

Dr. Charles Barnum Elementary School  
September 13, 2019



### From the principal...

It was great to see so many families join us for our Open House and Back-to-School Picnic yesterday evening. Thank you to the PTO for hosting the picnic.

Next Tuesday will be a half-day of school for students (lunch will be served) as the staff has an afternoon of professional development. Just a reminder that school will be dismissed at 1:12 PM.

Clubs for upper grade students are starting up! Hiking Club started today and Sprout Scouts starts Monday. Keep your eyes open as sign-up paperwork for more clubs will be coming home with your student.

If you have any questions, feel free to send me an email. Have a great weekend everyone!

Seth Danner, Principal  
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## Attendance Matters. You Matter.



ATTENDANCE TOTALS FOR THE WEEK OF 9/9-9/13:  
LATE ARRIVALS: 32    EARLY DISMISSALS: 57    ATTENDANCE: 96%

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## We're on Social Media!

**Twitter:**  
**@DrCharles**  
**Barnum**

**Facebook:**  
**Charles Barnum**  
**Elementary PTO**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ **Sept. 17: Early Dismissal at 1:12 PM**
- ◆ **Sept. 27: Picture Day**

## PARKING



There have been some concerns raised regarding the parking, especially in the afternoons. Space is limited! Please remember not to block handicap spaces and unattended cars should not be blocking other cars or the bus lanes. If you are able, please consider parking near the church and meeting your child at the stoplight. Thank you!



## Barnum's Super Power for September: **Openness**

### Three Ways to Stay Open:

- **Follow the Leader** - Always "Start with a Hello" and be sure to take turns when talking to a friend.
- **'Yes, and...'** - The next time you sit down and talk with someone, make eye contact, smile and let them know you are listening.
- **Everything is a Once-In-A-Lifetime Experience** - Be willing to try new thing at school in all classrooms. Who knows, you may find something new you like.

## **PTO NEWS**

~ 9/18 - PTO Meeting,  
3:45 in Media Ctr.

Ideas, comments or questions?  
Share them with the PTO at:  
[cbpto@outlook.com](mailto:cbpto@outlook.com)

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

As you may know, Ledge Light Health District announced yesterday that mosquitoes trapped in Groton have tested positive for Eastern Equine Encephalitis. The guidelines for preventing mosquito bites are available on the school district's website.

Town and school officials, with the assistance of Ledge Light Health District, have decided to limit exposure to mosquitoes by ensuring all outdoor evening activities, including sporting events, end by 6:30 p.m. daily.

Beginning on September 21, all outdoor activities will conclude at 6:00 p.m. for the foreseeable future. Please consult your school or youth sports organization for details regarding the changed times of events.



## *Summer Reading Celebration 2019*

Did you read over the summer? Did you fill in your reading log? Return it to school ASAP! Students who have read over the summer and return a reading log with at least 5 titles will earn a chance to participate in our Summer Reading Celebration! Students will get an ice-cream from the Flavor King truck, dance and take home a prize.

If you had a parent read to you- that counts! If you attended another school, it still counts! If you have a public library log-or even a piece of paper with the books written on it-- that counts too! Keep those logs coming! We are looking for 100% participation!





# FRIENDS TODAY. CHANGEMAKERS TOMORROW.

Whether she's exploring the outdoors, designing robots, or helping her community through service projects, she'll have a blast as she earns exciting badges. Get ready; she's going to make the world a better place—today and for the next generation!

## JOIN GIRL SCOUTS IN GROTON!

Are you interested in  
joining a troop?

Troops are forming now!

Questions? Please  
contact Janeska Cardona  
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call (800) 922-2770.



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