



BARNES BUTTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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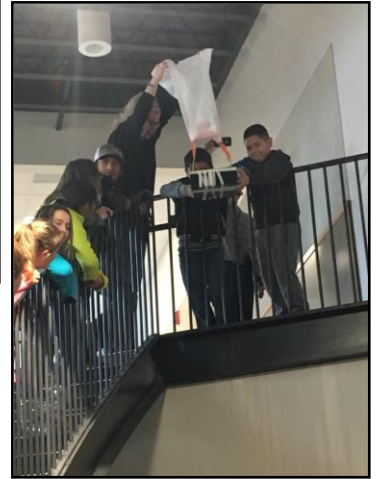
Barnes Butte Families,
As we start the new year, this is the best time to focus on our most important priorities. Our number one focus as we begin 2016 is quality attendance. Mr. McLean and I have learned that the statistics are true. After decades in education we have seen first-hand the results of poor attendance. For some families, this will never be a problem. That's because their students attend regularly and attendance is a priority. If students miss one or more days a week, by 5th grade, they have missed an entire year of school. There is no way a student can keep up with their academic progress if they miss school. There are many ways that you can work together with your child about reinforcing quality attendance. Talk with them about going to school every day. Remind them that this is a way to reach their hopes and dreams. Consider keeping an attendance chart at home. Celebrate with them as you see week after week of regular attendance. Get your kiddo to bed early. Cut the time shorter for video gaming. If your child has regular aches and pains, get those ruled out by a doctor and send them to school. If your child has a cold but no fever, send them to school. Make arrangements with a relative or friend to get your student to school if you have an emergency. If your student is absent, contact the teacher and get the missing work. It's hard to find the perfect medical and dental appointments, but always ask first for after school or non-school day appointments.

For students that only miss a few days each year, the risks of academic difficulties are lower. For students that miss more than nine days each year, the risk of academic difficulties increases dramatically. We all want the best for our children. Your school and staff care about your student's success. Let's join together to make attendance a priority and for 2016 to be the best year of attendance ever for your kids.

See you at school
Your Principal – Jim Bates



5th Grade Future Scientist



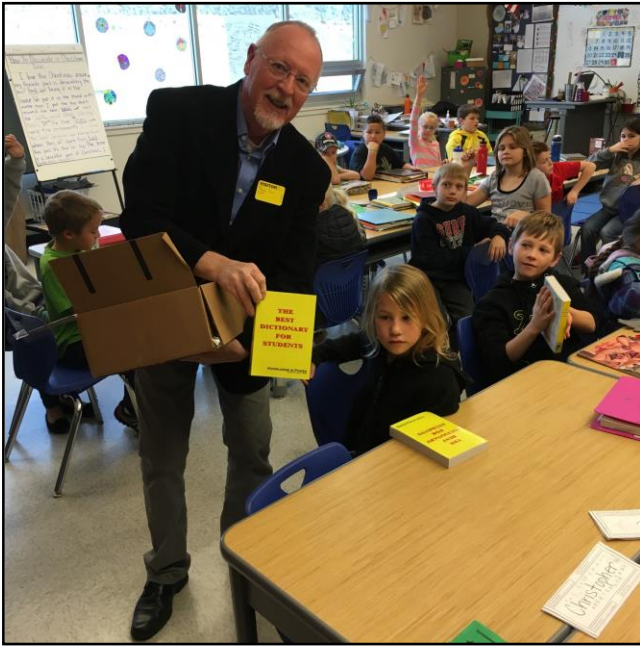
The fifth grade classes kicked it up a notch in science this past week! Working in small groups, or on their own, the students were asked to construct something that would allow an egg to be dropped from our grand staircase, 20 feet, to the first floor without cracking! It was an exciting time of learning and fun, with many eggs making the drop safe and sound!

Lisa Kelly
5th Grade Teacher, Barnes Butte Elementary

PTO Meeting Wednesday, Jan. 6 3:30 and 6:00 School Library

All are invited to attend.
This is an active group that supports
our school.

Great plans are in the works!
Please attend the meeting that best
works with your schedule.
Childcare provided!



Roger & Beth Peer present dictionaries

Thank you,

The Rotary Club of Crook County!

Every year, the Crook County Rotary Club presents our 3rd grade students with their very own dictionary. The nine Central Oregon Rotary Clubs are committed to see that every third grade student in Oregon is given a dictionary of their own to help insure their continued academic growth.

Crook County is fortunate to have such giving organizations in our community. We extend a big thank you to The Rotary Club of Crook County.



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

Fourth Grader Explore Lewis & Clark

Fourth graders spent the last two weeks studying the Lewis and Clark Expedition. To culminate the study, each student chose an element of the voyage to research. They prepared a research paper, speech and presented a visual to the class. Then fourth graders did a walking gallery to admire each other's work. Students enjoyed watching history come alive and stretching their wings at public speaking.



Family Advocate available for Barnes Butte Elementary Families

Crook County schools have partnered with the Family Access Network, a respected non-profit in Central Oregon, to place FAN advocates in the elementary schools. FAN advocates **help families meet their basic needs in order to help the students better succeed in school.**

Advocates assist families to access resources such as school supplies, clothing, food, hygiene items, medical care, utility assistance and housing. If you or someone you know needs assistance, please call Shari Burke, FAN Advocate at Barnes Butte Elementary at 541-416-4150 ext. 3603. The hours are 8:30 – 12:30, Monday through Friday.

Barnes Butte Happenings



- Wed. Jan. 6 PTO Meeting
School library 3:30 & 6:00
- Mon. Jan. 11 Crook County School Board Meeting – CCHS
- Mon. Jan 18 No School
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Thurs. & Fri. No School
Jan. 28 & 29 Grading-Staff Development
- Fri. Feb. 12 Valentine Parties
- Mon. Feb. 15 No School
Presidents Day