

Dr. Charles Barnum Elementary School  
December 4, 2020



### From the principal...

I hope you were all able to relax and enjoy the time off for Thanksgiving. I think it was a much needed break for all of us. Hard to believe that it's just a couple more weeks until we're out for the Christmas break!

Report cards are electronic and will be available to view in Powerschool on December 18, 2020. If you have not set up your parent Powerschool account, please contact the school. Also, to view the report card you must be on a desktop/laptop computer since they are not available to view on the app.

During this time out of the building, please remember to be safe and try to stay healthy. As always, reach out if you have any questions.

Seth Danner, Principal  
sdanner@groton.k12.ct.us

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- ★ **Nov. 30-Dec. 11: Full Virtual/Distance Learning**  
*Attendance counts each day!*
- ★ **Dec. 14: Return to Hybrid learning!!**
- ★ **Dec. 17: Picture Retake Day**

## PTO NEWS

### SchoolStore

There is still time to sign up for the School Store fundraiser. Here's what you need to know!

Go to: [www.schoolstore.net](http://www.schoolstore.net)

School ID: 12459

**Step 1:** Register your child/children

**Step 2:** Send out 6 emails inviting friends and family to participate

**Step 3:** Email the prize code to the PTO at [cbpto@outlook.com](mailto:cbpto@outlook.com)

(Deadline to submit prize code is Dec. 16th)

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

## Barnum's Super Power for November: **Simplicity**

### Three Ways to Simplify Your Life:

- **Matter Up!** - Who is most important to you? Make sure you tell them often.
- **Unplug** - Take the time to step away from electronics and connect with people face to face.
- **Take It Outside** - Get outside and play regularly. Go explore the outdoors and have fun.

# SUPER SECRET DETECTIVE AGENCY

This past week, the first graders had quite the adventure! They worked on secret missions learning to solve hard words. This means they looked really closely at words to notice all their parts and they also used other words they knew to help read new words. All of the first grade students completed the word detective missions. By completing these missions, they all received their word detective badges from the "Super Secret Detective Agency".

**Great job agents!**





# Video and Telephone Counseling for Children and Youth

**Free and flexible support, where and when your child needs it**

Child and Youth Behavioral Military and Family Life counselors are specially trained, licensed professionals who understand the issues military children face. Receive confidential telehealth counseling services by phone or video; or request face-to-face.

## Who is eligible?

Children of service members and Department of Defense expeditionary civilians are eligible for non-medical counseling. This free and confidential service from the Military and Family Life Counseling Program is available to children, youth and survivors up to age 18.

## Schedule an appointment with a Child and Youth Behavioral Military and Family Life counselor:

Your point of contact: Ashley Cotter

Phone number: 860-213-6440

## How does non-medical counseling help?

Child and Youth Behavioral Military and Family Life counselors provide support for a variety of issues, including:

- Self-esteem
- Bullying
- Behavioral problems
- Deployment and reunion
- Divorce
- Grief
- Relationships
- Problem-solving
- Time management

Call Military OneSource anytime, 24/7 at 800-342-9647  
or visit <http://www.militaryonesource.mil>.





### **Enrichment and Academic Support Program at Mystic Seaport Museum**

Looking for a fun and safe place for your children when their school cohort is learning virtually? Mystic Seaport Museum is providing enrichment and academic support for students this fall and winter. We have experienced educators, good classroom space with wifi, and 19 acres of outdoor learning space for engaging activities once schoolwork is finished.

#### **Details:**

- For students entering K-8 in the fall of 2020
- Time: 8 am – 3:30 pm (middle school students who need to log in by 8am can be dropped off at 7:45am)
- Students will need to bring their own tablet or computer, headphones, their schedule of the day and their log-in and password information.
- Sign up deadline for each week is the Thursday of the previous week.

#### **Cost:**

- \$60 per day for members
- \$70 per day for non-members
- Financial aid is available.

#### **Registration:**

To register call 860-572-5331 or email [reservations@mysticseaport.org](mailto:reservations@mysticseaport.org). If you have any questions about the program please contact Sarah Cahill at [sarah.cahill@mysticseaport.org](mailto:sarah.cahill@mysticseaport.org) or 860-324-3989.

#### **COVID-19 Protocols**

As a reminder, we are continuing our health and safety protocols due to COVID-19. If you have specific questions, please contact Sarah Cahill, Director of Education, at [sarah.cahill@mysticseaport.org](mailto:sarah.cahill@mysticseaport.org); 860-324-3989.

- **Masks:** Masks are required.
- **Daily symptom screening:** We ask that you monitor your child's health daily for COVID symptoms, including temperature checks during the course of the program. We will also be taking temperatures at the beginning of each class.
- **Communicable Disease Team:** We have in place a Communicable Disease Team responsible for critical services and consultation when needed. That team is comprised of the Mystic Seaport Museum President and CEO, Director of Human Resources, CFO, Director of Education, Director of Security and Risk Management, our camp doctor, the Executive Director of the Association of Camp Nurses, and the Supervisor of Communicable Diseases at Ledge Light Health District.
- **Cleaning:** Mystic Seaport Museum has on hand appropriate PPE, thermometers, and cleaning supplies to ensure a clean and safe environment and we follow the guidelines of the CDC, State Department of Public Health, and Ledge Light Health District.
- **Waiver and informed consent form:** Parents of participants will be asked to read and sign a waiver and informed consent form about COVID-19.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** \*If there is a COVID case at your child's school and your child is a contact of the case, your child will need to not attend our program until cleared by Ledge Light Health District in consultation with Mystic Seaport Museum. We consult with Ledge Light Health District on every COVID-related scenario and defer to their decision as to a child's participation given the specifics of each unique situation. We have been so appreciative of how forthcoming and responsible parents have been throughout our summer and fall programs, and we appreciate your continued candor as we enter into yet a new phase of the virus.\*