

Dr. Charles Barnum Elementary School
December 13, 2019



From the principal...

Time is moving quickly; only one week left before Winter Break. Please do your best to ensure your children are well-rested and to school on time. This makes a big difference in their day and attendance is important.

Report cards went home today; this will be the only time you will receive a paper copy. If you have not done so, please take the time to create your Powerschool account so that you can view your child's future report cards.

We enjoy going outside and when snow is on the ground, we do our best to play in it! Grade K-3 must wear full snow gear - shoes, pants, coat, hat and gloves. Grades 4-5 must wear snow boots; however, they may wear additional snow gear if they choose as they will not be allowed to call home for a change of clothes. Please remember that no throwing of the snow will be allowed.

Enjoy the weekend!

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

Attendance Matters. You Matter.



ATTENDANCE TOTALS FOR THE WEEK OF 12/9-12/13:

LATE ARRIVALS: 55

EARLY DISMISSALS: 49

ATTENDANCE: 93.46%

Charles Barnum Elementary School

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ★ Dec. 10: Early Dismissal at 1:12
- ★ Dec. 13: BINGO! 6:00 pm
- ★ Dec. 17: Winter Concert- 6:30 pm
- ★ Dec. 20: Early Dismissal at 1:12



Principal of the Day

Tatiana Jenkins
'Simplicity'

Tatiana loves pizza, the Dork Diaries Series and the game Operation. In school, Tatiana feels she is best at writing and making friends but would like to be better at social studies. At home, Tatiana enjoys dancing, science experiments with her sister and cooking with her mom. She also helps out with laundry, dishes and sweeping the floors. Tatiana's hero is Maya Angelou because of her civil rights work and because she writes poetry.

"Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass; it's about learning to dance in the rain." - Vivian Greene



Principal of the Day

Braedon Becraft
'Simplicity'

Braedon's favorites are cereal, the Desmond Cole Ghost Patrol Book Series and soccer. At school he feels he is best at math, small groups and reading (fiction) but would like to get better at writer's workshop. At home, Braedon enjoys playing football and is responsible for helping with the dishwasher. If he could travel anywhere, Braedon would love to go to Nana's house in Pennsylvania to play outside with his Pa. Braedon's hero is his dad because he is in the Navy. Braedon would also like everyone to know that we all need extra play time today!



Kindergarten registration for the 2020-2021 school year will begin December 2, 2019 for Groton residents that have a child who will be five years of age on or prior to January 1, 2021. Please call 860-572-2100 or email gellis@groton.k12.ct.us to setup your appointment.

If your child is already enrolled in one of our Groton Public Schools elementary preschool programs and will be five years of age on or prior to January 1, 2021, it is not necessary to register the student for Kindergarten for the 2020-2021 school year.



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



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

Strings Concert

With Winter fast approaching, it's almost time for our annual string festival concert! Our returning 5th grade strings students will be performing alongside the other returning strings members from all of the Groton elementary schools! Following their performance will be some selections from the middle school and high school string programs. It is going to be an incredible night filled with amazing talent and wonderful music! Please come show your support on December 19th at Fitch High School at 6:30.

We hope to see you there!

-Leo Kasle, Orchestra Director –
S.B. Butler, Charles Barnum, Claude Chester



PTO NEWS

- Dec. 13th: BINGO!!
6:00 - 7:00 PM



Ideas, comments or questions? Share them with the PTO at: cbpto@outlook.com



Six Flags



Reading Logs are attached!!

Students of the Month



November - Simplicity

Cold Weather!!

Please be sure your children are dressed appropriately for the cold weather!



As long as the temperature is 15 degrees or higher, we will go outside for both morning arrival and recess, even if there is snow on the ground. Hats, gloves, scarves, and shoes/boots all help in keeping the students warm.

Thank you!



LOST and FOUND



Please be sure to check the lost & found. We have collected a lot of clothing items. All items not claimed by December 20th will be donated to a local organization during the holiday break.

Barnum's Super Power for December: **Humor**

Three Ways to Keep on the Funny Side:

- **Bring it Home** - Take time to laugh at home. Find times to tell jokes and play with your family. It is a great way to connect.
- **Work it Around** - When you laugh with your friends you build greater friendships. Make sure all are included in the fun.
- **Get Your Vitamin L** - Did you know that laughing is good for your health? It improves your energy level and lowers stress.

Band/Chorus Winter Concert

Hope to see you there!

Mr. Hurrell & Mr. Schneider



Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. This concert will feature the 5th Grade Advanced Band and the 4th and 5th Grade Chorus performing a variety of seasonal favorites. Band students should arrive by 6:00; chorus students should arrive by 6:15.



Check it out!

Report cards were sent home today - be sure to check your child's backpack so you can see how well they are doing!

We are very proud of all of our students. With all of their hard work and support from home, we can't wait to see what happens during this next trimester.

***Keep up the
good work!***



STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Attendance is an important part of your child's academic success. Please make every effort to have your child(ren) to school on time everyday; the late bell rings at 8:55 am.

Per the BOE attendance policy:

Connecticut State Law defines a "truant" child as one who has 4 unexcused absences from school in a month or 10 unexcused absences in a school year. Absences 1-9 are considered excused when the student's parent/guardian provides written documentation and approves the absences, regardless of the reason; emails are not acceptable forms of written documentation. Absences 10 or more require a doctor's note to be excused.

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toy donations during this
holiday season.*



It's about TIME.....Be a 24/7 Dad



24/7 Dad is a nationally recognized program designed for any dad who wants to improve his knowledge and skills to help him raise healthy children.

Join us for a fatherhood group to gain skills, talk about issues related to parenting, and meet other dads. Expectant, experienced, and new fathers all welcome.

Where: Lawrence and Memorial Hospital

When: Wednesdays from 5-6:30 PM January 8th-March 25th

Facilitated by Patrick Sheehan-Gaumer

Snacks or light dinner will be provided

For questions or to sign up, please contact:
Laura Cotto, Nurturing Families
860-442-0711 x 2457 or laura.cotto@LMhosp.org



YaleNewHavenHealth
Lawrence + Memorial Hospital



Submit Online by Wed., April 15, 2020



2019-2020 READING LOG CHARLES BARNUM SCHOOL

Read To Succeed is a free program that allows students in grades K-6 to earn tickets to Six Flags New England just by reading six hours for fun.

Here is how your child can earn a free ticket to Six Flags:

- 1) Register this fall using this link:
Visit: sixflags.com/books
Use Charles Barnum School's code: **TBAKC**
- 2) Your child may read any books they choose.
- 3) Keep track of your child's reading using the form below.
- 4) Record your child's reading at our website.
- 5) Receive a free Six Flags New England ticket from Charles Barnum School in May.

Students can optionally earn bonus awards by reading more than six hours such as discounts on additional tickets for family members, Season Passes or Memberships.

Date	What I Read	Time (minutes)
Total Amount of Time Read (Must be at least 6 hours or 360 minutes)		

Please use the back of this sheet or additional sheets, if needed.



DO NOT return this sheet to your teacher. Log your child's reading using the link above.



I am aware that the one free admission ticket that my child will receive is valid only at the park listed a on **select dates** during the 2020 season. Valid dates will be included on the tickets. I also understand that late entries will not be accepted, and tickets are NOT valid for anyone over age 13, are not for resale and cannot be replaced if lost, stolen or damaged.

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Submit Online by Wed., April 15, 2020