

# Barnett Barker

## October 2016



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### Calendar:

- Oct. 3-7: Red Ribbon Week**
- Oct. 4: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip to Diamond Fork Canyon**
- Oct. 11: PTA Meeting @ 9:30am**
- Oct. 12: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Salem Pond**
- Oct. 14: PTA Movie Night @ 6pm**
- Oct 20-21: Fall Break – No School**
- Oct. 24-28 PTA Book Fair**
- Oct. 24: 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip to SCERA Theater**
- Oct. 25: Dads and Doughnuts 7:30-9:00am**
- Oct. 26: UEI Classes' Field Trip to Red Barn**
- Oct. 26: SCC Mtg. @3:30pm**
- Oct 27: Picture Make Up Day**
- Oct. 27: SEP Parent Conferences**
- Oct 28: PTA Reflections Entries Due**
- Oct 28: 6<sup>th</sup> grade Egyptian Day**
- Oct 28: Term 1 Ends**
- Oct 31: Halloween Parade @ 9:15am**
- Nov. 3: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Grandparents Program**

### Principal's Corner

Happy October to everyone!! While I am sad October brings in colder temperatures I do enjoy seeing the beautiful fall colors in the mountains. Just a reminder as it does start to get colder in the mornings to make sure your child comes dressed appropriately to be outside.

A special thank you to all the parents who attended the Great Leader in Me Kickoff Event in September. It was a wonderful evening of service and learning about the Leader in Me program. The students have just a couple more habits to learn about and then they will be familiar with all 7 Habits of Happy Kids! For the rest of the school year we will now focus on a habit a month to really learn how to live and lead with that habit. Our Parent Lighthouse Team will make contributions to our monthly newsletter about the habit of the month and things you can do at home with it. Included in this newsletter is information for you on Habit 1: Be Proactive.

In the month of October we will also start celebrating our Dog Gone Good Readers. Every Friday we will highlight a Dog Gone Good Reader from each grade and award them with a certificate and a book of their choice. We hope you will support us in our efforts to help your child learn to love reading.

Barnett Elementary will be having a **Halloween Costume Parade on Monday, October 31st from 9:15-10:15am** and parents are invited to attend. The parade will be held inside our school and parents are welcome to watch the parade in the lunchroom or activity room. We plan to have the students go through the parade route 2 times this year so you will be able to see your children twice! As many families are planning Halloween Costumes, the following information should be helpful:

Students are invited to wear their costumes to school during the school day or can take them off after the parade. Please be aware this is a regular school day so costumes that are particularly bulky or fragile should not be sent to school. We ask that students refrain from wearing masks, gory costumes/makeup, or bringing weapons-even pretend ones! Students may wear hair color and **light** face paint to school but should not bring these items with them! **Please remember that even during these activities, students need to follow our school dress guidelines.**

As you can see by the Calendar of Events listed above we have a busy month ahead of us with Field Trips, some exciting PTA events, our first Parent/Teacher Conference of the year, and our Halloween parade finishing the month off. Thank you once again for allowing us to work as a partner with you in your child's education. We really do have awesome kids who come to Barnett Elementary. We also appreciate all of the support and help you give us.

Have a happy month of October!!!!  
Mrs. Stoddard

## Bulldog Bookstore



Buy a  
book for  
25 cents

Sell a  
book for  
10 cents  
(with a parent  
note)

Open Wednesday

The Barnett Bookstore will open this Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.

The Bookstore will be open every Thursday morning before school from 8:30-8:55 and after school from 3:15-3:30. 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 SPIRIT SHIRT FRIDAYS

Wear your Barnett t-shirt or school colors (blue and yellow) and help your class earn the Spirit Trophy for having the most school spirit!

(T-shirts are still available for purchase while supplies last. Talk to someone in the office if you would like to purchase one.)

# Attendance Policy Review

Utah laws have resulted in many changes to the Elementary Attendance Policy. Nebo School District wants to work closely with students who struggle with attendance and with their parents to avoid court referrals and keep students in class. Attendance is vital for success.

## Did you know . . .

- Parents must call the school within two (2) days of an absence to excuse the absence, stating the reason for their student missing school. **If parents do not call within two days of the absence, the absences must remain unexcused.** When a parent knows that their student is going to be absent for two (2) or more consecutive days, the parent should contact the teacher regarding the student's assignments before the absence occurs.

- **If a student is more than 60 minutes late to school without parental notification to the school, the tardy may be considered an unexcused absence for that day. It is the responsibility of the parent of any student who is tardy to verify with the school that the student was marked tardy and not absent for that day. Tardiness is considered a disciplinary issue as well as an attendance issue.**

- A concern letter is mailed to the parent of a student who has five (5) unexcused absences during the current school year. The letter informs the parent of their student's attendance problems, requests the help in solving the attendance problem, and informs the parent of possible school action if the truancies continue.

**We continue to enjoy meeting our schoolwide goal of 90% of our student body here and on time every day. Thank you for your support in helping to get your children here on time every day!!**



## PTA Reflections- What is Your Story?

Don't forget to enter the PTA Reflections art contest!

The theme for this year is "What is Your Story?" Students can think about the theme and then create an entry in one (or all) of six categories: Dance choreography, Literature, Film Production, Visual Arts (2D and 3D), Musical Composition, and Photography. **Entries are due on October 28th, and can be turned in to the main office.**

Each entry needs a student entry form that was sent home and you must remember to fill out the artist statement form. If you need an entry form, you can pick one up in the office or print one off the Barnett web page. The art will be judged and there will be an awards night on November 9<sup>th</sup> for all participating students and their families. Every person who enters will receive a prize, and winners will receive a cash prize and have their artwork continue on to the council level of the competition.

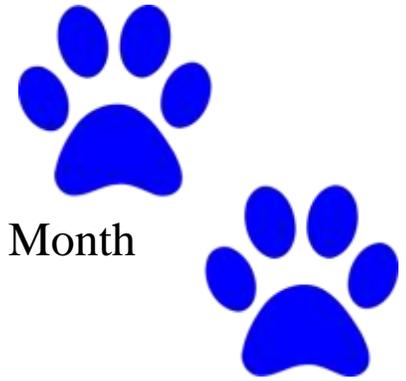
# Paws to LEAD- Bulldog Pride

We held our first Bulldog Pride Assembly the last week of September to celebrate all the great leaders at our school the past month.

We want to congratulate our Alpha Dogs(Teachers) of the Month: Mrs. Johnson in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and Mrs. DeNaughel an Office Secretary and our Computer Specialties Teacher.

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 September.

Mrs. Hanson's class was Pick of the Pack for Highest Class Average Attendance, Mrs. Chapman's class won for Best Lunchroom Manners, and Ms. Nash's class was Pick of the Pack for Best Art Specialty Class.



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)

## Red Ribbon Week 2016

Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Monday \*Theme -Kindness Makes a Difference!

**(Wear Red to school )** Talk to your children about the color of red representing great courage, the courage to stand-up to bullies and the courage to be kind to everyone! Remember to never bully anyone and to treat others the way that you would like to be treated.

Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday \*Theme - Winners Don't do Drugs!

**(Wear your favorite sports uniform)** Talk to your children about all the other fun activities there are available to your family to enjoy instead of using drugs.

Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday \*Theme - Put a Cap on Drugs Day!

**(Wear your favorite hat day)** It really doesn't take a magical thinking hat to realize that using drugs is harmful. Drugs can ruin your ability to think, some drugs are addictive, and some drugs can even kill you! Life is much better if we adopt a healthy lifestyle of getting enough sleep, eating well, working, exercising and taking responsibility for our life.

Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, Thursday \*Theme - Hairs to a Drug Free Life!

**(Crazy Hair Day!)** Talk with your children about how people are crazy to use drugs because they can ruin your physical and mental health.

Oct.7<sup>th</sup>, Friday \*Theme - Stay PAWsitve, Stay Bully and Drug Free!

**(Wear school colors (shirts) to show School Spirit and Unity)** We want our students to stand up and speak out against drugs and bullying. We want our students to understand that they can make a PAWsitve difference in the world by being drug and bully free!





# Ahoy, Mateys!

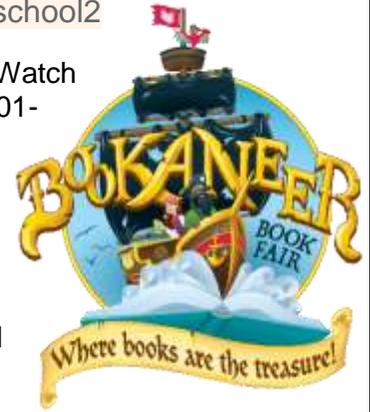
## It's almost time for our Barnett Elementary Bookaneer Book Fair!

We will be open from 2:30-5:00 on October 24th, from 3:15-5:00 on October 25th, 26th, and 28th, and from 3:15-9:00 on October 27th during SEP conferences.

We will also be holding a Dad's and Donuts event on Tuesday morning, October 25th from 7:30 to 9:00. Bring dad, mom, grandparent, or any important adult in your life and come have a donut and visit the book fair before school.

You can also order online at <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/barnettelementaryschool2>

We would LOVE to have help setting up, working at, and taking down the book fair. Watch for a Sign Up Genius email to sign up to volunteer or contact Maria Christensen at 801-358-2164 or [mhudsonc@gmail.com](mailto:mhudsonc@gmail.com). We can't do this without our awesome parent volunteers!



In conjunction with the Book Fair we will be holding a Hats for Books fundraiser. Students can donate 25 cents to wear a hat at school. They can donate and wear a hat each day during the week of the book fair. Teachers can donate \$1 each day and wear jeans. The money earned will go to the Book Fair All For Books Fundraiser and will be used to provide books to kids at our school.



Earn Cash for Our School!

### **BOX TOPS---LABELS for EDUCATION:**

#### **CLASS WINNERS---\*Sno Cone Party**

- 1. Spencer    2. Hanson**

**Collection Day: Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Watch for Box Tops on these brands!**



# HABIT 1: Be Proactive

Taking responsibility for everything in my life.

## ARE YOU A SODA KID OR A WATER KID? (Reactive vs Proactive)

All kids know what happens when you shake a bottle of soda and open it: it explodes! All over the floor, your hands, your clothes... everywhere! It is a mess and takes a long time to clean up.

However, what happens when you shake a bottle of water and open it? Nothing! The water is just water- ready to drink and enjoy. It is also healthier for you!

How does this relate to our school and our personal lives? When life or difficult situations make us feel like we are getting shaken or thrown in different directions, what is our reaction? Do our emotions come spilling out or do we keep them in control?

Soda choices are spur-of-the-moment, usually pure reaction, and filled with anger. It's usually messy and takes a while to clean up. Water choices are calm and in control despite the hardest shaking.

As a family, discuss and make a plan of how to cool down and create a "water bottle" atmosphere. One idea for a family activity that illustrates the effect of being reactive is to take a tube of toothpaste, squeeze the contents out, then ask your family to put the toothpaste back in the tube. It can't be done! This is an example of what happens when we are reactive and say things we wish we could take back. By being proactive we don't say those things to begin with.

### Proactive words:

- I can
- I'm sorry
- I choose
- Let's look at all the options
- There's got to be a way
- Proactive Behaviors:

### Proactive Behaviors:

- \* Remains calm
- \* Focused on a solution
- \* Takes responsibility
- \* Takes initiative to make things happen
- \* Thinks before speaking or acting.

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*As my awareness increases, my control over my own being increases.*

*-William Schutz*

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## The Habits Dinner Dialogue

Here are some Habit 1 conversation starters you can use to talk with your family about during dinner this month:

- \* How can you make a positive difference in your family, your class, your school, the world?
- \* Sometimes things go wrong, and we feel shaken up. As a result, we might EXPLODE on someone or something. This is called being REACTIVE. Has this ever happened to you? Explain what happened and why. Was this a good way to let go of all your feelings? Why or why not?
- \* Is it hard to stay calm even when things don't go your way? Why or why not?
- \* What steps could you take to be more PROACTIVE and calm when things aren't going well?
- \* How would your life be different if you could carry happiness or peace with you no matter what things happen?
- \* What are some things you CAN'T control or change? What are some things you CAN control or change?
- \* Change how you handle things. Make a choice to be positive and focus on those things that YOU can change.