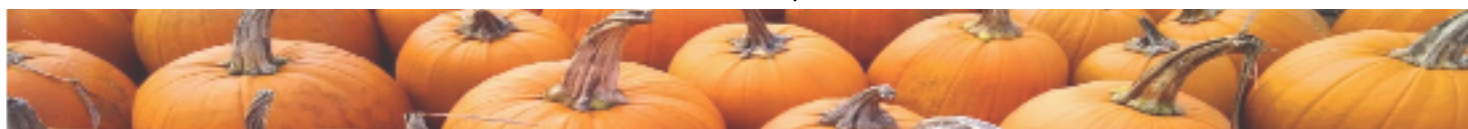


Dr. Charles Barnum Elementary School  
October 16, 2020



### From the principal...

*Well, we had our first Community Meeting last week but not without some mishaps! I kept freezing and the recording didn't work like it was supposed to. Better luck next month!*

*Just a reminder - Parent/Teacher conferences are next week and that means school will be dismissed at 1:12. If your child will be in-person on those days, please be sure you have arrangements made to pick your child up early.*

*October 30th will be a different kind of day at Charles Barnum - we will be allowing all students (in-person and virtual) to wear costumes! Here are the rules: 1) must be school appropriate, 2) no weapons and 3) no costume masks (all masks must be the required COVID face covering). We are looking forward to some fun!*

*In the newsletter, we have also included the Super Power for the month of October and an activity to go with it. For those that want to complete the activity, We would love to see some photos! Please send them to [rwallis@groton.k12.ct.us](mailto:rwallis@groton.k12.ct.us).*

*If you have any questions, please reach out.*



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### **VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION**

PE, Art, Music and Library are a part of your child's normal school day. Participation is being tracked and incomplete work will be reflected in the grades for each of these classes.

If there is a concern regarding participation, please contact the school.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **October 21-23 - Early Dismissal**  
(½ days for In-person & Virtual; dismissal is at 1:12)
- **October 21-22 - Conferences**  
Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences
- **November 3 - NO SCHOOL**  
Election day (no classes, professional development day)
- **November 4 - Virtual Wednesday** (no in-person classes)
- **November 11 - NO SCHOOL**  
Veterans' Day
- **November 25-27 - NO SCHOOL**  
Thanksgiving break

## **Parent/Teacher Virtual Conferences**

**Wednesday, October 21st & Thursday, October 22nd**  
**15 minutes only!**

**The zoom link for your conference can be found on Sign-up Genius next to your selected time.**

**If you have not signed up for your conference, please use the link below.**

**<https://www.signupgenius.com/tabs/5317ED90FA3CEE5C53-fallconferences>**

**You can also find the link on the Charles Barnum Website.**

## **Healthy Snacks are available to order for** **In-class celebrations!**



Groton Public Schools is a Healthy Food Certified district and requires more restrictions on the types of healthy foods that we serve. This means that the foods we offer for in-class celebrations are healthier for all students in the classroom. For more information, here's the link to Food Services:



<https://www.grotonschools.org/parent-and-students/foodservices/in-class-celebrations>

**Orders will need to be placed a minimum of 5 days before the event.**

Also, please be in contact with your child's teacher to find a date that works.

**Click here for In-Class Celebration Healthy Snacks Order Form**



Hey kids, when you think of a shield, do you think of a super hero, a brave knight, or someone strong and courageous?

Lets make a shield that shows what helps you feel strong and courageous! Here are some supplies you might want to use:

- 1) Poster board, cardboard, card stock or just some plain old paper
- 2) Markers, crayons, pencils, paint (ask your mom or dad first!)
- 3) Some imagination!

Think about the things that help you feel brave, strong and courageous. Is it a person, a place, a stuffed animal or maybe a picture? What shape or symbol can you draw or what color can you use that will help you remember that? Now it's time to be creative and make your shield! You can draw it, cut it out or what ever you want, just be creative, ask for help if you need to and make sure you include things that will help you remember you can be courageous, too!

Don't forget to send a picture to [rwallis@groton.k12.ct.us](mailto:rwallis@groton.k12.ct.us), it might end up in the next newsletter!

## **Barnum's Super Power for October:** **Courage**

### **Three Big Ideas About Courage:**

- **Join the Try-Athlon** - Trying is brave. When you try something, you either succeed or you learn. In both, you win.
- **See Rejection as your Best Teacher** - We can learn from our mistakes or they can be our best teacher! Don't give up.
- **Look Forward** - Courage comes in all different shapes and sizes! Sometimes, it takes courage to try a new food and sometimes it takes courage to raise your hand in class or speak up in Zoom! Try anyway!