

Dr. Charles Barnum Elementary School  
August 28, 2020



## Summer Update!



### From the Assistant Principal:

*Next week is your last week before school starts! I hope you are able to enjoy some last minute summer fun before coming back to school. I can't wait to hear about some of your adventures.*

*Letters will go out in the mail on Monday with teacher assignments and carpool information so be sure to look for them in your mailboxes. Keep reading this newsletter for more information on Arrival/Dismissal; more details on carpool will be in the newsletter next week. Carpool numbers will be available for pick up next week from 10:00-2:00 each day, Monday -Friday.*

*I sent some links out on Wednesday so I have included them again for your convenience.*

*Back to School Video: <https://youtu.be/329ouzsqCbc>.*

*Updated Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/wao4ckXcNDeY8div9>*

*Food Services: <https://www.grotonschools.org/parent-and-students/foodservices>*

*Be sure to watch the video and keep working on a school routine and enjoy the weekend!*

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Life  
is Good


What did the buffalo say at drop-off? Bison!


### Arrival & Dismissal


If your student is not riding a bus, you have been assigned a carpool number. This number will need to be displayed in your front windshield during both arrival and dismissal. Carpool numbers may be picked up between 10:00 am - 2:00 pm each day next week, August 31st - September 4th.

### Reminders

Keep practicing how to wear a mask and increase the time you wear it each day with a fun activity! 

Keep working on a school routine with a regular bedtime, wake-up time and a good breakfast! 

Remember to wash your hands often and for 20 seconds. You can even sing the alphabet song while you wash! 

Social distancing is not getting too close to people around you. 

### School Medications

Student medications can be dropped off next week. The school nurse will be at Charles Barnum to receive them.

#### Medication Drop-off Times

Monday 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Tuesday 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Wednesday 10:00 am-2:00 pm

If you are unable to drop off medication during these times, please contact the school nurse at: [gabercrombie@groton.k12.ct.us](mailto:gabercrombie@groton.k12.ct.us) or call at 860-449-5640

# Dr. Charles G. Barnum: Arrival & Dismissal

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## **Arrival**

### ***Late bell rings at 8:55.***

- Adult supervision begins at 8:40. Please drop students off after this time, including breakfast students.
- Any student arriving after 8:55 must be signed in by parent/guardian in at the main office or in lower parking lot if still in that location. If staff is no longer in lower parking lot, parent and child must come to the main office.
- Carpool Tag #101 & above will be dropped off in Lot B and go directly to class.
- Carpool Tag #1-#100 will be dropped off in Lot A and go directly to class.
  - Older siblings in Lot A carpool will walk down to the lower door entrance. On rainy days they will be able to enter through the stairwell by the kindergarten playground.

## **Dismissal**

***In an effort to comply with the social distancing requirements Charles Barnum will start the school year with dismissal beginning at 3:10. Please know that the regular posted dismissal time is 3:30.***

- 1) **Bus:** These students are dismissed from the classroom to line up for their bus. They will then be walked to their bus for dismissal. Busses will be loaded one at a time to maintain social distancing.
- 2) **Walkers:** These students are dismissed from the classroom and are allowed to walk home **with or without** adult supervision.
  - Grade 1 and 2 students will exit the building via the front doors.  
(Any parents picking up students can meet the students down by the stop light. To maintain proper social distancing, parent will be unable to congregate on school property.)
  - Grades 3 through 5 will exit the building via the lower parking lot doors.  
(Any parents picking up students can meet the students down by the stop light. To maintain proper social distancing, parent will be unable to congregate on school property.)
  - To start the year – staff members will walk students to the crossing guard on Gungywamp.

## **Changes in Dismissal:**

**ALL CHANGES MUST BE IN WRITING! Early dismissals must be before 3:00pm.**

All changes to a student's regular or daily dismissal must be in writing unless there are unusual circumstances or an emergency. It is essential that the teacher/substitute knows how to dismiss the students and helps us ensure the safety of your child. If you need to pick your child up early, please do so before 3:00 pm; there will be no dismissals after 3:00 pm. A copy of the note will be kept on file in the office. Though we will do our best in emergencies, we cannot guarantee that messages from phone calls regarding dismissals will reach the student.

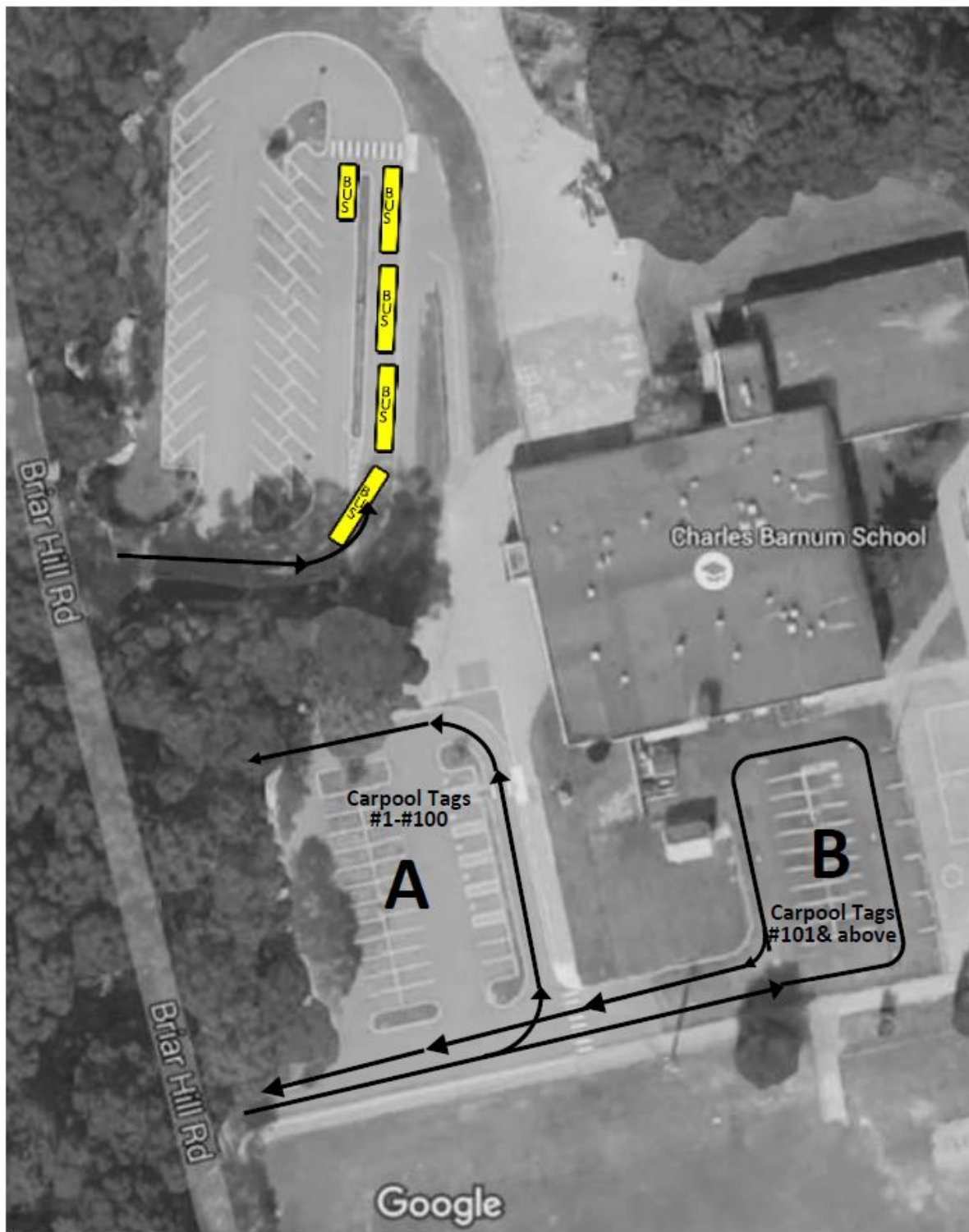


## **Breakfast**

Breakfast begins at 8:40 and will be 'grab-and-go' to start the school year. If eating at the school, the student will grab their breakfast and head directly to their classroom to eat there.



## Charles Barnum Carpool Map



- **Parking Lot 'A':** Carpool numbers 1-100
- **Parking Lot 'B':** Carpool numbers 101 and above