

Dr. Charles Barnum Elementary School
October 23, 2020



From the assistant principal...

We had our virtual conferences this week. We had a lot of participation, thank you. If you have any feedback please let us know so we can improve the experience for next time.

Next Friday is October 30th and we are planning to have a very different kind of day at Charles Barnum. I am so excited - we will be allowing all students (in-person and virtual) to wear costumes! There are a few rules so here they are: 1) must be school appropriate, 2) no weapons and 3) no costume masks (all masks must be the required COVID face covering). I can't wait to see each of you!!

Don't forget to send in pictures of your Courage Shield! We would love to see what makes you feel brave and courageous. We might even put a picture or two in the next newsletter! You can send your pictures to our secretary, Mrs. Wallis, at rwallis@groton.k12.ct.us.

I am always here if you have any questions.

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Attendance Matters.

Call the school office to report all absences (both in-person and virtual absences).

Absences need to be followed up with a note sent to the school office or your child's teacher at rwallis@groton.k12.ct.us.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **October 30 - Wear Your Costume to School!**

School appropriate, no masks - *only the required COVID face coverings* - and no weapons

- **November 3 - NO SCHOOL**

Election day
(no classes for all students, PD Day for staff)

- **November 4 - Virtual Wednesday**

(no in-person classes)

- **November 11 - NO SCHOOL**

Veterans' Day

- **November 25, 26, 27 - NO SCHOOL**

Thanksgiving break

Virtual Expectations

All students, when not attending school in person, are virtual learners.

Attendance is taken based on participation. Participation means:

- 1) Log in to your SeeSaw or Google Classroom every day**
- 2) Watch all assigned lessons and complete all assigned school work by the end of the school day**
- 3) If you are unable to complete your work due to illness, call the office**

For more information, see the attached Virtual Expectations Document.



Jeff Kinney is coming to Groton!

At this special event, families will drive through pool party-themed interactive vignettes, such as a lifeguard dunk tank, a tiki hut, a venture underwater, and the final moment when Kinney will personally deliver children their signed copies of *The Deep End* using a six-foot pool skimmer.

Tickets to attend the Drive-Thru Pool Party are \$14.99 (plus CT tax + fees) and include a signed copy of the newest Diary of a Wimpy Kid, *The Deep End*. One ticket admits one car through the drive-thru experience.

<https://www.banksquarebooks.com/event/diary-wimpy-kid-drive-thru-pool-party-tour-jeff-kinney>



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, 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!



Distance Learning Expectations for Academics and Attendance: **Students in Grades K through 5**

Daily Academic Expectations (School day begins at 8:55)

1. Login to your Seesaw OR Google Classroom
 - please check for initial assignments at the beginning of the school day.
2. Attend or watch assigned lessons and complete required assignments by the end of the school day or as arranged with your teacher
3. Independent reading for 20-40 minutes (independently or with an adult).
4. Communicate with your teacher!
5. Specials - *All students have four Specials per week - PE, Art, Music, Media*
 - Check your Specials daily to see if you have an assignment and when the assignment is due. For example, you may have Art and Music on Mon/Tue one week and then Art and Music on Thu/Fri the second week.

Daily Attendance Expectations (School day begins at 8:55)

- *Students who are in Full Distance Learning and Hybrid Students (when home).*
1. In order to be marked in present for the school day, students must log-in and complete required assignments by the end of the school day.
 2. In-school students: Attendance will be taken in school
 3. Virtual students: Attendance will be based on completion of daily academic expectations (*only attending a live zoom session without work completion is considered absent*).
 4. Absent Days - If you are virtual and unable to complete assignments due to illness, please contact the office. The same applies if you are in-person and not able to attend school for the day.

Completing your assignments

1. Try your best!
2. Ask questions and review teacher feedback
3. Turn-in completed assignments on time!
4. Communicate!

These expectations are subject to change and will be modified/communicated as needed.