

# Barnett Barker

December 2023

## AM School Access

Students will enter their **outside classroom doors** again this year. Our students are doing *great* with this! Students are welcome in classrooms **after 9:00 a.m.** We will have our PM Kindergarten students enter using their outside classroom door, as well. This will help us keep students safe and our school secure. Although the school is open each morning at 8:00 a.m., students will be expected to play outside when the weather permits. We should not have students in any of the halls, with the exception of those eating breakfast (**beginning at 8:45 a.m.**)

## Outside Play

As the weather begins to cool, the expectation is for students to go **outside** on all appropriate days. Students need to come **dressed for outside play**.

**Shoes are Required:** Nebo School District Policy requires that all students must wear shoes during P.E. classes. Students will not be able to participate in socks, bare feet, or flip flops. Please make sure your children wear appropriate footwear to school every day.

<http://www.nebo.edu/pubpolicy/1/JDG.pdf>

## Student Birthdays

It will be my pleasure to deliver a small birthday gift for all of our birthdays. In December we will celebrate the *half-birthdays* of those born in June, and those born in July will be recognized in January.

*Every precaution is taken to protect the privacy of all students. Student pictures from field trips & school activities, however, may be published online, in the school newspaper, on our website, etc. If you do not want your child's picture published, please inform your child's teacher.*

## December Calendar

Chubby's Spirit Night	4
Parent Lighthouse Buddies Meeting @ 9:30	5
<b>Student-led Conferences</b>	<b>14</b>
Holiday Dress Up Day - TBA	18
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Holiday Dress Up Day – School Pajama Day	21
Classroom Holiday Celebrations - AM	22
<b>Half Day – Dismissed at Noon (last day term 2)</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Holiday Break – No School</b>	<b>Dec. 23 – Jan. 7th</b>
<i>School Resumes</i>	<i>January 8<sup>th</sup></i>



## School Spirit Day

Reminder to wear your NEW Barnett school shirt or school colors (**blue and yellow**) on Fridays!



**EARLY  
DISMISSAL**

**Monday(s) @ 2:45 p.m.**

**I learn. I lead. I care.**

**Together we are Better!**

**Our Mission:** All students learning at high levels.

## Cold and Inclement Weather

- Students should arrive at school no earlier than 8:45 a.m. **Breakfast is served at 8:45 a.m.** and students are welcomed into classrooms at 9:00 a.m.
- Children should arrive at school dressed for the weather of the day so they can safely and comfortably enjoy being outside. Students need to come each day **dressed for outside play**. The expectation is for students to **go outside on all appropriate days**.
- The expectation is for students to go outside on all appropriate days. When the temperature is below 20 degrees, students will be inside. On days when the temperature is between 20-32 degrees, we will make a careful decision as to whether an 'outside' or 'inside' day is appropriate. Wind chill, air quality and precipitation will always be taken into consideration when making these decisions.
- If your child cannot participate in recess for health reasons, please send a note. If it is a prolonged indoor stay (longer than 3 days) please send a note from the doctor.
- As the inevitable 'inside day' is needed, we are grateful to our Specialists who will supervise students in classrooms, where teachers will provide appropriate inside activities.
- Please be considerate and safety conscious as you drop off and pick up students at school. Please do not block the flow of traffic or cross walks. Inside lanes are for waiting and outside lanes for pull through. Thank you for using parking stalls if you need to enter the building.
- In the event of a major weather event the district will notify parents, e.g., automated phone call, text, or email. Please keep contact information current in your *iCampus* Parent Portal.
- **School Closure Status**  
<https://www.nebo.edu/schools/status>

## P.A.W.S. to LEAD Bulldog Pride Assembly

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 ... Demonstrate Safety

On the last Monday of the month we will have an assembly where student leaders will teach us one of The Habits, recognized students will be called up to the stage and awarded their certificate and "swag", and then cheered for by the student body in our Victory Lap through the school. Well done, leaders!

<https://barnett.nebo.edu/content/november-bulldog-pride-assembly>

## If Child is Sick ...

"The following are conditions of special concern to us for which children **should be kept home**:

- **Colds/Flu:** Children with coughing, sneezing, chills, general body discomfort, fatigue, fever, or discharge from the nose and/or eyes should be kept home.
- **COVID-19:** Symptoms can be mild and include cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell. <http://www.nebo.edu/coronavirus>
- **Persistent Cough:** Cough lasting longer than 3-4 days especially if induces vomiting, passing out or a cough that is productive of colored sputum.
- **Other:** Diarrheal Diseases, Impetigo, Pink-Eye/Conjunctivitis, Open wounds or sores, Vomiting, Strep throat or bacterial infection, Temperature over 100.4, Skin rash."

Re: Utah County Health Department 9-28-20  
<https://health.utahcounty.gov/>

## Counselor Corner

Here are two wonderful mental health resources for families and educators:

<https://parentguidance.org/>

<https://mylifeisworthliving.org/>

In the month of November, we will focus on **Habit #3 Put First Things First**.

Here is a great resource for your children: [Habit #3 Put First Things First](#)

In adult language, **Habit #3 is the habit of personal management:**

Habit 3: Put First Things First is the exercise of independent will toward becoming principle-centered. Habit 3 is the practical fulfillment of Habits 1 and 2. Habit 1 says, "You are the creator. You are in charge." Habit 2 is the first mental creation, based on imagination, the ability to envision what you can become. Habit 3 is the second creation, the physical creation.

[Franklin Covey](#)