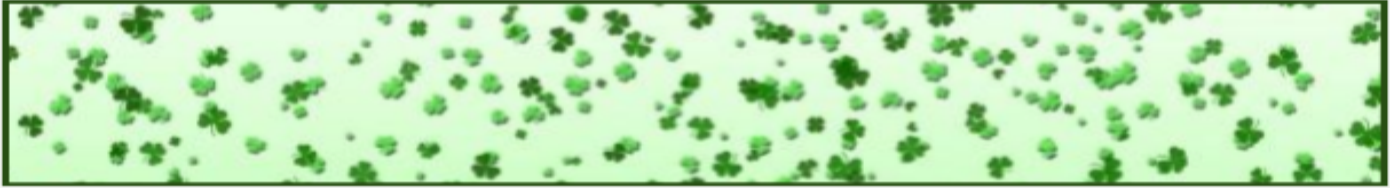


Dr. Charles Barnum Elementary School
March 6, 2020



From the principal:

We had great participation this week with all of our themed days! I saw some great socks, some fantastic crazy hats and some really great mustaches. The decorated doors all turned out looking great, too. The Reading Celebration Assembly this afternoon was another student favorite. Of course, with slime involved, how could it not be! Be sure to check out the pictures.

Be sure to check out one of the meetings regarding the potential options for the new elementary magnet schools. Presentations will be held March 18th at Cutler Middle and again on March 19th at Westside Middle. See below for more information.

Just a reminder that beginning this grading period, report cards will be electronic only. If you have not created your Parent PowerSchool account, please take the time to do so.

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**Attendance Matters.
You Matter.**



ATTENDANCE TOTALS FOR THE WEEK OF 3/2-3/6:
LATE ARRIVALS: 42 EARLY DISMISSALS: 69 ATTENDANCE: 95.8%

Charles Barnum Elementary School

**Principal
of the
Day**

...will return next week!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ♦ Mar. 13: No School
- ♦ Apr. 1-2: Parent Teacher Conferences
- ♦ Apr. 1-3: BOGO Bookfair

Barnum's Super Power for March: Compassion

Three Ways to Practice Compassion:

- **Help Yourself** - You are amazing how you are. Be proud of yourself.
- **Just Like Me** - Be kind to others. They have good days and bad days just like you. Everyone wants to have a good day.
- **Give Presence** - When you see a friend who is sad, let them know you care.



~ 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.

PTO NEWS

Thank you for the great participation in the Boon Fundraiser!

- Mar. 13: PTO meeting, 3:45pm

The PTO is a huge part of the school support system. If you would like to get involved, please reach out. You can send emails to: cbpto@outlook.com

Wax Museum

Mrs. Brabec's 5th grade students researched historical figures, dressed like them and then became wax figures. They 'came to life' when you 'pushed a button' to hear them talk.



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.



Students of the Month



February - Love



Elementary Magnet School Meetings

Groton Public Schools will be holding two informational meetings about the possible choices for the new elementary magnet schools. There are some great options that they are considering. If you are interested in hearing an explanation of the potential options, please join us for one of these sessions.

- Wednesday, March 18th, 6:00 PM at Cutler Middle School
- Thursday, March 19th, 6:00 PM at Westside Middle School

Report Card Information: Report Cards will be available in Power School on March 27th!! Report cards will be electronic only beginning in March. If you have not set up your parent account, you will receive a yellow letter next week with instructions and student information needed to create your account. Please take the time to set up your PowerSchool account so you can access the report cards!

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.

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



Groton Public Schools Will *Light It Up Blue*!

**Our school buildings will be illuminated for in blue
on April 2nd to support this worldwide event and to help raise
awareness.**

Ways you can show your support:

Wear blue on April 2nd

Walk in or become a sponsor of your local Autism walk

Replace your porch light with a blue light bulb

Make a donation of time or resources to a local group who support Autism

Teach and practice acceptance and kindness

World Autism Awareness Day

In 2007, the United Nations General Assembly declared April 2 as World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD), with the goal of bringing the world's attention to autism, a pervasive disorder that affects tens of millions.

World Autism Awareness Day shines a bright light on autism as a growing global health concern. WAAD activities help to increase and develop world knowledge of the autism crisis and impart information regarding the importance of early diagnosis and early intervention. Additionally, WAAD celebrates the unique talents and skills of people with autism, and features community events around the world where individuals with autism and their families are warmly welcomed and embraced.

Autism

Autism, or autism spectrum disorder (ASD), refers to a broad range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech and nonverbal communication. According to the Centers for Disease Control, autism affects an estimated 1 in 59 children in the United States today. (When we first started participating in this event in 2014, the statistic was 1 in 110 children.)