

Barnett Barker

December 2016

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Calendar:

- December 1:** SCC Meeting @ 3:30pm
1st grade tree decorating at Zion's Bank @ 5:30
- December 2:** 6th grade Greek Olympics 1-3pm
- December 6:** PTA Meeting @ 9:30am
- December 7:** Grades 1-6 Field Trip to BYU Basketball Game
(Wear White T-shirts if you can for a "White Out")
- December 12-16:** Student Lighthouse Canned Food Drive
- December 13:** 6th grade Field trip to Thanksgiving Point
- December 15:** Barnett Choir Concert 7:00-8:00 pm
- December 16:** Kindergarten Polar Express
Upper and Lower UEI Class Field Trip to Provo
- December 22:** 2nd grade Christmas Program 1:00pm
Lower UEI Class Polar Express Day
- Dec. 23- Jan. 2:** Christmas Break—No School
- January 3, 2017:** 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.

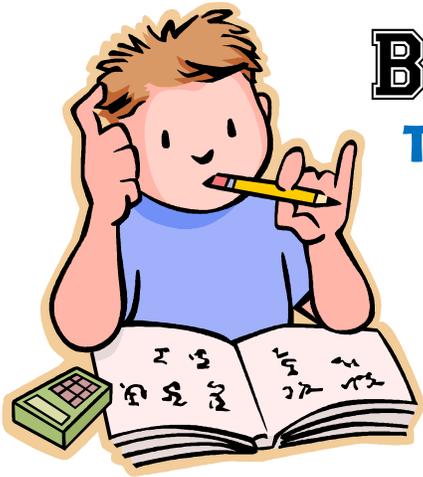
We are seeing some great progress in both reading and math with those students that are regularly practicing each night at home. If you haven't been as faithful having your kids read and practice their math facts each night – now would be a great time to start. It really makes a huge difference.

Our newly created Student Lighthouse Team will be leading their first event this month, a Canned Food Drive. They will be collecting food to help families in our own school as well as the local food bank.

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



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 this week to celebrate all the great leaders at our school the past month.

We want to congratulate our Alpha Dogs (Teachers) of the Month: Mrs. Peterson in 6th grade and Mrs. Vidmar a 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. Davis' Class won for Highest Class Average Attendance, Mrs. Page's class won for Best Library Class, and Mrs. White's Class won for Best Walking in the halls.

**And a big congratulations to all our Top Dogs of the Month
and our Leaders of the Month!**

These students were exemplary in showing the qualities of LEAD!
(Loyalty, Excellence, Achievement, and Discipline)

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 anytime between December 2-22 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!

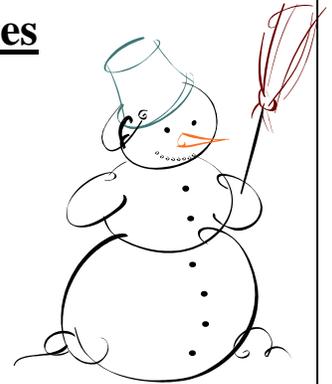
Barnett PTA also wants to send a huge "thank you" to all who donated to our "Thanks for Giving" fundraiser. It was a success! We truly appreciate your support. If you did not get the chance to donate, you can still send your donation to school with your student.



Barnett Student Lighthouse Canned Food Drive December 12-16

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.

BOX TOPS & LABELS

**Class Winners:
Johnson
Nash**

****Check ALL your cupboards & Food storage!
-Clip off the Label & UPC-
Turn them in ASAP!!**



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The 7 Habits

Habit 1: Be Proactive

Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind

Habit 3: Put First Things First

Habit 4: Think Win/Win

Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood

Habit 6: Synergize

Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw

Every morning you have two choices:

Continue to sleep with your dreams or wake up and chase them.

The Habits Dinner Dialogue

Here are some conversation starters that review Habits 1 & 2.

*What has changed in our family since we started looking at the 7 Habits?

*How can we improve?

*What have we seen happen in our family?

*What do we want our family to stand for?

*How can we 'Begin with the end in mind' with the upcoming holidays? What do we want to happen?

*What is the feeling we want in our home?

*What have you accomplished this year that was proactive? Was it done with the end in mind?

Habits in the Home Highlights

In October and November our school learned about Habit 1 (Be Proactive) and Habit 2 (Begin with the End in Mind). We've had many wonderful experiences at school and at home. Here are a couple of stories from our Barnett families.

Rigdon

Habit 1: I got ready in the morning for school without being asked or reminded.

Addison

Habit 1: I kept blaming members of my family for making me sad and then I realized that it is my own choice to be happy or sad. Being happy is a lot more fun!

Carter

Habit 2: I wanted to make a table for my Lego's, so I asked my dad to help me. We gathered pieces of wood, we measured them and cut them and attached together and finally I painted it. After a few days of painting it dried and I was able to use it inside for my Lego's.

Makenzie

Habit 2: I have started to do my own laundry. I know that if I want enough clothes for the week then I need to make sure that I do my laundry on my laundry day.

Harris Family

We've developed some lazy tendencies of not putting our things away. We had a family meeting to discuss the problem. We decided that we should use Habit 2 Begin with the End in Mind to create a vision of what we want our home to look like and how we are going to get there. The plan includes putting things away right when we get home from school, helping without complaining, spending 10 minutes a day quickly cleaning our assigned zones, asking Mom if someone doesn't know where a toy or other item belongs. So far it is working!



