

Barnett Barker

December 2015

<http://barnett.nebo.edu/>



Calendar:

December 1:	PTA Meeting @ 9:30 am
December 2:	SEP Conferences
December 4:	6th grade Greek Olympics 9:30-11:30
December 4:	UEI Grades 4-6 Field Trip to BYU
December 7:	4th grade Field Trip to Symphony
December 7-11:	Canned Food Drive
December 16:	UEI Grades 1-3 Field Trip to Provo
December 17:	2nd Grade Christmas Program 1:30 to 2:30 pm Barnett Choir Concert 7:00-8:00 pm
December 18:	Kindergarten Polar Express 1st grade Christmas Carnival 10-12
Dec. 19- Jan. 3:	Christmas Break—No School
January 4, 2016:	School Resumes

Principal's Corner

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving Break. I know mine was both enjoyable and relaxing. It is good to be back at school with all the great students and teachers at Barnett. We have our next SEP Conference this Wednesday! Thank you for taking time out of your busy evening to come meet with the teachers and talk about your child's progress. I appreciate how much you care about your children and want to help them achieve their goals and be successful in school.

Thank you to all the students and families who participated in our Coat Drive a few weeks ago. All collected donations go to help families in our local area. Thank you for supporting our student council. They will be working on a Canned Food Drive this month! Watch for information to come home soon about that.

We are seeing some great progress in both reading and math with those students that are regularly practicing each night at home. If you haven't been as faithful having your kids read and practice their math facts each night – now would be a great time to start. It really makes a huge difference. There is still a link on our website for math fact practice games at <http://barnett.nebo.edu/>.

As winter is upon us, I wanted to discuss Barnett's policy for inside/outside days. We live in the great state of Utah where it often snows. Many students want to go outside and play in the snow and take a needed physical break from their studies. For the most part, students will be expected to go outside for recess. A few days during the winter are excessively cold and on these days students will be given a choice to stay in or go outside. On rare occasions (rain, blizzard, etc.) students will not be allowed to go outside. **Parents can help us out by sending their child to school dressed as if it will always be an outside day. This way they are prepared for whatever happens. If your child is sick and you would prefer they not go outside, please send a note with your child and they will be required to stay inside.** More detailed information about our cold weather procedures can be found at the end of this newsletter.

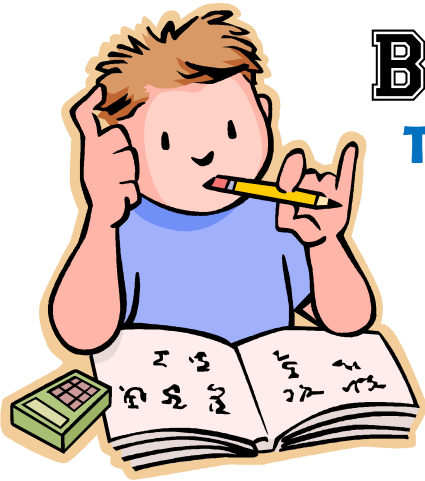
☺ From Barnett Elementary – we want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

–Mrs. Stoddard

December Healthy Habit

We at Barnett would like to encourage students to create healthy habits that will benefit their lives forever. Each month in the Barnett Barker we will be giving tips and ideas to help parents create these good habits.

For the month of December we would like to encourage parents to help their children realize the importance of healthy eating habits. We want to encourage parents to serve their children at least 3 servings of fruits and 3 servings of vegetables each day. Also, please continue working on November's healthy habit: exercise for 20 minutes 3 days a week.



BARNETT HOMEWORK LAB

**Tuesdays through Fridays from 8:30-8:55am
in our Downstairs Computer Lab**

**Students can complete unfinished homework,
get help with their homework, work on the
computer, or read quietly while they wait for
school to start. Have you had your child use the
homework lab yet?**

PAWS TO LEAD- BULLDOG PRIDE

We held our monthly Bulldog Pride Assembly before Thanksgiving Break to celebrate all the great leaders at our school the past month.

We want to congratulate our Alpha Dogs (Teachers) of the Month: Mrs. Spencer in 6th grade and Mrs. DeNaughel an Office Secretary and Title I Technician.

Congratulations to our Pick of the Pack, which are the classes that did the best at meeting the goals we set for the school for November.

Mrs. Kitchen's class was Pick of the Pack for Cleanest Lunchroom Area, Mrs. Lloyd's class won for Best Library Class, and Mrs. Chapman's Class was Nicest Class at Recess.

And a big congratulations to all our Top Dogs of the Month! These students were exemplary in showing the qualities of LEAD! (Loyalty, Excellence, Achievement, and Discipline)

Paws to LEAD Dog Tags on sale for \$2.00

-All our students were given a dog tag at the beginning of the year to introduce our Paws to LEAD program for this year. If your child has lost their dog tag feel free to purchase a new one in the office!



PTA Wishing Tree



The PTA is excited to sponsor our annual "Wishing Tree" program. Each teacher at Barnett has a Wishing Tree outside their classroom door with needs that will help their classroom throughout the rest of the year. Parents and students are invited to take an ornament off their teacher's tree and fulfill that wish/need. This is optional and can be done in lieu of a Christmas present. We are so thankful for your continued support of Barnett. Go Bulldogs!

Barnett PTA also wants to send a huge "thank you" to all who donated to our "Thanks for Giving" fundraiser. It was a success! We truly appreciate your support. If you did not get the chance to donate, you can still send your donation to school with your student.

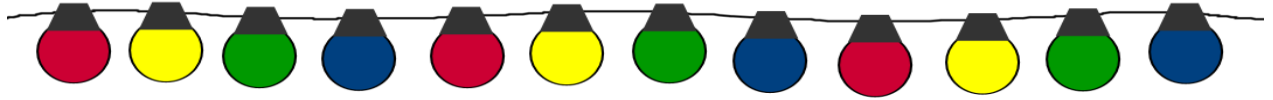


Now that the cold weather is upon us, please remember to dress appropriately for the weather. Please bundle the kids up with a coat, hat, gloves and scarf.

Barnett Student Council



Canned Food Drive December 7-11



**Happy
Holidays!**

Box Tops & Labels

Class Winners:

1-Johnson: 950

2-Moore: 839

3-Curtis: 817

**These 3 class' win a small treat!
The Teacher's gets a basket full of goodies!**



**Make sure you are saving pouches!!!
Capri Sun Juice, Koolaid Jammers**

**NEXT COLLECTION DATE FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 4TH**



**Honest Kids Juice is sold at Target.
We are collecting these pouches too.**

Keep Collecting!!!



Barnett Elementary Cold and Inclement Weather Procedures

With the more severe weather conditions of winter we wanted to review our procedures to both reassure and help parents and patrons prepare and plan.



- We recommend that students arrive at school no earlier than 8:30am for supervision purposes. The building will be open for students to wait for the start of class in a warm gym or commons area.
- Children should arrive at school dressed for the weather of the day so they can safely and comfortably enjoy recesses. In winter months, children should remember to bring shoes to change into from their snow boots. All healthy children will be expected to go out for recess except in extreme weather conditions (wind chill, rain, snow, etc.).
- If your child cannot participate in recess for health reasons, please send a note to this effect. If it is to be a prolonged indoor stay (longer than 3 days) please send a note from the doctor.
- Students will remain inside in extreme weather conditions such as: very cold temperatures (below 20 degrees) and wind chill, heavy rain and snowfall, unhealthy air/inversions (we check air quality daily).
- Please be considerate and safety conscious as you drop off and pick up students at school. The winter months see an increase in the number of cars. Remember to: not block the flow of traffic (inside lanes are for waiting/sitting; outside lanes for pull through), not block cross walk areas, use parking stalls not pull through lanes if you need to enter the building.
- In the event of a major weather event (severe storm, power outage...) the District's ParentLink system will be used to notify parents. This can be in the form of an automated phone call, text, or email. For this information to reach you it is important that you keep your contact information current within the online SIS system. Information will also be posted and updated on the district web page www.nebo.edu. If we need to evacuate the school we would go to the LDS church building at 681 E 500 N. All teachers and staff members will remain at school to care for the students. Unless otherwise notified, we will release students only to responsible adults or family members.

PTA in Español

Queremos agradecerles a todos quienes donaron a nuestro recaudación de fondos. "Thanks for Giving." Gracias por su apoyo. Si todavía le gustaría donar, se puede enviar su donación a la escuela con su estudiante.

El PTA en la escuela primaria Barnett se complace en patrocinar el programa "árbol de los deseos" de este año. Cada maestro en Barnett tiene un árbol fuera de la puerta de su salón decorado con "deseos" (material escolar necesarias). Empezando el 1 de diciembre, los padres (y estudiantnes) están invitados a tomar una estrella del árbol y conceder su deseo en comprar el artículo listado. Se puede ver los árboles el 2 de diciembre durante conferencias de SEP. Esto es opcional para todos los estudiantes, pero se puede hacer en lugar de un regalo de Navidad.

Estamos muy contentos de apoyar a nuestros maestros y profesores y conceder sus "deseos" de Navidad!