

Dr. Charles Barnum Elementary School
October 4, 2019



From the principal...

What a nice change in the weather this week. With the cooler weather beginning to set in, please remember to send your child to school with appropriate clothing. Layering is always a good option this time of year.

Just a reminder for students that walk or are dropped off at school - breakfast begins at 8:30. We want to make sure those students have plenty of time to eat before the school day begins.

Some of our students enjoyed a visit from US Rep. Joe Courtney this week. He came to get a first-hand-look at some of the farm-to-school activities that take place at Charles Barnum.

There is a lot of information in the newsletter this week, make sure you take the time to read it. Have a great weekend everyone!

Seth Danner, Principal
sdanner@groton.k12.ct.us

Attendance Matters. You Matter.



ATTENDANCE TOTALS FOR THE WEEK OF 9/30-10/4:
LATE ARRIVALS: 38 EARLY DISMISSALS: 49 ATTENDANCE: 96.8%

Charles Barnum Elementary School

Principal of the Day



Brit Mills
~
'Openness'

Brit loves mint chocolate chip ice cream, Diary of a Wimpy Kid - Meltdown, and Patriots football. He also enjoys playing at the playground and would love to explore space more. At school, Brit feels he is best at science, math, and reading. At home, he cleans his room and does the laundry, as long as he can use Tide Pods. Brit's dad is his hero because "he would do anything for me!"



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ **Oct. 8: Early Dismissal!**
Dismiss at 1:12 pm
- ❖ **Oct. 14: YES - School is in session for Columbus Day**
- ❖ **Oct. 23-24: Conferences**

Barnum's Super Power for October: **Courage**

Three Ways to be Courageous:

- **Join the Try-Athlon** - Never be afraid to try something new.
- **See Rejection as your Best Teacher** - Making mistakes is part of learning. Don't give up.
- **Look Forward** - It's okay to think something is hard. Try anyway!

PTO NEWS

~ 10/14 - Pie Order Due!

~ 10/16 - PTO Meeting
at 6:00 p.m.

Ideas, comments or questions?
Share them with the PTO at:

cbpto@outlook.com

From: Dr. Michael H. Graner,
Superintendent of Groton Public Schools



As you know all outdoor activities must conclude by 5:30 pm on Groton Public Schools fields and grounds due to the EEE concerns. This applies to all groups including those other than Town or school as well and is effective as of 9/26/19.

We're on Social Media!

Twitter:
@DrCharles
Barnum

Facebook:
Charles Barnum
Elementary PTO

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

Please email the Community Coordinator, Lesa Jenkins at ljenkins@groton.k12.ct.us if,

- You are interested in volunteering for one of the upcoming opportunities
- Would like to volunteer at CB and have not completed a volunteer form
- Would like to volunteer at CB and need to schedule volunteer training

Upcoming opportunities:

- Book Fair
- Popcorn (Monthly)
- Library (shelving books)



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Every Day, Every Minute Counts.

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

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.**

Farm-to-School

The students at Charles Barnum have been part of the Groton Public Schools' Farm-to-School Program for the past four years. The program was recently awarded a two-year grant that will help the program continue to expand. As a supporter of the grant, US Rep. Joe Courtney visited Charles Barnum on Tuesday to get a first-hand look at a garden lesson, just one of the many farm-to-school activities the students have the opportunity to participate in.





Groton Public Schools Presents the Inaugural

FARM TO SCHOOL COMMUNITY DINNER

Paying tribute to our local farmers and foods

Thursday, October 10

5:30pm to 7pm

Fitch High School Cafeteria

Join us for a dinner celebrating the Groton Community and National Farm to School Month. This will be the first dinner of our three-part dinner series where our menu will feature food from local farms.

**RSVP at grotonschoools.org
or call 860-449-7207**

Tickets will also be sold at the door until we sell out

\$5 for adults

\$3 for children

All proceeds will benefit our Farm to School Program





Dear Parent/Guardian,

To Access DreamBox on a Computer

Your Student can access DreamBox Learning from any computer, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

*Go to Google. Have your student click the login button and enter his/her username and password.

*Go to Clever.Com - Click "**login as student**". It will ask if you want to sign in using Google account, click that rectangle. It may ask you confirm your Google account- click your name. The DreamBox app button (a lowercase d) will appear. Click on the app. You're in!

To Access DreamBox on an iPad

To download the DreamBox Learning Math app, go to <https://www.dreambox.com/ipad>, or search for "DreamBox Learning Math" in the App Store. If you already have the app installed, you'll want to make sure the latest version of the app has been installed so your student receives the most current experience and lessons.

When prompted in the app, enter this school code: 7bxc/j6wk

Create your DreamBox Account to review your student's academic progress at home in your Family Dashboard. Please follow these steps to create your free account:

1. You will need your child's DreamBox school login information from their teacher to login for the first time.
2. Have your student login to their profile just as they would at school.
3. Click *Setup Parent Access* at the bottom of the page.
4. Follow the instructions provided to create a new login and password.
5. Read *Terms of Use and Privacy Policy*.
6. Click "Submit".

Log into your home account after setup:

1. Go to <https://play.dreambox.com>
2. Enter your email address and password.
3. To see student progress, click the "Family Dashboard" button.

If you have any questions, please contact DreamBox Support by calling them at 877-451-7845 (weekdays 5 a.m. to 5 p.m., Pacific Time), or emailing support@dreambox.com.

NOTE: The DreamBox Support team is unable to provide your child's login information and password for security reasons. Please reach out to your child's teacher directly for their DreamBox login information.

Sincerely,
Charles Barnum

Students use their given Google
account and password

Username: _____

Password: _____



Parent Login

Quick Access to Your Family Insights Dashboard

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome back! We've partnered with your child's school, which has begun using DreamBox Learning Math, a rigorous and highly adaptive math curriculum that students access online. It meets the educational needs of each individual learner, adjusting and re-adjusting in the moment as they engage in a fun learning environment.

Initial Placement

Students are assessed by using the data collected from their completed lessons. To ensure accurate assessment, encourage your child to complete lessons, even if they find them too difficult or too easy, rather than abandoning them mid-lesson.

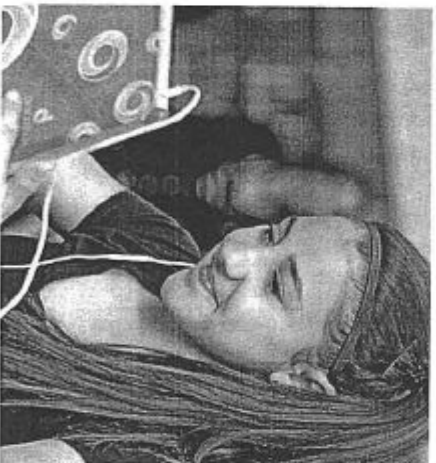
Family Insights Dashboard

The DreamBox Learning® Math Family Insights Dashboard enables meaningful school and home connections that raise awareness of the curriculum, strategies, and progress of your child in real-time, so teachers and family learning guardians can work together for your child's success. Dashboard alerts surface where attention is needed and when to congratulate success.

Families receive information that highlights important learning milestones and educational resources that encourage learning and extend conversations about math beyond the classroom to fully support and encourage deeper understanding and comprehension.

Learn more about the reports available in your Dashboard at:

www.dreambox.com/reporting/family-reports



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Tips for home usage

1. Allow for 15 to 20 minute sessions throughout the week.
2. Encourage completion of every lesson that is started. Mistakes are OK. Your child should not shy away from incorrect answers, as they help find the right lesson to build learning progress.
3. We know it's difficult, but please resist the urge to help with answers so that your child doesn't move ahead before he or she is truly ready.

Student Access

Your child can access DreamBox Learning Math 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from a desktop, laptop, or iPad by logging in through the school's District portal (an Internet connection is required). To access DreamBox from an iPad, go to www.dreambox.com/ipad, or search for DreamBox Math in the App Store. Once you have downloaded the app you can log into your child's profile through the District portal.

To set up your free Family Insights Dashboard, follow these steps:

1. Go to your child's District portal.
2. Have your child login to his or her profile just as it would be done at school.
3. Click Setup Parent Access at the bottom of the page.
4. Follow the instructions to create a login (email) and password.
5. Read the Terms of Use and Privacy Policy.
6. Click Submit.

To log into your Family Insights Dashboard (after it is set up):

1. Go to <http://play.dreambox.com>.
2. Enter your email and password.
3. To see student progress, click the Family Dashboard button.

For problems logging into your District's portal, please contact your District for assistance.

**Your Partners in Math Achievement,
DreamBox Learning Client Success**

Questions? We've got answers. Contact us at
support@dreambox.com or call 877-451-7845.

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Dear families,

To help children develop good eating habits and guide them to make healthy food choices, parents are encouraged to use the guidelines suggested by the US Department of Agriculture when sending in snacks for your child during the school day.

The list below has some **suggestions** for healthy choices that are consistent with these guidelines.

If there is a peanut or nut allergy in the classroom, please do not send children with nuts and nut products, peanut butter items, granola bars or trail mix containing nuts.

Grain Group

Bread sticks
Half of a whole grain bagel
Muffins
Cereal or granola bars
Pretzels
Ready to eat cereal (not sweetened)
Popcorn
Rice cakes
Crackers

Fruit

Any fresh or canned fruit
(cut into pieces makes it fun and easier for young children)
100% fruit juice

Dried Fruit

Banana chips
Dried apples
Dried peaches
Dried apricots
Dried plums (prunes)
Raisins
Dried cranberries

Vegetable Group

Carrots
Celery
Broccoli
Cauliflower
Peppers
Cherry or grape tomatoes (cut in half)

Dairy Group

Cheese
Yogurt
Flavored or white milk

Protein Group

Lean turkey or ham slices
Beef jerky
Nuts
Pumpkin or sunflower seeds
Hard cooked eggs
Bean dip or hummus

Combination foods

Half sandwich
Cheese and crackers
Veggies and dip
Trail Mix
Baked tortilla chips and salsa

For something "sweet"

Fig Newtons
Vanilla wafers
Animal crackers
Graham crackers
Oatmeal cookies

Happy snacking!
Ms. Yolen,
Health Teacher

