

Dr. Charles Barnum Elementary School  
December 18, 2020



## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Well, that was some unexpected snow! I hope you all were able to enjoy playing in it yesterday (shoveling doesn't count).

We do have school next week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (12/21-12/23). Wednesday is a virtual day for all students and an early dismissal day. Remember, attendance counts, even on virtual days!

As you prepare for the holiday break we want to remind you that if you will be traveling, please be mindful of the CT travel restrictions.

Happy holidays to all and a safe New Year. See you virtually on Monday, January 4th!



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ★ **Dec. 23: Early Dismissal!!**  
*All students are virtual on this day!*
- ★ **Dec. 24-Jan. 3: No School!**  
*Winter/Holiday Break* 
- ★ **Jan. 4-9: Welcome Back!**  
*Virtual Learning for all students this week.*
- ★ **Jan.11: Cohort A returns to the building**
- ★ **Jan. 14: Cohort B returns to the building**

## Report Card Time!

Report Cards are virtual and were posted in PowerSchool today!

What is Power School? <https://www.grotonschoools.org/parent-and-students/powerschool>

How to view Report Cards: <https://www.grotonschoools.org/parent-and-students/powerschool/report-cards>

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If you still need your child's access codes for PowerSchool, please email the secretary at: [rwallis@groton.k12.ct.us](mailto:rwallis@groton.k12.ct.us)

## 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.

## PTO NEWS

### Need a Covid safe teacher gift?

Check out the **SchoolStore!**

 You can purchase gift cards that go straight to the classroom!

The School Store fundraiser will continue through the end of the school year and classroom gift cards can be purchased at any time. Simply click on the **DONATE** tab, choose the amount and include your student's classroom information. Here's the link:

<https://www.schoolstore.com/cgi/SSCGiftCard?orderid=30053059120201214>



To register your child:  
Go to: [www.schoolstore.net](http://www.schoolstore.net)  
School ID: 12459

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

## Guess what's cookin'!!!

Charles Barnum is finally cooking their own school meals!

Since Charles Barnum was built without a kitchen, meals were delivered from another school within the district. Finally, after receiving a grant for a kitchen, the GPS Maintenance Department was able to change all of this for CB. They began their work during the summer and have been steadily turning the CB meal space into a usable kitchen. They were finally able to install the stoves last week!

What an amazing addition to Charles Barnum for the already amazing CB kitchen staff!



## EPIC READING!

Let's keep up the good work and be sure to keep reading over the Holiday Recess!

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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# epic!

## 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.

**Log in with our class code below** to support your kid's reading progress remotely during school hours, Mon-Fri from 7 am – 4 pm.



#### LOGGING IN IS EASY:

##### For laptop & Chromebook:

1. Go to [getepic.com/students](https://www.getepic.com/students)
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.
2. On iOS, tap "ENTER CLASS CODE." On Android, tap "Have an account? Sign In," then tap "Students & Educators."
3. Type in the class code.
4. Pick their name. Done!

### READ AFTER SCHOOL WITH EPIC FREE.

Support daily reading habits with Epic Free! Students get up to 2 hours of reading time each week and access to select books on Epic. No credit card is required and you only need to sign up once using your email address.

**Sign up today!** <https://www.getepic.com/connect/vks5692>