



Upcoming Dates!

October 8th: CSC Meeting 3:30-4:30

October 14th: Parent Meeting
Title 1/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 9:30-2:30
9:30-11:00 4th, ECE, 2nd, K
1:00-2:30 5th, ECE, 3rd

Principal's Message

It was so fun to have spirit week and to see the children dressing up to show their Barnum pride September 21-25th! Special thanks to Daisy Acosta and student council for organizing and fundraising. These funds will support special events for students like our amazing Field Day!

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

1. Come one come all! This year Barnum 4th and 5th grade students will design the Barnum Carnival games using their creativity and principals of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). This will be one event that you will not want to miss!
2. The absolute BEST way that you can support your child's academic growth at home is to ensure that they are reading at homework for 20-30 minutes, 5-6 days a week. We want every child to exceed expectations for growth in reading this year so that they will be prepared to comprehend complex texts as they progress through the grade levels! They are receiving more support in the classroom with small group instruction and you can help at home to develop strong reading habits.
3. **STUDENT SAFETY! KISS AND GO ☺**
DPS Safety and Security Department, DPS Transportation, and a representative from the city of Denver reviewed the pick-up and drop off procedures at our school. They developed the safest possible arrival and dismissal procedures for Barnum Elementary School. The city will be changing some signage around our school in 3-4 weeks, designating loading zones on the east and west sides of the building for curb side drop off. Please adhere to the following reminders:
 - ❖ In the morning you have two options:
 - 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. There is also a small loading zone on the west side that will be extended after signs change.
 - ❖ Please DO NOT stop in the middle of the street and send your students out of the car. This puts your child and other children in danger!!!
 - ❖ Now that school is in full swing we have been advised by our Chief Security Officer to secure our perimeter and not allow adults to enter the building without signing into the office. We strongly encourage you to foster independence with your children by saying goodbye outside and empower them to walk in with their classes in the morning.

Thank you for your cooperation! We have noticed great improvements with the flow of traffic and it is helping our school to be a safer place for students to learn and grow.

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.