

Barnett Barker

December 2019

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Calendar:

December 6:	Mrs. Sonntag's Class Field Trip to BYU
December 10:	Barnett Orchestra Concert 6:30-7:00pm
December 11:	Barnett Spirit Night at Costa Vida 5:00-9:30pm
December 12:	2nd grade Christmas Program 2:00pm Barnett Choir Concert 7:00pm
December 16-20:	Christmas Spirit Week!
December 18:	1st grade Christmas Carnival 9:30-11:30am
December 20:	Singing and Bulldog Pride Assembly 9:30-10:30am
Dec. 21- Jan. 1:	Christmas Break—No School
January 2, 2020:	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. One of our schoolwide WIGs (Wildly Important Goals) is to improve 1,100 Reading Levels by April 2020 and we are well on our way to achieving our goal. We have currently improved 200 levels since September! Ask your child what their lead measures are to move up reading levels. Some examples of lead measures might be reading for a certain time every night, coming to Guided Reading Groups prepared with their assignment, or trying to read different genres of books. If students can follow their lead measures each day they will see their lag measure of moving levels up definitely happen. Setting goals and achieving them is one of the many great things happening at our school with the Leader in Me program!

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 proactive and prepared for whatever happens. If your child is getting over a sickness 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

Save the Date!

**Barnett Spirit Night at Costa Vida
in Payson**

**Go eat at Costa Vida from 5:00-9:30pm on Dec. 11th and
a percentage of sales will go to our school!**





Barnett Homework Lab

**Tuesdays through Fridays from 8:30-8:55am
in our Library.**

**Students can complete unfinished homework,
get help with their homework, check out books,
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. Rush, a 3rd grade teacher and Mrs. Kath Johnson, a Title I Technician.

Congratulations to the Yellow Pack for earning the most pack points last month. It is a tight race though; Green Pack is just 3 points behind and the other packs are right behind them too!

**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!

(Lead with Responsibility, Engage in Learning, Always Respectful, and Demonstrate Safety)



Teacher Elf Letter

The Barnett Buddy Parent Program is excited to support our teachers with an “Elf Letter” during the month of December. Watch for a letter to come home with your student and/or through email that lists the needs that will help your teacher’s classroom throughout the rest of the year. Parents and students are invited to 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.



To celebrate the season we are going to dress up in style the last week of school before Christmas Break.

Monday, Dec. 16: Everyone Loves a Festive Christmas Spirit Week- Dress like an Elf

Tuesday, Dec. 17: Light Up and Bright Up- Show your holiday cheer by wearing something with lights and sparkle.

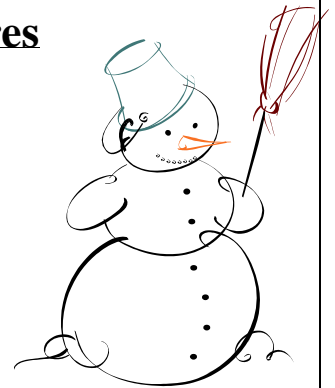
Wednesday, Dec. 18: Wednesday Wonderland- Dress up like any Christmas Wonderland character

Thursday, Dec. 19: Holly Jolly Thursday- Wear Christmas sweaters, Christmas socks, and anything Holly Jolly

Friday, Dec. 20: Wake Up and Go Friday- Wear PJs

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. 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.

Habits at Home

This month our 1st graders reviewed Habit #2: Begin with the End in Mind with the school at our Bulldog Pride Assembly. Here are some ideas of ways to review this habit in your home including an awesome video our 1st grade Habit Specialists made for you to watch at home as a family!

Summary: I plan ahead and set goals for myself. I am prepared at all times. I think about how the choices I make now will affect my future. I think about the positive and negative consequences of my actions before I act.

Ideas of ways students can live this habit at home:

- Have a family council and make goals on things you can work on together as a family.
- Make a to-do list for your day and Think about you how you spend your money and talk about ways to save money.



How do we successfully accomplish any tasks or goals in life?

We Begin with the End in Mind!

Scan the QR code to watch how two of our 1st grade Habit Specialists accomplish their goal by beginning with the end in mind!



Family Dinner Dialogue:

- How does saying “no” sometimes help you with accomplishing a goal?
- What things do you have to say no to? (TV, electronics, time wasters, friends?)
- Why is it important to set goals?

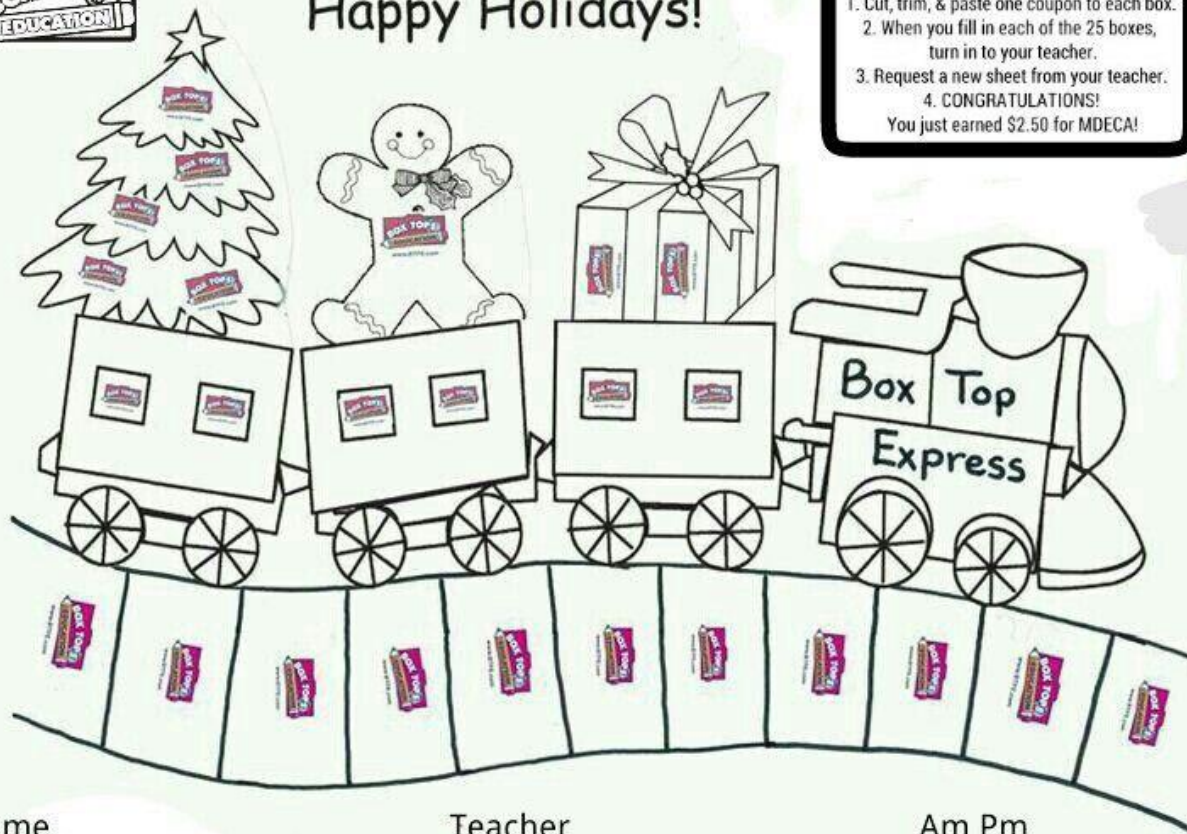
Family Challenges:

- Each family member can make a personal goal for the week. Have accountability partners and check in with each other.
- Make a menu plan for a week. How can this help the family?
- Do a family service project for your neighborhood. Rake leaves, clean up garbage, deliver cookies, visit someone, shovel snow, etc.



Happy Holidays!

Instructions
1. Cut, trim, & paste one coupon to each box.
2. When you fill in each of the 25 boxes, turn in to your teacher.
3. Request a new sheet from your teacher.
4. CONGRATULATIONS!
You just earned \$2.50 for MDECA!



Name _____ Teacher _____ Am Pm

December Collection date:

Friday, December 20th

We are still collecting cut out box tops

Remember to download the Box tops app

Our goal for 2019-2020

1,000

We have 178

****When we reach 300 the whole school will win extra recess****