

Hello Bombers,

I want to start this month's District Point of View by letting everyone know how excited I am to be your new principal! This community has blessed my family and me in many ways over the years, and I am honored to serve the community I love in this new role. Thank you so very much for visiting our Bennett Community School District website. For additional communications from the school be sure to like our Bennett Community School-Iowa Facebook page and to check your child's backpack for Wednesday envelopes.

The 2019-20 school year is off to an AWESOME start! Thank you so much to all the students, parents, and staff that have helped get us off to a strong start!

I was reading an article over the weekend in the monthly Home & School Connection sent home by Ms. Bruno that talked about the ABC's of school success. This article struck me as a father to three school aged children. In it, the author stresses how success in school begins at home. Our school Mission Statement also stresses this point when it reads, "The family is the foundation for the development of the individual". As I recap the ABC's of school success, know that I thank you for all you do to encourage your students and support their education.

**A - Attend school everyday.** Whenever possible schedule appointments and vacations around school calendar. Also cut down on sick days by promoting a healthy lifestyle that includes good foods and physical activity.

**B - Be organized.** Take time to brainstorm ideas with your kiddos to keep track of papers, homework, and school supplies.

**C - Check in daily.** Take time each day to talk with your child about their school day. This simple check in lets them know that you care about what they are learning at school.

The final point to check in daily really struck me. If your sons or daughters reply to your questions about school with the short response of "OK" or "fine" like mine tend to, try switching it up and asking some of the following questions instead of, "How was school today?"

- What was the coolest thing that happened today at school?
- Pretend you're the teacher. How would you describe the day?
- What made you laugh?
- What was the most creative thing you did today?
- How were you kind or helpful today?
- How was someone kind or helpful to you?

Hopefully this information is as helpful for you as it was for me. Please feel free to contact Mr. Luepker or myself if we can be of assistance to you, and don't forget to check back monthly for more updates from the administration.

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