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Barnes Butte Families,

When students attend, they learn. Data shows clearly that if kids are missing two or more days each month, they are at risk of being high school dropout. We all want our children to succeed in life and do better for themselves than we have done. All parents want this. If you consider the basic math about the risks for missing school, it's shocking. A kiddo that misses one day a week misses 20% of the week. That includes valuable instruction and assessment. If that pattern continues regularly, by fifth grade, a student has missed the equivalent of ONE YEAR of school. There is no way a student can keep up with the demands they face in today's world by missing school regularly. In my recent conversations with teachers, many have shared what a huge positive difference they see on weekly results for students that attend each day and rarely miss school. They also see students that have higher self-esteem because they are completing work, know what to do on their projects and feel like they have more to offer in class. Right now, after forty-seven actual contact days, we have eighty-two of our students that have missed 5 or more days. The exciting flip-side to that coin is that we have 569 students that are not chronically absent. We want the students here at school. We give students a Badger Buck for each week of perfect attendance. They can collect these and spend them at the Badger Store. Coming up soon, our Big Badger Attendance competition begins. Whole grade levels will compete for being #1. This year, attending regularly will receive more attention than ever before because we have learned it's one of the single most effective tools we all have at our disposal to help students achieve. Thank you for your partnership as we make this the best year ever in the lives of the kids.



Your Principal,
 Jim Bates

PTO Meeting

Wednesday, Dec. 2

3:30 and 6:00

School Library

PTO is up and running and needs your involvement.

Great plans are in the works!

Please attend the meeting that best works with your schedule.
 Childcare provided!



Ready for caroling, cookies & milk?

The Badgers are!
 We'd like to invite you to celebrate the holiday season with our wonderful staff and students with caroling. Each grade level will have an hour to serenade the rest of the school as we travel the halls and pods of BBE (with their parents joining in, of course!). Each caroling session will end with milk and cookies for all!

The big day is:

Thursday, December 17th

- 8:15-9:30 - 4th and 5th grades
- 9:45-10:45 - 3rd grade
- 10:45-11:45 - 2nd grade
- 12:30-1:30 - Kindergarten
- 1:30-2:30 - 1st grade

Please join us!



Everything is Awesome in Second Grade!

KateyIn Town

Many of the Second Grade classes just finished up a LEGO Storyline. This Storyline not only encompassed community through an engaging environment, but also addressed a variety of Common Core Standards. As Master Builders, the students developed a LEGO community, became LEGO characters, and solved problems pertaining to their community along the way. Students learned that everything IS awesome when you are part of a team and put their master builder experience into action by building a LEGO masterpiece. Second Graders are truly awesome!



Dylan Levi

Hoyt Kudlac



Hat Day Every Friday 25¢ or 1 Badger Buck



Students can wear a hat inside the school for just 25¢ or a Badger Buck! Proceeds will be used to purchase merchandise for the Badger Store.

Barnes Butte Happenings



Wed. Dec. 2 PTO Meeting
School Library
3:30 & 6:00

Mon. Dec. 14 Crook County School
Board Meeting
District Office 6:30

Thurs. Dec. 17 Caroling

Fri. Dec. 18 Winter Parties

Mon. Dec 21 Winter Break
Thru Fri. Jan. 3

Mon. Jan. 4 School Resumes

Mon. Jan. 11 Crook County School
Board Meeting
CCHS 6:30

Mon. Jan 18 No School
Martin Luther King Jr.
Day

Thurs. & Fri.
Jan. 28 & 29 No School
Grading
Staff Development

Fundraiser Merchandise

Our fundraiser merchandise will arrive this week and go home on

**Thursday,
December 3rd**

Please deliver your order immediately and notify the office or call the company directly if any items are missing or damaged.

If your child has a large order, you will need to pick it up at school as the buses do not have storage space for large items.

Thank you!

DAILY COLOR SCHEDULE

Tuesday	Orange
Wednesday	Red
Thursday	Blue
Friday	Green
Monday	Orange
Please wear appropriate shoes on PE days.	