

Dr. Charles Barnum Elementary School  
December 14, 2018



*From the principal:*

I think the kids enjoyed PJ day today; there were lots of smiles and they still managed to get some learning done. One week left before the Winter Break; please do your best to make sure students are well-rested, dressed for the weather and ready for school - attendance is important. Be sure to read the attendance memo accompanying the report cards that went home today.

Some reminders: The winter concert is next Tuesday at 6:30 pm. The students have been working hard so they can perform their best for you; we hope to see you there. Also, please refrain from blocking other vehicles or sidewalks when you drop-off or pick-up your child at school and use the parking spaces. Thank you.

Enjoy the weekend!

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**Check it out!**

Report cards were sent home today - be sure to check your child's backpack so you can see how well they are doing!

We are very proud of all of our students. With all of their hard work and support from home, we can't wait to see what happens during this next trimester.

***Keep up the good work!***



**Upcoming Events**

- ★ **Dec. 18th: Band Concert**  
6:30 P.M.
- ★ **Dec. 21st: ½ Day -**  
(dismissal at 1:12 pm)

**PTO  
Corner**

If you have any ideas that you would like to share with the PTO, please email your ideas to: [cbpto@outlook.com](mailto:cbpto@outlook.com)

*Thank you for all of the donations during this holiday season.*



**Laughter is the shortest distance between two people.**  
~ Victor Borge

*The Super Power Quote was selected by the Anchored for Life Team Leaders.*

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## CONGRATULATIONS

Joey, Katarina, Marc, Emma, NyZae, TJ, Jesse, Dillon and Damon have completed their 4th grade Sundae Challenge!



## STUDENT ATTENDANCE

**Attendance is an important part of your child's academic success. Please make every effort to have your child(ren) to school on time everyday; the late bell rings at 8:55 am.**

Per the BOE attendance policy:

Connecticut State Law defines a "truant" child as one who has 4 unexcused absences from school in a month or 10 unexcused absences in a school year. Absences 1-9 are considered excused when the student's parent/guardian provides written documentation and approves the absences, regardless of the reason; emails are not acceptable forms of written documentation. Absences 10 or more require a doctor's note to be excused.

## TEACHER SPOTLIGHT



Mikayla Sawchuk is in her eighth year of teaching; she currently teaches fourth grade and her favorite subject is math. Before becoming a teacher, Mrs. Sawchuk was a scientist! Mrs. Sawchuk is married, has three boys, one cat, two dogs and a hamster. She loves all types of pasta, spending time with her family, the outdoors, scrapbooking and the Pittsburgh Steelers. Mrs. Sawchuk's favorite quote is one that we should all remember:

"You cannot succeed if you do not try."

## Cold Weather!!

Please be sure your children are dressed appropriately for the cold weather! We still go outside for both morning arrival and recess, even if there is snow on the ground. Hats, gloves, scarves, and shoes all help in keeping the students warm. Thank you!



## Barnum's Super Power for December:

### Humor

#### Three Ways to Keep on the Funny Side:

- **Bring it Home** - bring some laughter home to the people you love; of course there will be important matters to address, but give time to connect and lift the mood with something funny
- **Work it Around** - teams that laugh together build greater unity and trust, and teams with greater unity and trust perform better
- **Get Your Vitamin L** - laughter may just be the quickest and most enjoyable way to positively impact your health; strength and energy grows when your laughter flows



# KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



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Registrar, Central Office  
~  
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Kindergarten registration for the 2019-2020 school year begins December 1, 2018 for Groton residents that have a child who will be five years of age on or prior to January 1, 2020. Please call 860-572-2100 or email gellis@groton.k12.ct.us after November 1<sup>st</sup> to setup your registration appointment. To ensure that your child is placed in the elementary school where they are districted to attend, or to participate in the magnet lotteries please register your child prior to April 15, 2019.



If your child is already enrolled in one of our Groton Public Schools preschool programs and will be five years of age on or prior to January 1, 2020, it is not necessary to register the student for Kindergarten for the 2019-2020 school year.

Please contact our Central Office if you have any questions or need additional information.



## Library Enrichment

SOME OF THE OLDER STUDENTS WERE ABLE TO HELP SOME KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS BUILD GINGERBREAD HOUSES.

IT WAS SOME SERIOUS WORK BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THEY ALL HAD FUN!

