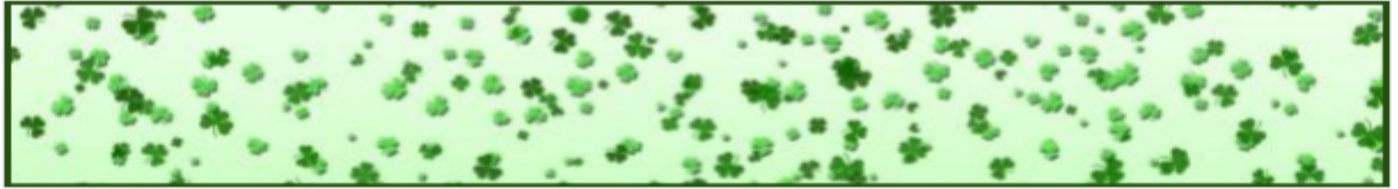


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From the principal:

Spring is definitely on its way; we've had some beautiful days this week!

If you haven't scheduled your parent/teacher conference, please use the link below to do so. Spring pictures will be available for you to pick up at your child's parent/teacher conference as well.

Remember to get your rest so you can stay focused and be your best during the next two weeks. You will have plenty of time to relax during spring break!

The deadline to complete, or make changes to the 5th grade Middle School Choice form is Sunday, March 31st. Make sure your completed form is on file even if your child will be attending their home school.

Don't forget, if you are moving, please come in to the front office 2-3 week before your child's last day of school to complete a withdrawal form.

As always, please reach out if you have any questions.

Seth Danner
sdanner@groton.k12.ct.us

Principal of the Day



Zakry
Coffey
~
Love

Zakry is full of smiles and loves to have fun. He enjoys eating pancakes, reading the book Flash, and playing Gaga Ball. At school, Zakry is working to improve his writing. At home, he is responsible for making dinner for his brothers. If he could pick any place to travel to, Zakry would choose Hawaii; sounds great! Zakry's teacher is his hero because "she made all of us smart!"



Upcoming Events

- **Apr. 3-4: Conferences**
- **Apr. 3-5: Half Day**
**Students dismiss at 1:12 pm*
- **Apr. 15-19: Spring Break**

Barnum Box flavor:

Cheese & Cracker Box
(with a fresh fruit and a veggie)

PTO Corner

If you have any ideas that you would like to share with the PTO, please email your ideas to: cbpto@outlook.com

Apr. 1-5: BOGO Book Fair *Open during conferences!*

Mon.-Tues.: 9:00-11:30 & 1:00-3:00

Wed.: 9:00-11:30 & 1:30-7:00

Thur.: 9:00-11:30 & 1:30-3:30

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

- Aesop

The Super Power Quote was selected by the Anchored for Life Team Leaders.

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5th Grade Parents



All 5th grade students must complete a Groton Magnet Middle School choice form. For your convenience, we have provided the link to the middle school choice forms.

<https://www.grotonschools.org/teachinglearning/magnet-schools/applying>

Forms must be submitted by:
March 31, 2019

For questions, please call:
Kathy Wilson 860-572-2183

Forms may be edited through March 31st. The middle school lottery will take place: April 5, 2019

EARLY DISMISSALS

Wednesday - April 3rd
Thursday - April 4th
Friday - April 5th

School will be dismissed at 1:12 pm



CONGRATULATIONS!

Pat Montgomery
Teacher of the Year, 2019



Conference Time!

Wednesday, April 3rd &
Thursday, April 4th

If you have not scheduled your parent/teacher conference, please use the link below to select your conference time!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/tabs/531ed90fa3cee5c53-kindergarten>

Media Enrichment

The first grade students have been working hard researching animals. They are now creating a Google Slide presentation to share what they have learned with their class.



Barnum's Super Power for March: **Compassion**

Three Ways to Practice Compassion:

- **Help Yourself** - be kind to yourself and accept yourself as you are
- **Just Like Me** - just like you everyone struggles sometimes and everyone want to be happy
- **Give Presence** - your presence is powerful, sometimes just being with someone who is hurting can have a huge impact

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

We know students may miss school from time to time, but good attendance all year long is linked to academic and social growth.

You Matter. Be Counted.



WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOUR CHILD MISSES SCHOOL?



Good / Satisfactory Attendance

Excused for any reason when the parent approves the absence in writing.

Parents please:

- Call the school when your child won't be there.
- Write a note and send it with your child upon their return to school.



WARNING and AT RISK for Chronic Absenteeism

Excused only for certain reasons, such as illness, with a medical note.

Parents please:

- Call the school when your child won't be there.
- Provide a medical note or other required documentation, explained in the handbook.

GROTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Every Day, Every Minute Counts.

Arriving late or leaving early may mean your child has missed more than half the school day.



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K to 5th grade students who leave before or arrive after 12:12 PM on a full school day may be reported as absent for the entire day, even if they were there for morning attendance.

Both excused and unexcused absences count towards total days missed.

Days Missed Can Add Up.

Missing just 2 days a month adds up to missing more than 10% of the school year, which is chronic absenteeism and hurts a student's success today and in the future.



CHRONICALLY ABSENT

How many is too many?



WARNING

SATISFACTORY

10 to 17
DAYS MISSED

18 or more
DAYS MISSED

9 or fewer
DAYS MISSED

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Kindergarten Orientation

Registration: Register your child **NOW** for Kindergarten for the 2019-2020 school year!
CHILDREN MUST BE 5 YEARS OLD ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2020
Call Mrs. Ellis at (860) 572-2100 to make your appointment.

"Getting Ready for Kindergarten"

Information: Please attend the school that your child will attend. If you are applying for one of the Magnet Schools, you may also attend that information session.

April 30, 2019 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Claude Chester Elementary School 1 Harry Day Drive Groton, CT	April 29, 2019 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Northeast Academy Arts Magnet School 115 Oslo St Mystic, CT
April 11, 2019 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. S.B. Butler Elementary School 155 Ocean View Ave. Mystic, CT	April 9, 2019 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Charles Barnum Elementary School 68 Briar Hill Rd Groton, CT
April 25, 2019 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Mary Morrisson Elementary School 154 Toll Gate Road Groton, CT	April 23, 2019 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Catherine Kolnaski STEAM Magnet School 500 Poquonnock Rd Groton, CT

All sessions will inform you about all aspects of our kindergarten programs.
You will have the opportunity to visit a kindergarten classroom and meet kindergarten teachers.
This program is FREE and open to all Groton parents and early childcare providers.

To register for the presentation, "Getting Ready for Kindergarten",
Call Mrs. Schwarzkopf at (860) 572-2100 or e-mail her at mschwarzkopf@groton.k12.ct.us
Please provide your name, contact number, and if applicable, your childcare needs when you respond.

RSVP deadline is March 29, 2019

Groton Public Schools, PO Box K, Groton, CT 06340 www.grotonschools.org

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



Gee Gee Ellis
Registrar, Central Office
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gellis@groton.k12.ct.us

Kindergarten registration for the 2019-2020 school year begins December 1, 2018 for Groton residents that have a child who will be five years of age on or prior to January 1, 2020. Please call 860-572-2100 or email gellis@groton.k12.ct.us after November 1st to setup your registration appointment. To ensure that your child is placed

in the elementary school where they are districted to attend, or to participate in the magnet lotteries please register your child prior to April 15, 2019.



If your child is already enrolled in one of our Groton Public Schools preschool programs and will be five years of age on or prior to January 1, 2020, it is not necessary to register the student for Kindergarten for the 2019-2020 school year.

Please contact our Central Office if you have any questions or need additional information.