

# The Barnett Barker

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## April 2020

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### Calendar:

April 6-10: Spring Break- NO SCHOOL

### Principal's Corner

Hello Wonderful Barnett Families! Can you even believe that these last few weeks happened? March felt so long and so crazy as we had our lives turned upside down. Because of COVID-19, history has been made as school was abruptly closed on March 16<sup>th</sup> and our At Home Learning journey began. Thank you to you amazing parents for quickly becoming your children's teacher at home and guiding them through learning online and completing their assignments each day. Also thank you to our teachers who had to learn a whole new way of teaching in 48 hours and work hard each day to provide lessons and materials for students as they work from home. It has definitely been different but as I have watched our amazing teachers step up and work hard to provide great experiences for our students at home, I am proud to work alongside them in education. I am also so impressed with our families that are working hard at home, creating memories during these challenging times, and doing their part to Stay Home and Stay Healthy. We have a wonderful community truly magnifying what it means to synergize and work together to create a win-win situation.



The month of April brings Spring Break and I hope all our students and families will stay safe and relax and enjoy the break. Teachers will not be sending any work during the week of April 6-10<sup>th</sup> but they will be ready to go again with our At Home Learning model on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.

For those that were not aware, a few days before schools were closed due to COVID-19 I was appointed by the Nebo School District Board to become the principal at Foothills Elementary. I will start at my new school this upcoming Fall. I have been a Barnett Bulldog for the past 9 years and the experience has been life changing for me and my family. I have loved every single moment I have been here and every student, teacher, and parent that I have had the privilege of knowing. I have high hopes that we will be able to come back to school in May so I can express my love and appreciation to students and parents in person before I move to my new school. Keep your fingers crossed for me!

Let's make April be one amazing month no matter what our circumstances may be. I appreciate all of the students who attend Barnett. We really are blessed with great kids here. Thank you for letting us be a part of your child's education.

--Mrs. Stoddard

### Barnett Yearbooks for Sale- Last Call!

The yearbook is on its way to be printed. You still have time to order a yearbook if you haven't yet. You can purchase one for \$10 online or call the office through April 15<sup>th</sup>.



# SURVIVAL TIPS FOR AT-HOME LEARNING



Be positive, encouraging and upbeat. Kids will reflect our own attitudes.



Balance priorities. Is your relationship with your child or getting schoolwork done more important? Communicate with teachers if you or your child are overwhelmed.



Simplify by doing the most important things first. (For example: eat breakfast, get dressed, schoolwork, etc.)



Be patient with yourself and your kids. Just do your best and remember we are all learning this together!



Your children may be acting out as a response to their stress, or the stress they feel around them. Extra love and patience will be needed.



Create a schedule WITH your child's help. Their input will help them commit to their own plan.



Build breaks in your schedule. Everyone needs a rest - including parents! HAVE FUN TOGETHER - play games, go for a bike ride, be creative.

# Habits at Home

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders have been focusing on Habit #6: Synergize this year. Here are some ideas of ways to review this habit in your home including an awesome video our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Habit Specialists made for you to watch at home as a family!

Summary: I value other people's strengths and learn from them. I get along well with others, even people who are different than me. I seek out other people's ideas to help solve problems.

Ideas of ways students can live this habit at home:

- Have a family activity where each person in your family takes a turn sitting on a chair in the middle of the room. Go around as a family and share what you each think that person's strengths and talents are. Express appreciation for each member of the family and what they have to offer.
- Gather as a family and talk about how you have been feeling and handling this new routine of staying at home and doing school together at home. If there are any problems, take turns offering solutions or ways to make the situation better or improve. Listen to the ideas from your fellow family members and choose one to act on and implement.
- Have a fun group activity together! Play a board game, play a game outside with your family, go on a walk, make a fun dinner together etc. Notice all the good ways you enjoy interacting with your family and what you appreciate about them when you all get to be together.



Do you have a big task to complete? Working with others is a great way to get things done and fun too!

Scan the QR code to watch the video made by our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Habit Specialists who show how they completed a big task by working together!



Family Dinner Dialogue:

- How are we working together as a family and as a community during this time of social distancing?
- Share some of the good things you've seen or heard about happening in the community.
- How do you think your teachers are feeling right now? Do you think they are missing you? Do you think it's harder to teach online or in class? Why?

Family Challenges:

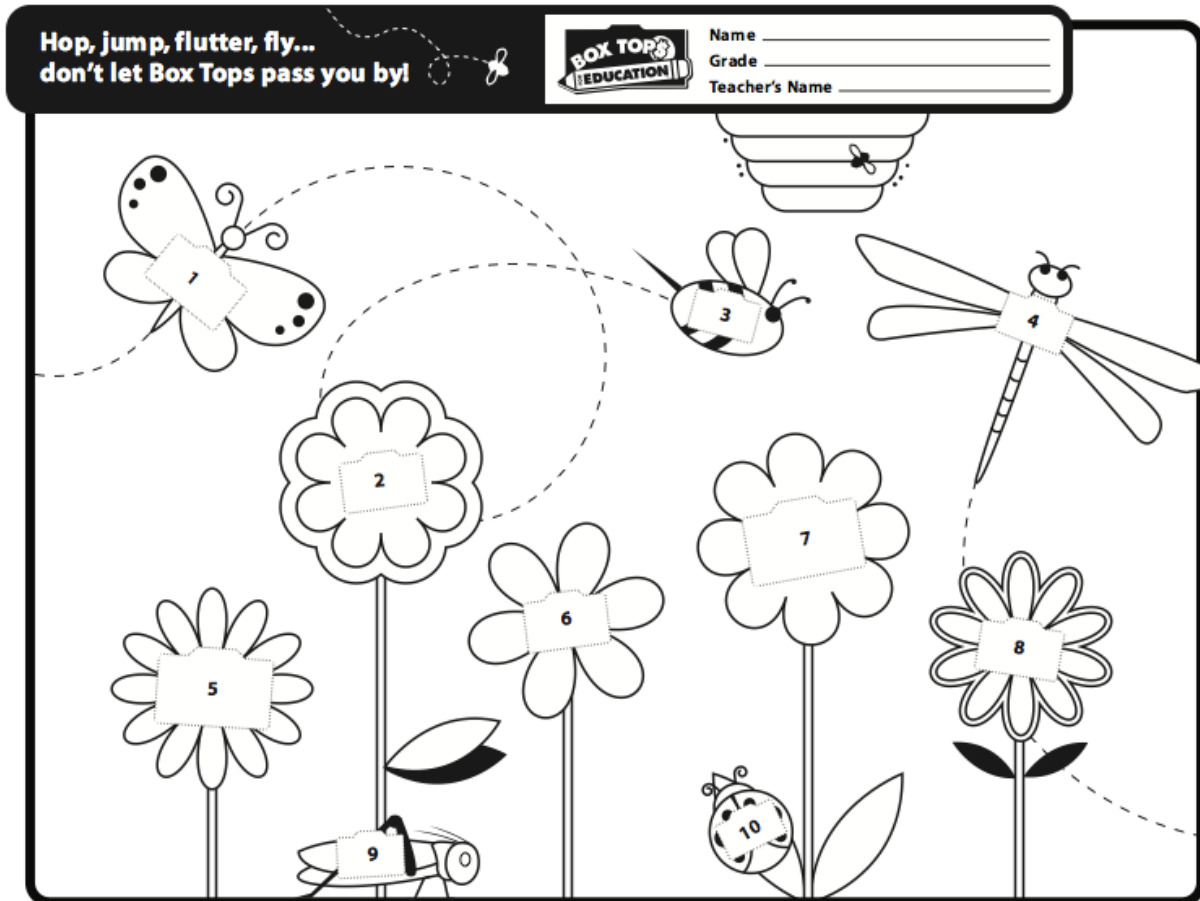
- Celebrate a family member or friend's recent success or strength by writing or drawing a card for them and deliver/mail it to them.
- Complete one chore around your house with the help of a family member. Make sure you are working together and having fun!
- Make a list of times when you have to work with other people's home, school, or church or in clubs/sports. How are your classmates, friends, neighbors doing right now? How can you reach out to them

to let them know you care without being in physical contact with them? (Write letters, phone calls, video calls, drop off a little treat or coloring page on their doorstep, etc.)

# **BARNETT BOX TOPS**

Make sure to save and send in Clipped box tops.

**\*\*Watch expiration Dates\*\***



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