

# Barnett Barker

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## Calendar:

<b>September 3:</b>	<b>Labor Day—No School</b>
<b>September 4:</b>	<b>Vision Screening for all grades Hearing Screening for grades 1,3,6 PTA Meeting 3:30</b>
<b>September 6:</b>	<b>SCC Meeting 3:30</b>
<b>September 7:</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip – State Fair</b>
<b>September 11:</b>	<b>Room Parent Tea 3:30</b>
<b>September 14:</b>	<b>School Pictures</b>
<b>September 21:</b>	<b>FALL CARNIVAL 6:00 PM</b>

## Principal's Corner

We are off to a great start to our new school year. Barnett is such a great place to be with an awesome group of dedicated teachers and students who work hard every day. Thank you for sending us such great kids. I have enjoyed the first few weeks of school so much and I honestly feel the only way it could run so smoothly is a direct result of the quality students and teachers here and the parental support that comes from home. I have an open door policy. If there are ever questions or concerns with something here at Barnett I am happy to discuss them with you. We also like to hear when we have done something right as well. ☺ Our goal is to help every student be successful at Barnett.

We are excited to inform you that Barnett Elementary met the District Reading Goal of having 80% of our students reading on grade level by the end of the school year. Last Spring our school was able to show significant progress with the numbers of students that were reading on their grade level. This is in large part due to you as parents working with your students every night as well as the dedicated instruction and follow up by our teachers. Congratulations everyone!!

We feel that one reason students did so well this past year is the dedication of the students to do their nightly reading. Each grade level has their own expectation for students as far as minutes required each night but it ranges from 20-30 minutes. We hope you will continue to help your child read each night. It makes such a positive difference in all the subjects they learn at school. Also, please remember to have your child do a minimum five minutes of math fact practice every night. Our school made significant improvements last year in large part because of the focus on these two areas.

Our school wide reading program theme this year is “Catch the fire... Read!” We have some fun activities planned throughout the year including a visit from some firefighters! At the end of every month teachers will be asking how many days your child read per week/month. Students will receive incentive tickets (for bikes, iPods, pencils, books, cash, etc) based on how many days each week that they read for their grade levels required number of minutes. Our goal is to create positive habits of reading every day with students.

Barnett Elementary’s school-wide discipline plan is still working effectively and is becoming a model program for other schools. We are seeing more respect shown in the hallways, lunchroom, and outside on the playground which directly translates into more learning in the classroom. Thank you for supporting us in our effort to create positive change at Barnett.

We are still looking to catch all students who are making good choices and giving them a Barnett Brag Note. They then take this note to the office and get their name added to the “Principal’s 200 Club.” These students will have a chance to win various prizes and have their picture in the paper. We always want to be known for focusing on the positive things that students do at Barnett.

Finally, I wanted to make you aware of Barnett Elementary’s Facebook Page. Go to [www.facebook.com/BarnettElementary](http://www.facebook.com/BarnettElementary), LIKE us and start to receive updates on the great things happening at school and with Barnett PTA. Also, be sure to check out our website regularly for up-to-date information as well at <http://barnett.nebo.edu/>

--Have a great month, Mrs. Stoddard

## School Pictures

School pictures will be on Friday, September 14. Pictures packets will be coming home soon with more information and prices. If you want to order pictures, please return the order form and the money to your child’s teacher by picture day. Since we want all children to have their picture included in the class picture, all children will have their picture taken on the 14<sup>th</sup> regardless of whether money is returned or not; however, if you have not paid for pictures on that day, you will not be able to purchase a packet. Picture retakes will be on October 24<sup>th</sup> and you may purchase packets at that time.



## Shoes are Required!



Nebo School District Policy requires that all students must wear shoes during PE classes. Children will not be able to participate in socks, bare feet, flip flops or sandals. So please make sure your children wear appropriate footwear on their PE days. Thanks.



### *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*

*Diarrhea*

*Persistent Cough*

*Eyes—Red, Inflamed or Runny*

*Drowsiness*

*Unexplained Rash*

*Suspected Head or Body Lice*

*Any other unexplained symptoms*

*Nausea, Vomiting or Abdominal Pain*

*Sore Throat*

*Acute Cold*

*Runny Nose (Thick yellow/green)*

*Swollen Glands around jaws, neck or ears*

*Oozing Skin Sores*

*Earache*

*Thanks for helping us have a healthy year at Barnett!*

## **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 9:15 am. Thanks so much for your help.

## **SEP Conferences**

We have our first SEP Conferences on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to sit down with your child's teacher and set some goals for your child in Reading, Math, and other areas. Watch for a note to come home reminding you of the time you signed up for at Registration. We look forward to seeing you that night!

The PTA is involved in many activities that could use lots of help. The PTA organizes the Fall Carnival, Box Tops and Soup Labels, Reflections, Book Fairs, Yearbook, Barnett t-shirts and helps with other activities. If you haven't had a chance to sign up, feel free to contact us if you'd like to get involved.



## Box Top and Label Corner

Welcome back to school! I hope you all have been saving over the summer your:

**BOX TOPS**

**CAMPBELLS (Labels for Education)**

**TYSON CHICKEN LABELS**

**CREAM OF WEBER MILK LIDS**



Our first collection will be on **September 7<sup>TH</sup>**

The top **3** classes will win a cool treat and the teacher will win points to spend for the class.

So hurry and take them in to your teacher.

We will also start collection **Capri Sun Pouches** again.

We also accept any drink pouches that look like Capri Sun. (Kool-aid, Minute Maid etc.)

We will continue to collect all these items throughout the school year.

They will be collected once a month from each classroom. Each month we will put the class totals in the Barnett Barker and on the bulletin board across from the downstairs leveled library room.

We thank all of you for your help to bring more money and supplies into our school. Last year we were able to get things for the PE and Music teachers with your help.

Get your new School Spirit Shirt today.

We are ordering our School T-shirts this week.

Please place your order in the office. \$8.00

**Deadline Sept 10**



50/50 Poly/Cotton Blend

### Youth Size Chart

Size	XS 2-4	S 6-8	M-10-12	L 14-16
Width	14.5	16.5	17.5	18.5
Length	17.5	19.5	21.5	23.5

### Adult Size Chart

Size	S	M	L	XL	XXL
Width	18	20	22	24	26
Length	28	29	30	31	32

### **Annual Fall Carnival Sept 21, 6pm**

It's that time of the year again. Kids bring your Parents and come enjoy a night of family fun.

Tickets will be presold Monday 17-Thrusday 20 before school from 8:30-9 and after school from 3-4. 5 = \$1

Tickets will also be sold at the door 4 = \$1

More information to come on Facebook.

### **Fall Book Fair**

Mark your calendars for the Book Fair Oct 1-5.

Dads and Donuts will be Tuesday Oct 5. What a chance to bring your Dad, Mom, Grandpa, or Grandma shop the bookstore and enjoy a donut.

More information to come on Facebook.

### **Reflection 2012 Competition**

This year's theme:

**The Magic of the Moment....**

Entries are due the beginning of October. Find an area that you would like to explore, put on your creative thinking caps and get to work.

For more than 40 years the National PTA Reflections program has encouraged students across the nation and in American Schools overseas to explore their talents through the Arts.

Reflections is an annual program that encourages students' artistic talents. For more than 30 years, the Reflections program has invited children (preschool-grade 12) to create and submit works of art.

Every year in Utah we have about 60,000 students enter the Reflections program. We have expanded the original categories of:

- Music
- Photography
- Visual Arts
- Literature
- Dance
- Theatre
- 3D
- Film
- Video.

This is a wonderful program for our students. The excitement and enthusiasm that the Reflections arts recognition program generates for children, parents, schools, and communities is unmatched.

The Reflections program offers students the opportunity to express themselves and receive positive recognition for their artistic efforts.

As soon as we have the information and forms we need from the National PTA we will get them to your kids.

Barnett Elementary is now on Facebook!

Go to [www.facebook.com/BarnettElementary](http://www.facebook.com/BarnettElementary)

Like us and get connected to what's happening at school and with the Barnett PTA!

## FYI

From now on we will be emailing the Barnett Barker to you. Please make sure you have your email address updated on SIS so you can receive the monthly newsletter. If you do not have email, call the office and we will put you on a list to send one home with your child. Thanks for helping Barnett save paper!