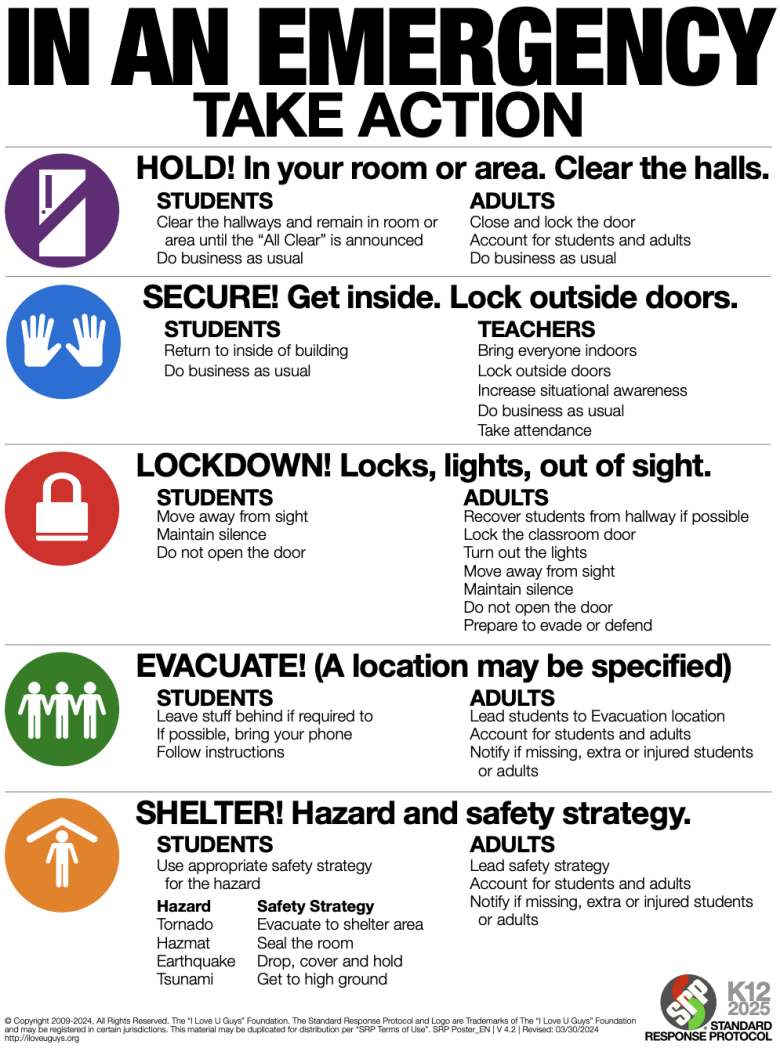
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Standard Response Protocol

Student safety remains our highest priority. Throughout the year, students will practice the Standard Response Protocol (SRP) which will teach them how to respond during different emergency situations. The SRP provides a standardized approach for responding to both threatening and non-threatening events that may occur 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)



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WE'VE GONE DIGITAL!

BACK-TO-SCHOOL STUDENT FORMS ARE NOW DIGITAL THROUGH POWERSCHOOL

1. Click the link to be taken to the PowerSchool log in page
2. Click on "forms" on the left hand side. You will need to fill out forms for each child.
3. Continue clicking "forms" until all forms have been completed.

New users to Powerschool were mailed their log in information in July. If you need additional assistance, please email Melissa for the elementary: ostrander.mel@districtor1.net or Kristi for the high school: norman.kri@districtor1.net

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Complaint Procedures

As outlined in the District OR-1 Parent/Student Handbook, we ask families to follow the district's established complaint procedure when questions or concerns arise. In most situations, that means starting with the staff member who is most directly involved in the matter.

Our goal is always to address concerns as quickly and effectively as possible. The person closest to the situation is typically in the best position to provide information, answer questions, and work with you toward a resolution.

The Parent/Student Handbook outlines the following process:

Step 1: Contact the staff member most directly involved in the matter and provide them an opportunity to address the concern.

Step 2: If the concern is not resolved, contact the building Principal.

Step 3: If the concern remains unresolved, contact the Superintendent.

Step 4: If the concern remains unresolved, it may then be addressed with the Board of Education.

We certainly want parents to communicate with us when they have questions or concerns. At the same time, please help us honor this process by beginning with the appropriate staff member and working through the established steps rather than skipping directly to a later level.

Following this process gives the individuals closest to the situation an opportunity to listen, gather information, and address the concern before it is elevated. It also helps us maintain open, respectful, and productive communication between our families and staff.

As always, certain matters—including discrimination, harassment, bullying, or disciplinary concerns—may have specific procedures outlined in the Parent/Student Handbook and should follow those procedures when applicable.

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FAMILY TIP SHEET

Young Children and Digital Footprints

- **Think long term.**

  Posting photos of your kids creates a digital footprint — a kind of electronic paper trail — that forms your kids' identities in a world they haven't chosen to enter. Someday your preschoolers will grow up, and they might not want documentation of their diaper days hanging out online for their friends to find! Once you post a photo online, you lose control over it. Someone could easily copy the photo, tag it, screenshot it, save it, or otherwise use it — and you might never know. Do a quick mental exercise before you share: Imagine how your child might react to the photo in 5, 10, 15, then 50 years. One of the most exciting aspects about parenting young kids is that the possibilities are endless; they can literally become anyone or anything. Make sure you're not sharing something that could limit the possibilities for them in the future, or which they might resent in the future. While sharing is fun in the moment -- and getting "likes" might certainly brighten your day — you don't want the immediate thrill of posting something laughable or venting about your kid's embarrassing habits to interfere with his life in years to come.

- **Share smart — and safe.**

  If you decide to share photos or videos of your kid online, make sure you're sharing safely. Set your privacy settings to "friends only" or, if the platform allows, specify a particular audience who can view your album. Without privacy settings, your family photos might end up on the screens of strangers. Avoid geotagging a picture (linking it to a location), which might unintentionally alert others to where your kid is hanging out. And, determine how to keep information like birthdays, street signs, and school names out of your pictures. Some parents even come up with ways to talk about their kids on social media without linking to their kids' real names, by using made-up nicknames or code names. Also, it's important to remember that by posting images up on certain social media accounts, you are essentially giving that organization licensing rights to that image. As of July 2015, Instagram's policy includes the statement, "you hereby grant to Instagram a non-exclusive, fully paid and royalty-free, transferable, sub-licensable, worldwide license to use the Content that you post on or through the Service ..."

- **If your kid voices a preference, listen up.**

  If your kid is already thinking about her digital footprint and the kind of digital identity she wants to portray, give her an extra pat on the back — and listen carefully to her requests! If she asks you not to post a picture, it should certainly give you pause and you should think twice before going against her wishes. The picture will form her digital identity. Plus, leading by example is key: If you respect her wishes, she's more likely to practice a similar respect for others when she has her own profiles in the future.

Note: Tips here are informed by Common Sense's parenting advice:
http://www.commonsensemedia.org/privacy-and-internet-safety/is-it-safe-to-post-pictures-of-my-kid-online

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Panther Weekly Bulletin

Breakfast Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bagel	Wheat Toast	Mini Waffles	Croissant	Panther Funnel Waffle
Cream Cheese	Scrambled Egg Patty	Syrup	Ham Patty	Syrup
Hard Boiled Egg	Bacon	Bacon	Scrambled Egg Patty	Yogurt
		Hard Boiled Egg	Cheese	

Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pulled Pork	Walking Taco Doritos	Pancakes	Sloppy Joe	Corn Dog
Bun	Taco Meat	Sausage Links	Bun	Macaroni and Cheese
Buttery Ranch Noodles	Shredded Cheese	Hashbrown Potato	Potato Smiley Fries	Green Beans
Roasted Broccoli	Refried Beans	Yogurt	Carrots	
	Spanish Rice	Granola		

Happening this week at PHS

Monday, November 2nd- Unified Bowling Tournament @ Sun Valley Lanes, 11:30 am. Bus leaves at 10:30 am.

One Act Rehearsal, 6:00– 8:00 pm.

Tuesday, November 3rd– Peru State College Visit, 10:00 am. Bus leaves at 8:45 am.

One Act Rehearsal, 6:00– 8:00 pm.

Thursday, November 5th- MS Choral Clinic, @ Crete Middle School 10:00 am. Van leaves at 8:45 am.

JH Wrestling Girls @ Auburn, 4:30 pm. Bus leaves at 2:30 pm.

One Act Rehearsal, 6:00– 8:00 pm.

Friday, November 6th- One Act Rehearsal, 6:00—8:00 pm.

Saturday, November 7th- Craft Fair Set Up, PHS, 3:00 pm.

Sunday, November 8th- Fall Craft Fair @ Palmyra High School, 11:00 am– 4:00 pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, November 9th– FCCLA Mind Bending Careers Conference, TBD.

ECNC Honor Choir @ JCC, 9:00 am.

Tech Week Rehearsal for One Act, 4:00– 8:00 pm.

Mandatory Winter Sports Parent Meeting @ PHS, 6:00 pm.

Tuesday, November 10th– Unified Bowling vs. Syracuse Unified Bowling Invite @ Arbor Lanes, 4:00 pm.

Tech Week Rehearsal for One Act, 4:00– 8:00 pm.

Thursday, November 12th– Tech Week Rehearsal for One Act, 4:00– 8:00 pm.

Washington D.C. Trip Informational Meeting, PHS, 6:00 pm.

Friday, November 13th– One Act Home Performance, PHS, 6:30 pm.

Sunday, November 15th– Football Banquet, PHS East Commons, 5:30 pm.

GO PANTHERS!

Palmyra High School
425 F St

NOVEMBER 8
11:00AM-4:00PM

2026 FALL
Craft Fair

LOTS OF VENDORS!
RAFFLE
BAKE SALE
CONCESSIONS

HOSTED BY PALMYRA POST PROM COMMITEE

CONTACT US IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A VENDOR
CRAFTFAIRPALMYRA@GMAIL.COM

FFA AND FRONTIER COOPERATIVE

HARVEST LUNCH

THANK YOU FARMERS!

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 31 11:00–1:00PM

BENNET AND PALMYRA LOCATIONS

FREE LUNCH SPONSORED BY PALMYRA FFA

Come see the PHS One-Act
debut the original production of

Waiting





Friday, November 13th
at Palmyra High School
6:30 in the West Gym

$5 ADMISSION

NO PASSES ACCEPTED

Veterans and Active Duty Military Invited
at no charge for themselves

District OR 1

Bennet Elementary and Palmyra High School staff and students would like to invite our

AREA *Veterans*

to a special breakfast

Wednesday, November 11th, 2026

Palmyra High School West Gym at 8:15 AM

Please enter through the West doors.

★ ★ ★ PATRIOTIC PROGRAM ★ ★ ★

beginning at 9:00 AM with Palmyra Band and PHS Choir performing followed by a guest speaker.

Elementary students may attend the program with parent permission and have an excused absence.

Transportation for students attending the assembly with a Veteran will not be provided by District OR-1 and is the parent's responsibility.

If you would also like to honor a veteran for Veteran's Day, please use the following link to nominate your veteran.

Veteran Nomination

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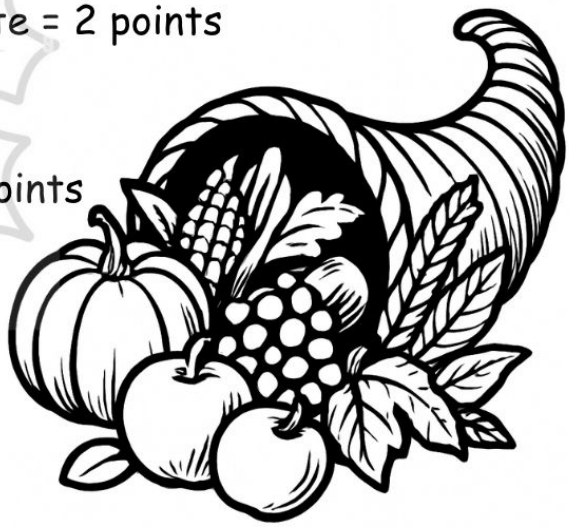
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Nebraska Community Blood Bank

Blood Drive

HELP A FELLOW HUMAN.

Palmyra High School

Monday, November 23
10:00AM-2:00PM

Held on the Bloodmobile

Sign up at **ncbb.org/searchdrives**
Use **Sponsor Code: PHS**
For questions, contact Ms. Beach

Prepare to donate

- Eat well and hydrate
- Bring a photo ID
- Feel good and symptom free
- 17+ **Must be 17+** or 16 with parental consent form
- Meet minimum weight requirements

Visit **ncbb.org/eligibility** for complete donation guidelines.

Are you 16 years old?
Please have your parent permission form complete & with you at donations
(Must be completed each time you donate while you are 16)



Unbox your charm
Join us to give and get a **surprise bag charm.**
While supplies last.

OR



Take it home
Drop by to donate and receive a **stainless flip-spout water bottle.**
While supplies last.

877.486.9414 · **ncbb.org**

Santa's Overflow

FREE new and used toys, clothes,
shoes, coats, toiletries, and food
open to families in need!

DEC 5, 10 AM- 2 PM
970 MONROE ST, BENNET, NE