Calendar:

November 3: PTA Meeting @ 9:30
November 5: 3rd Grade Grandparents Day Program 12-2
November 11: Veterans Day Assembly 9:30-10:00
November 12: SCC Meeting @ 3:30 PM
November 20: 5th Grade Field Trip to Veterans Home
November 25–27: Thanksgiving Break—NO SCHOOL
December 2: SEPs (Parent/Teacher Conferences)

Principal’s Corner

Once again it is hard to believe that another month has passed us by and we have just ended our first term of the school year. October was a great month here at Barnett Elementary. We appreciate all the students who participated in our Red Ribbon Spirit Week and we appreciate everyone that came to our Halloween Parade. Thank you so much for sending us your very best kids. We love having them here at Barnett.

Our reading theme this year is, “Reading: Mission PAWSible!” It is fun to hear the excitement that students have for reading as I talk to them. Every week we have been recognizing Dog Gone Good Readers from every grade level to celebrate all the wonderful things happening with reading at school and at home. We want all our students to turn in their reading calendars and get a chance to participate in lots of fun things going on at our school. Please continue to remind your kids to do their daily reading. It is making a big difference!!

At Barnett we want to make sure your students are safe from the time they enter the doors to the time they head back home to you. During Red Ribbon Week we focused on staying Drug Free but we also talked about being Bully Free. Mr. Jensen, our school counselor, visits with classes monthly to talk about bullying and how to prevent it. Talk with your children about what it means to be a good friend and a Bully Blocker. One way you can help our students stay safe is by using the Parent Drop Off Zone properly when you drop off and pick up your students. Please make sure your child uses the crosswalk in the front of the school if they need to get to your car or you can pull up in the right hand lane of the drop off zone to meet your student and use the left side of the drop off lane to drive through. Thank you for helping our students stay safe!

We look forward to a great November. We feel lucky to have such great help and support from our school community.

--Thanks, Mrs. Stoddard

Smarties aren’t Tardy!

Because our teachers have action packed days planned all day long it is important for our students to be in class ready to learn at 9:00am. We want all our students to be a No Tardy Smarty! Thanks for your support and help in making sure our students arrive to school on time every day ready to learn!
**What if my child is sick . . .**

Already this year we have students coming down with the stomach flu as well as strep throat and other communicable illnesses. Remember that it’s best to let your child stay home for at least 24 hours after symptoms subside so they are totally well before returning to school. This 24 hour period is especially important when a child is on antibiotics or is recovering from the stomach flu. When a child has a confirmed case of pink eye, he or she **must** be on antibiotics for at least 24 hours before returning to school.

**Please don’t send children to school if they have any of the following symptoms:**

- Fever of 100 or above
- Nausea, Vomiting or Abdominal Pain
- Diarrhea
- Sore Throat
- Persistent Cough
- Acute Cold
- Eyes—Red, Inflamed or Runny
- Runny Nose (Thick yellow/green)
- Drowsiness
- Swollen Glands around jaws, neck or ears
- Unexplained Rash
- Oozing Skin Sores
- Suspected Head or Body Lice
- Earache
- Any other unexplained symptoms

**When your child is absent . . .**

We appreciate you taking the time to let the office know when your child is absent. You can also let us know ahead of time when you will be on vacation. Please call 465-6000 to report absences before 9:30 am. Thanks so much for your help.

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.

**Don’t forget to pay your lunch money.**

Staying in the Loop!

To make sure you receive reminders of upcoming activities at Barnett make sure you have updated your SIS contact information. You can receive emails, phone calls, and even text messages through Parentlink keeping you updated with all our current events. Our school and the district will also use ParentLink to notify you of weather announcements and emergencies. You can also “Like” Barnett Elementary on Facebook to see what’s going on there too.
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 November we would like to encourage parents to help their children exercise for 20 minutes, 3 days a week. It doesn’t have to be anything strenuous or difficult. Just get them moving, and help them get into a good habit.

**Paws to LEAD- Bulldog Pride**

We held our monthly Bulldog Pride Assembly last 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. White (4th grade teacher) and Mrs. Bradley (Music 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 October.

Mrs. Sorensen’s class was Pick of the Pack for Best Computer Specialty Class, Mrs. Johnson’s class won for best at Keeping the Restroom Clean, and Mrs. Spencer’s Class was Pick of the Pack for Highest Percentage of Homework turned in.

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)

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The Barnett Bookstore is open every Wednesday morning before school from 8:30-8:55 and after school from 2:30-2:45. Students may purchase books for 25 cents and sell books back (with parent permission) for 10 cents. Students can get permission slips to sell a book from the office and there are also slips in the bookstore or you can find them on our website to print off. We are excited to get books into our Barnett Family homes!
School Land Trust Program at Barnett Elementary FYI

The School LAND Trust Program, established by the Legislature in 1999, distributes the “annual dividend” from the permanent State School Fund through school districts to all public schools in the state. Each year our School Community Council prepares a plan to address the greatest academic need for Barnett Elementary with the dividend.

In an effort to keep parents informed, the Trust Land money we received last year helped us hire Reading Tutors to work one-on-one with students to help improve their reading. It was also used to purchase Chromebooks for classrooms to get more technology in our students’ hands. We were also able to provide training and professional development for our teachers. Using these monies was a great help to our teachers, students, and community. 80% of our students were reading on grade level last spring and we continue to work hard and do our very best on our Math and Language Arts Year End Tests. We improved in all areas of our Year End Tests and had a 10% increase in Math! We appreciate our School Community Council for all of their help and input to use this money as effectively as possible this year. Thank you!

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Do you have a child with special needs attending school in Nebo School District? Do you have questions or concerns about your child’s IEP? If so, there is someone who can help you!

Hi, my name is Heidi Whittaker. I am a Parent Mentor with the Utah Parent Center. The Utah Parent Center has partnered with Nebo School District to provide free assistance to families of children with special educational needs. I, too, have a child receiving special education services in Nebo School District.

If your child has special needs, so do you! As a Parent Mentor, I can provide:
- information
- referral
- assistance

Services are offered to parents and professionals through the provision of one-on-one consultations. I can help you by:
- Providing a private consultation in-person, by e-mail or over the phone regarding questions or concerns about the special education process.
- Providing information on the IEP process and your rights and responsibilities under IDEA.
- Helping you prepare for IEP meetings and providing support during IEP meetings.
- Connecting you to resources and supports in your community.
- Providing information about upcoming events in the district and statewide.

All services provided are free and confidential. No information will be released without your consent.

To contact me please email heidi@utahparentcenter.org or call me at 801.228.8144.
PTA Points

- A big thank you to all who came to the PTA Movie Night! A special thank you to all the patient parents who waited for popcorn.
- We had over 50 entries for the PTA Reflections Contest. Congratulations to those students moving on in the competition!
- Thanks to all the volunteers and committees who helped with Reflections, Movie Night, and Halloween parties and activities.

Parents we want to hear from you! Be watching your email for a survey from the PTA. We are excited to get your thoughts and opinions about what is happening at Barnett. If you do not get an email with a link to the survey, please send a message to ptabarnett@gmail.com and we will send it to you. We also welcome anyone to attend our next PTA meeting on November 3rd at 9:30am.

PTA “Thanks for Giving” Fundraiser

PTAs annual fundraiser, February Favors, is taking place in November this year! February Favors is now Thanks for Giving! Information will be coming home with your student in the beginning of November. Thank you for your help and support!

When students meet their reading goals in class during the months of October through March, Pizza Hut will give them a free Personal Pan Pizza!

Watch for information coming home with your child.
Box Top and Label Update

Hurry and turn in box tops and labels to keep your class in the running!

Here are the top 5 classes

1-Johnson 857
2-Sorensen 836
3-Spencer 709
4-White 592
5-Moore 428

Please watch for Expiration dates on box tops, especially on the bonus points.

We hate to throw away expired ones because they could have been $$$ for our school.

NEXT PICK UP DATE FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH