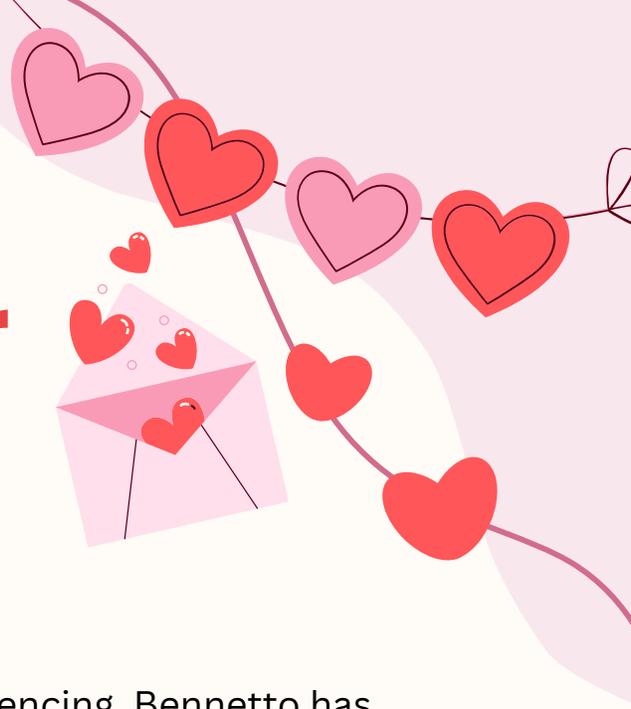


February NEWSLETTER

Celebrating Black History Month



Dear Bennetto Families,

Despite the bitter cold days we've been experiencing, Bennetto has been buzzing with energy and excitement! Here's a look at what's been happening around the school and what's coming up:

❄️ Winter Play Day Fun

Our students embraced the chilly weather during Winter Play Day, enjoying outdoor activities that brought plenty of smiles, teamwork, and rosy cheeks. Thank you to staff and parent/student volunteers who helped make the day memorable.

🏀 Basketball Playoffs – Go Bennetto!

Our basketball season is wrapping up in thrilling fashion, with our Boys' Team advancing to the finals. We are incredibly proud of their grit, sportsmanship, and hard work throughout the season. Stay tuned for updates on the championship game!

⚽ Indoor Soccer Tournaments

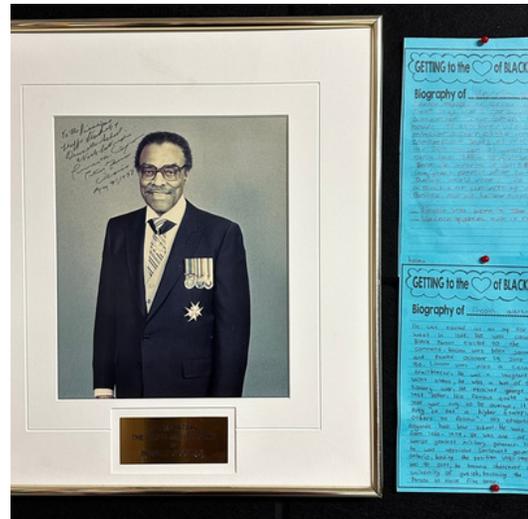
Several grades have been participating in indoor soccer tournaments, showing fantastic enthusiasm and skill. It's been wonderful to see so many students representing Bennetto with pride.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement. As always, please reach out if you have any questions or need further information.

Warmly,
Greg Dailey

♥ Black History Month

Throughout February, students have been engaging in meaningful learning connected to Black History Month—exploring stories, achievements, and contributions of Black Canadians and communities around the world. Classroom discussions, readings, and school-wide activities have helped deepen understanding and celebrate diversity.



1 Olympic Celebrations

With Olympic buzz in the air, students have been celebrating global competition through themed activities, sports challenges, and classroom learning tied to this year's events.

The Olympic spirit is alive and well at Bennetto!



♥ Pink Shirt Day

This week, our school community proudly recognized Pink Shirt Day, reinforcing our commitment to kindness, inclusivity, and standing up against bullying. Thank you for helping us create a safe and caring environment for all students.



Exciting Opportunity:

Treasure Island Auditions (Grades 5–8)

We're thrilled to offer our Grade 5–8 students the chance to audition for Youth Theatre Canada - Spring 2026 production of Treasure Island.

Open audition:

 **Tuesday, March 3rd**

 **1st Nutrition Break**

 **At Bennetto**

No preparation is required.

Permission forms have been sent home and must be returned to the office by Monday, March 2nd for students to participate.

We're excited to help our students explore new creative opportunities!

School Expectations

Thursday, Feb. 19th we visited all Junior and Intermediate classes to review several important expectations. Below is a summary of what was communicated to students:

Cell Phones

- No cell phones are permitted during the school day.
- Phones must remain in lockers at all times.
- If a phone is found on a student at any point during the day, it will be sent to the office.
- The office will hold the device until the end of the day.
- If this happens a second time, families will be contacted and required to pick up the device.

Headphones

- No headphones are to be used in class unless they are needed for academic purposes.
- Use of headphones must be approved by the classroom teacher.

Nutrition Breaks

- Students may not re-enter the building during nutrition breaks (for bathrooms, drinks, or any other reason). If a student needs to use the bathroom, they must ask a teacher on blacktop duty.
- Students will be permitted to enter and use only the bathroom across from the office.

Upcoming Events

- Mar. 5 - Gr. 6 to Warplane Museum
- Mar. 6 - PA Day
- Mar. 11 - Gr. 5-8 "Like it or Not" Play
- Mar. 16-20 - March Break
- Mar. 26 - Big Crunch
- Mar. 28 - Prom Project

Thank you Parent Council

A big thank you to parent council for running a successful Winter Dance Party. EXTRA big shout out to our amazing DJ Hyperspace!

The hot chocolate contribution during our Winter Olympics was a huge success. Thank you for warming us up!



Neighborhood Forest - Giving Trees to Children

Bennetto has been given the opportunity to join with @Neighbourhoodforest to get saplings for you to plant at home.

These saplings are free.

Registration ends March 15, 2026. Only those who sign up will get a sapling! If you do not have room for a tree/sapling, you could donate using the same link to help support others in the Bennetto Community to get a tree.

We are hoping to get the trees before Earth Day which is on April 22, 2026! Though they cannot guarantee delivery by that date, they will be delivered before the end of the school year

[Registration / Neighborhood Forest](#)

