

Dr. Charles Barnum Elementary School  
February 21, 2020



*From the principal:*

*What a short week - I'm almost ready for Monday!*

*We have several clubs going on right now including a Fiddle Club that just started today and we even have a Jr. Iron Chef club starting in a couple of weeks. Thank you for supporting your children as they participate in these before and after school activities.*

*There is a change in the schedule for Indoor Soccer. Playoffs will be next week, February 26th & 28th! The kids are playing hard and are excited about next week.*

*Thank you for your cooperation in the parking lot. We truly appreciate your help in keeping the handicap spaces available for use by those that need them.*

*Feel free to reach out with any question. Enjoy the weekend!*

Seth Danner  
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**Attendance Matters.  
You Matter.**



ATTENDANCE TOTALS FOR THE WEEK OF 2/19-2/21:

LATE ARRIVALS: 22

EARLY DISMISSALS: 38

ATTENDANCE: 95.4%

Charles Barnum Elementary School

**Principal  
of the  
Day**

Milo Tagaloa  
~ Gratitude ~



Milo loves pepperoni and sausage pizza, the books Pete the Cat and Five Little Ducks, the game soccer and playing on the swings. He would like to be better at playing soccer though. At home, he helps by cleaning his room and feeding the dog. One day, Milo would like to travel to Minnesota to visit his grandpa and grandma. Milo's mom is his hero because "she cleans house and takes care of the family and loves us!" Milo's message for today is: "Be kind and be happy!!"

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

❖ March 5th: Picture Day!  
**Lifetouch**

**Barnum's Super Power for February: Love**

Three Ways to Spread the Love:

- **Do what you love. Love what you do.** - What do you love to do? Make a point to do it more often.
- **Take your love everywhere you go.** - Who are the people you love? Think of them throughout the day. You can even carry a picture if you like.
- **Express Yourself, Today** - Don't wait to tell the people you care about how you feel. Tell them today!



## ~ **Delayed Openings** ~



Schools now have two options for a delayed start to the school day! We will announce either a 2-hour delay or a 3-hour delay for the morning arrival.

**3-Hour Delay:** In the case of the 3-hour delay, the scheduled bus pick up times will simply be 3 hours after the normal pick up time. Also, when the schools have a 3-hour delay, preschool and prekindergarten classes will be cancelled for the day. Adding the extra delay time may allow us to avoid the need to cancel school after early morning storms.

**2-Hour Delay:** In the case of the 2-hour delay, the scheduled bus pick up times will simply be 2 hours after the normal pick up time. Also, when the schools have a 2-hour delay, AM preschool and AM pre-kindergarten classes will be cancelled.

All end-of-day dismissal times will be at the regularly scheduled times.

Charles Barnum has a  
website for  
Physical Education!  
Be sure to check it out!



<http://www.cbournhealthyschool.com>

## **PTO NEWS**

Upcoming events:

- ❖ Boon Bag Fundraiser - coming home next week!!
- ❖ Mar. 18th - PTO Meeting, 3:45 pm

The PTO is a huge part of the school support system. If you would like to get involved, please reach out. You can leave a message with the school office or you can send an email to: [cbpto@outlook.com](mailto:cbpto@outlook.com)

## **MOVING??**



If you will be moving, please give 2-3 weeks notice. You will need to complete withdrawal paperwork in the front office. Thank you for your cooperation.



## **Six Flags**

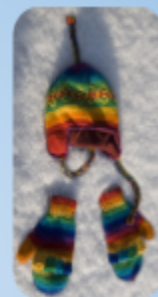


Online Reading Logs are due  
by April 17th!

(More information is below.)

## **Cold Weather!!**

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



As long as the windchill 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!



## **Join us at Kindergarten Orientation!**

**Registration:** Register your child **NOW** for Kindergarten for the 2020-2021 school year!  
CHILDREN MUST BE 5 YEARS OLD ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2021  
Call Mrs. Ellis at (860) 572-2197 to make your appointment.

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### ***"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.

<p><b>April 7, 2020 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.</b> Claude Chester Elementary School 1 Harry Day Drive Groton, CT <b>RSVP to Mrs. Wood</b> 860-449-5636</p>	<p><b>April 30, 2020 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.</b> Northeast Academy Arts Magnet School 115 Oslo St Mystic, CT <b>RSVP to Mrs. Lewis</b> 860-572-5852</p>
<p><b>April 28, 2020 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.</b> S.B. Butler Elementary School 155 Ocean View Ave. Mystic, CT <b>RSVP to Mrs. Clang</b> 860-572-5825</p>	<p><b>April 22, 2020 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.</b> Charles Barnum Elementary School 68 Briar Hill Rd Groton, CT <b>RSVP to Mrs. Wallis</b> 860-449-5640</p>
<p><b>April 23, 2020 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.</b> Mary Morrisson Elementary School 154 Toll Gate Road Groton, CT <b>RSVP to Mrs. Santacroce-Lyon</b> 860-449-5655</p>	<p><b>April 21, 2020 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.</b> Catherine Kolnaski STEAM Magnet School 500 Poquonnock Rd Groton, CT <b>RSVP to Mrs. Baldwin</b> 860-449-5608</p>

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.

Please provide the following when you RSVP: your name, contact number, and if applicable, your childcare needs

**RSVP deadline is March 31, 2020**



## Remind Parents to Register for Read to Succeed!

There is still time for your students to register to earn a free Six Flags ticket for reading 6 hours!

We've received a ton of great feedback about our new Read to Succeed eReading Log program! Parents are finding it easy to use, and a fun way to monitor their kid's progress.

We want to make sure that everyone who wants to register for the program gets registered. **Could you email your student's parents and remind them to register soon if they want to sign up for the program?**

**You can send along this message, as it contains all information parents need to register!**

Parents can register for Read to Succeed using the details below:

- Register child at [sixflags.com/books](https://sixflags.com/books) using code **CRUBW**
- By April 17, complete the online reading log for your child.
- Expect a Six Flags New England ticket for your child in May!

Once your child is registered, you will have access to your online account.

### Parent Portal

Sincerely,

The Six Flags Read to Succeed Team  
[//sixflags.com/read](https://sixflags.com/read)





Please join us in recognizing the

**SUPERHEROES**

of the

**Groton Town Police & Groton City Police Departments**

# SOUP-ER HERO

## Farm to School Community Dinner

Thursday, February 27

5:30 – 7:00 pm at Fitch High School

### Farm to School Menu

*featuring ingredients from local farms*

Selection of Soups • Salads • Bread • Carrot Cake • Beverage



\$5 for adults

\$3 for children

To RSVP, follow our QR code or call **860-449-7207** Tickets available at the door until sold out

This is the second in a series of dinners hosted by Groton Public Schools' Farm to School program designed to bring our community together enjoying locally sourced foods and celebrating the groups and individuals who make a difference in the lives of the children and families of Groton schools. Growing Our Future!



### Reducing Waste

*one bowl at a time*

Of course, we'll have all of the utensils and serve ware you need, but we invite you to help us reduce waste by bringing your own bowl and spoon!



### Feed Their Bodies - Fuel Their Minds

In addition to the SOUP-ER HERO dinner, we will also be featuring a basket raffle with proceeds benefiting the Feed Their Bodies - Fuel Their Minds fund, which provides financial assistance to families who are challenged to pay for their children's breakfasts and lunches.

## **2020 CENSUS AND GROTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Every ten years the federal government conducts a census or counting of the people that reside in the country. This has been going on since 1790 when Thomas Jefferson conducted the first census of the newly created country. This year residents will receive an invitation to respond to the census in mid-March. The Town and City of Groton as well as our partners at the Submarine Base have been working together to get the message out that we need you to respond to the census request.

How does the census impact education? Did you know that the federal grant money goes towards Special Education funding, Title I grants, the National School Lunch Program, Head Start and Foster Care to name a few? It is **so important** for everyone to respond to the census. Groton's children are depending on your response to make sure these and other federal programs are fully funded.

The power of the complete count of Groton's population is in YOUR HANDS. You will be receiving an invitation in the mail to respond to the census in mid-March. It is **easy** to respond. You can do it either online, by phone or in writing. Your information is **safe** as the Census Bureau is not permitted by law to share any of your information with anyone including law enforcement and other government agencies.

The Groton Public Library, the Mystic-Noank Library and the Bill Memorial Library will be hosting a Census Kick-off Celebration on April 1. If you do not have computer access, here is a perfect opportunity for you. The public access television channels are holding different shows intended to give information to the residents of Groton. Check out the Facebook page for the Town of Groton's Complete Count Committee which is now up and running. Posters are on display around town. Flyers and handouts will be coming home as well. If you would like more information, go to [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov).

The Census is SAFE, EASY AND IMPORTANT! Groton Public Schools are depending on YOU!

Thank you,

Liz Porter  
Complete Count Committee Chair  
Town of Groton  
Board of Education member