



BARNUM BEARS ELEMENTARY



September 2015

Back to School Information

Upcoming Dates!

October 10th: CSC Meeting 3:30-4:40

October 14th: Parent Meeting: School Performance Review 8:30-9:30

October 21st: Family Reading Night ECE-2nd 5:30-7:00 FREE Pizza and a FREE Book 😊

October 30th: Carnival 9:00-2:30



Principal’s Message

The school year is off to a strong start! It was wonderful to see so many parents at Back to School Night and at our beginning of the year parent meetings! We appreciate your engagement and enthusiasm to make Barnum an even better school for children to learn and grow. I look forward to getting to know **each and every one of you** as we work together this year!

Below are three areas that we want to highlight this month.

1. Congratulations! Barnum was chosen as one of three schools in **north west** Denver to receive an Imaginarium Innovation Grant! This year, Barnum will **roll out** \$100,000 worth of new technology for students to use in their classrooms! In addition, teachers will have **special opportunities** to learn how to personalize learning for students and prepare for the 21st **century!**
2. We have several after school programs beginning! Soccer, drama, band, ballet, tutoring and dance! Teachers are incredibly dedicated to volunteer their time to enrich the education of our students. We appreciate you picking your children up on time.
3. **STUDENT SAFETY!** **Please do not bring dogs onto the playground before, during or after school. We have received several complaints.**

We have requested a traffic audit that will happen at the end of the month to give us recommendations on how to improve our morning drop off procedure. In the morning you may:

- ❖ Park in designated areas and walk your child to the playground.
- ❖ Pull up to the curb to “kiss and go” on the east side of the building in the loading zone.

Please **DO NOT** stop in the middle of the street, block traffic and send your students out of the car. This puts your child and other children in danger!!!

Thank you for your cooperation!

Sincerely,
Beth Vinson
Principal
Barnum Elementary

Important Information

Attendance, Absences and Tardiness

Daily attendance is very important to the academic success of all students. All students are expected to arrive on time every day.

Please call to report a reason for your child's absence. Office staff will make calls daily to the parents of unaccounted-for absentees. Habitual trancies (over twenty) will be reported to the school social worker. Perfect attendance is two tardies or fewer and attending school every day. We will be awarding students with perfect attendance each trimester. 😊

Tardiness

Tardiness is a form of absence that interferes with student learning. When students are late, it is a disruption to the learning of others in class as well as to your child. Students who arrive after morning 8:15 a.m. need to report to the office and the parent/guardian must sign them in. If your child arrives after 8:15 a.m., he/she is tardy.