

Dr. Charles Barnum Elementary School
February 28, 2020



From the principal:

This week was the playoffs for the Soccer Club. They all played hard and did a great job. Wednesday's winners (3rd & 5th) were: Chloe H., Ethan B., Carter F., MariJose A., Lexi K., Hanah M. and Alexzander S. Friday's winners (4th & 5th) were: Ethan B., Carter F., Marc C., Kylie W., and Ny'zae T. Congratulations!

Options for the new elementary magnet school will be presented March 18th at Cutler Middle and again on March 19th at Westside Middle. See below for more information. Also, next week we are celebrating Read Across America all week long. Be sure to check out the attached flyer for details!

Just a reminder, 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.

Seth Danner
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Attendance Matters. You Matter.



ATTENDANCE TOTALS FOR THE WEEK OF 2/24-2/28:

LATE ARRIVALS: 40

EARLY DISMISSALS: 51

ATTENDANCE: 95.4%

Charles Barnum Elementary School

Principal of the Day

Amelia Flynn
~ Gratitude ~



Some of Amelia's favorites are pizza, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, and swimming. At school, Amelia feels she is best at science and recess but would like to be better at reading. At home, she enjoys playing outside and is responsible for helping with the laundry. Amelia considers her friend Alanna to be her hero because 'she helps me get through things that are hard'. Amelia's message to the school today is:
"Everybody does 50 push-ups!"

UPCOMING EVENTS

❖ Mar. 5th: Spring Picture Day!
See below for more information!

Barnum's Super Power for February: Love

Three Ways to Spread the Love:

- **Do what you love. Love what you do.** - What do you love to do? Make a point to do it more often.
- **Take your love everywhere you go.** - Who are the people you love? Think of them throughout the day. You can even carry a picture if you like.
- **Express Yourself, Today** - Don't wait to tell the people you care about how you feel. Tell them today!



~ 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.

Grade 4: Before School Band Enrichment

Band Enrichment will be held in the mornings before school and is for 4th grade students only. It begins this Tuesday, March 3rd, from 8:00-8:40 a.m. and will meet in the band room. Please email Mr. Schneider if you need a permission slip for your child: sschneider@groton.k12.ct.us

Thank you!



Be sure to check out Mr. Schneider's web page for additional information on the band program!

PTO NEWS

BOON FUNDRAISER NEWS: the online store will open Mar. 2nd. We are working with the company to have it open sooner. Please watch the PTO Facebook page for any updates. We apologize for any inconvenience!

The PTO is a huge part of the school support system. If you would like to get involved, please reach out. You can leave a message with the school office or you can send an email to: cbpto@outlook.com

Sports Club

Session #2 of Sports Club will be starting this Monday March 2 for those students in grades three and four already registered. Looking forward to another fun, cooperative group!



Charles Barnum has a website for Physical Education! Be sure to check it out!

<http://www.cbourshealthyschool.com>

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.

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 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!

Spring pictures let you be you!

Order before Picture Day on mylifetouch.com

Charles Barnum Elementary School
Thursday, March 5th!

- ① Visit mylifetouch.com
- ② Enter your Picture Day ID: RI209131Q0
- ③ Order your perfect package—
and don't worry about returning
anything on Picture Day!

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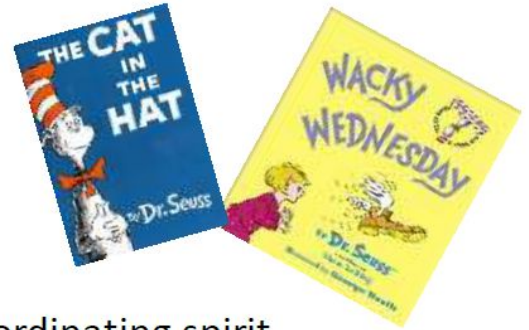
Read Across America Spirit Week

When: March 2nd- March 6th 2020

Where: At Charles Barnum School

Why: To encourage and foster a love of reading by celebrating one of the greatest Children's Author, Dr. Seuss' birthday!

What: Each day we will feature a different book and coordinating spirit accessory.



Spirit Schedule:

Monday: *Cat in the Hat* Wear your favorite hat.

Tuesday: *I Am Not Going to Get Up Today* Wear comfy pajamas.

Wednesday: *The Lorax* Wear a Mustache.

Thursday: *Fox in Socks* Wear crazy socks and bring new socks for others in need. We are collecting donations for Groton Family and Children Services all week.

Friday: *My Many Colored Days* Wear your class color.

Kindergarten- wear purple

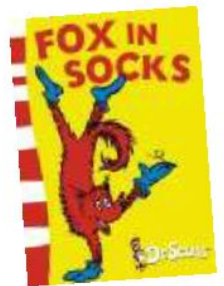
1st Grade- wear blue

2nd grade wear green

3rd grade wear yellow

4th grade wear orange

5th grade wear red



Spirit participants will earn tickets each day to go into a drawing for our Community Reading Celebration on Friday afternoon. Prizes will be announced at our Reading Kick-off! (Friday Feb. 28th) All week long will be filled with fun reading activities.

Reminder: Hope you can join us for Cookies, Books and PJ's Family Reading Night

March 3rd 5:30 for all students K-5~~~~~ More information on back!



Read with Compassion

In the spirit of **Compassion** for March's character trait, we will be adding a community service piece to our Read Across America Week and we couldn't be more excited about it! We will need your help for it to be a big success. We will be collecting new children's socks and gently used children's books to donate to Groton Family Services.

Tuesday, March 3rd we will be having Cookies, Books and Pajamas Night for grades K-5.

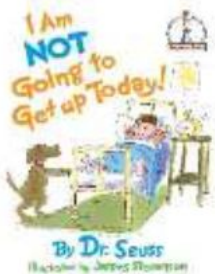
Please bring in gently used books to donate and your child will leave with a "New to You Book"! There will be a table in the front foyer for you to leave your donations.

Thursday March 5th will be Fox in Socks day. Please bring in a pair of new children's socks to donate! There will be a drop off box in the front foyer. (socks can be brought in any day during the week)

Thank you in advance for your donations!

*"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot,
Nothing is going to get better. It's not."*

Dr. Seuss



Join us at Kindergarten Orientation!

Registration: Register your child **NOW** for Kindergarten for the 2020-2021 school year!
CHILDREN MUST BE 5 YEARS OLD ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2021
Call Mrs. Ellis at (860) 572-2197 to make your appointment.

"Getting Ready for Kindergarten"

Information: Please attend the school that your child will attend. If you are applying for one of the Magnet Schools, you may also attend that information session.

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| <p>April 7, 2020 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Claude Chester Elementary School 1 Harry Day Drive Groton, CT RSVP to Mrs. Wood 860-449-5636</p> | <p>April 30, 2020 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Northeast Academy Arts Magnet School 115 Oslo St Mystic, CT RSVP to Mrs. Lewis 860-572-5852</p> |
| <p>April 28, 2020 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. S.B. Butler Elementary School 155 Ocean View Ave. Mystic, CT RSVP to Mrs. Clang 860-572-5825</p> | <p>April 22, 2020 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Charles Barnum Elementary School 68 Briar Hill Rd Groton, CT RSVP to Mrs. Wallis 860-449-5640</p> |
| <p>April 23, 2020 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Mary Morrisson Elementary School 154 Toll Gate Road Groton, CT RSVP to Mrs. Santacroce-Lyon 860-449-5655</p> | <p>April 21, 2020 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Catherine Kolnaski STEAM Magnet School 500 Poquonnock Rd Groton, CT RSVP to Mrs. Baldwin 860-449-5608</p> |

All sessions will inform you about all aspects of our kindergarten programs.

You will have the opportunity to visit a kindergarten classroom and meet kindergarten teachers.

This program is FREE and open to all Groton parents and early childcare providers.

Please provide the following when you RSVP: your name, contact number, and if applicable, your childcare needs

RSVP deadline is March 31, 2020