

Dr. Charles Barnum Elementary School  
March 12, 2021



**From the Principal:**

We are getting excited about having all of the students in-person for 4-days each week. In an effort to prepare for this, we have made some changes to carpool. Beginning on Monday, all cars will use the same traffic pattern and all students will exit through the front doors. To help prevent backups, please arrive no earlier than 8:40 for arrival and 3:10 for dismissal. For the safety of all, please be patient with these new changes.

As you and your family prepare to send your children to school 4-days per week, be sure they are on a good sleep schedule and get a good breakfast each morning. I am sure it will feel like the first week of school for all of us!

If you have any questions regarding the testing, or anything else, please reach out to me by phone or email.

Seth Danner, Principal,  
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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- ★ Mar. 22: PreK - 2nd grade begins 4-day week
- ★ Mar. 29: 3rd - 5th grade Begins 4-day week

**Family Discussion Starters!**

- What does compassion **look** and **sound** like?

**GROTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Register for Kindergarten**

Children who are 5 on or before January 1, 2022 may begin Kindergarten in September.

Register online this March at  
[www.grotonschools.org](http://www.grotonschools.org)

We can't wait for you to join us!

Check our website for more information about getting ready for Kindergarten and learn about our two new magnet schools opening in September and how to apply this spring!

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

**Big Ideas to Help Activate Your Compassion:**

- To show **compassion** to others, you must first learn to be kind and forgiving to ourselves.
- "Just like me, others have struggles and want to be happy." Remembering this simple truth helps us **break down barriers** to understand and help more people.
- Sometimes the best thing you can do for someone suffering is **just to be there**.
- **Compassion** benefits everyone: the giver, the receiver, and even the people who bear witness to it.

*"Be the person that makes others feel special." - Anonymous*

# Students Recognized for Love in February

## Grade K

Alexander W., Amelia H., Asaaba A., Ava A., Charlotte M., David D., Eleanor K., Ezra N., Ivory C., Jace N.\*, Jaimason R., Kenzie E.\*, Layla H.\*, Leen M., Maggie W., Olivia L., Stella S., Sophia D., Talia B., Trinity D.

## Grade 1

Abigail B., Alana B., Amarian R., Axel T., Ayana S., Bennett W., Chase A., Collin S., Ellery B.\*, Ellie N., Evalynne A., Evelyn T., Ivy C., Joseph M., Julianne M., Kaelie V.\*, Kayden M., Kimberleigh L., Liam H., Lillian R., Logan H., Lucy M., Morgan C., Orpheus R.\*, Reese K., Ryker B., Zuri H.

## Grade 2

Addisyn B.\*, Allison W.\*, Ashlynn F., Aurora M., Caitlyn Z., David B., Ellie F., Isaac A., James H., Josephine M., Matthew C., Noah K., Olivia K., Sawyer F.\*, Wyatt B.

## Grade 3

Abigail C., Abygail Y., Andy S., Ava S., Bailey B., Chase B., Courtney W., Hiba M.\*, Jayla L., Jaylyn G., Jenna L., Jose M., Kadijah P., Lucas R., Madilynn L., Noah C.\*, Olivia O., Patrick F., Sophia J., Steven W., Zachary H.

## Grade 4

Abigail F., Aislynn M., Alexandria K.\*, Anna C., Anthony M., Audrey M., Brit M., Brooklyn W., Delilah B., Gabriella P., George M., Harmonie N., Hunter G., Isabella H.\*, Jeremy M., Jillian G., Jordan G., Kaleb L., Katelyn S., Madelyn O., Marijose A., Michaela J., Nadia R., Nathaniel C.\*, Nora G., Ryan O., Savannah V., Silas B., Terra F., Tessa T., Troy W., Tyson R., Yaminah W.

## Grade 5

Aaron B.\*, Alani B., Alessia M., Amaia T., Amara P., Angel R.\*, Cristalena A., Diana H., Emma T., Evelyn M., Jace P., Jackson K., Janelle P., Jayden M.\*, Jolene P., Josuha F., Kadence W., Lillian D., Malia M.\*, Nehemias H., Rilee J., Ryan S., Silas P.

## Specials

Abigail P.\*, Ava S.\*, Leen M.\*, Jayla L.\*

**\*Represent Student of the Month**

# CONGRATULATIONS!!

Charles Barnum has now read 5,500 books this school year on Epic! That averages 220 books per week!! I want to recognize Kylie, Mr. Sabilia's class, with the most hours of reading at 106.8 hours and Jazlene, Mrs. DeMauro's class, for having read the most books at 392 books. WOW! Some more of our top readers are: Aislynn (4M), Ryan(4M), Alyssa (3M), Josh (5D), Noah (3Mc) and Samuel (2G).

Keep it up!! - Mrs. Amadon

If you haven't logged in to Epic before, here's how:

- 1) Go to [www.getepic.com/students](http://www.getepic.com/students) or open the Epic app on an ipad
- 2) Enter the class code VKS5692
- 3) Click on your name (if it's not there, let me know and I'll add it!)

\* You can also have a parent connect an email to your account to get two extra hours of after school reading each week! See the flyer for more information.

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AN INVITE FROM MRS. AMADON

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## Fuel curiosity & reading confidence

### READ DURING SCHOOL WITH EPIC SCHOOL.

From now through June 2021, our class is using Epic, the leading digital reading platform for kids, to boost learning and let them freely explore their interests in class through thousands of books.

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#### LOGGING IN IS EASY:

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2. Type in the class code.
3. Pick their name and they're in!

**CLASS CODE: VKS5692**

##### For iOS or Android:

1. Download the app.
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3. Type in the class code.
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