

BARNARD BULLETIN

May 2024



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **May 2**--School Board Meeting 4:30 pm
- **May 9**--Variety Show 6:30 pm
- **May 6-21**--New Hampshire State Testing (Gr. 3-8)
- **May 14**--D.A.R.E Graduation (Gr. 6)
- **May 15**--Early Release Day 11:55am (Teacher PD)
- **May 21**--PTA Meeting 7:30 pm Barnard School
- **May 27**--Memorial Day-No School
- **May 29**--Celebration of Learning and Cookout 4:30-6:30
- **May 30**-- All School Field Trip to New Castle Commons
- **June 3**--Field Day (Rain Date June 10)
- **June 11**--8th Grade Graduation 6:00pm
- **June 11**--Last Day for Eighth Graders
- **June 13**--Last Day of School-Early Release 11:55am

Dear Barnard Families,

It is hard to believe that we are already in the month of May! We have a lot going on at Barnard School for the remainder of the school year!

This month, we will administer [New Hampshire State testing for students in grades 3-8](#). These students will be assessed in reading, and mathematics. As you may recall, the writing portion of the assessment was taken in March this year. Fifth and Eighth grade students will participate in science testing, as well. Each year, New Hampshire public and charter schools are required by state law (RSA 193-C) and federal accountability laws (Every Student Succeeds Act) to assess students using a standardized assessment. We utilize several assessments in order to comply with these requirements.

The U.S. Department of Education requires states to administer the state summative assessments each year.

The New Hampshire statewide assessments provide an evaluation of student mastery of content and skills in various academic areas, help to inform future instruction in the classroom, and provide a tool for measuring the

degree to which students are on track to graduate high school and be college-and career-ready.

For more details about our statewide assessments please visit the [Office of Assessment Website](#). Student attendance is critical during testing days. Please make sure that your child is in school, rested and has a healthy breakfast during the testing window. We appreciate your support in this matter.

Our 6th grade students have been participating in the D.A.R.E program (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) this year with Officer Steve Petrosky from the Exeter Police Department. This program teaches students how to resist peer pressure and live productive drug and violence-free lives. A D.A.R.E graduation will be held with officer Steve on May 14th to celebrate students' learning.

We will be holding our biennial Variety Show on May 9 at 6:30 in the gymnasium. Students in grades K-8 will be performing their talents for the community. Many students have been busy practicing for this event and look forward to showcasing their talents. We hope you can join us!

We are looking forward to a visit from Artist in Residence, [Tim Christensen](#). Christensen is a potter who works with sgraffito etching on handmade porcelain pottery and sculpture. He will be working with students as part of their pottery unit creating individual pottery pieces. He will be working with all students, K-8 on May 22. Thank you to the PTA for sponsoring this event!

The entire school will be taking a field trip to New Castle Commons on May 30. We will be spending the day tide pooling, playing outdoor team building games, visiting the playground, taking nature walks, and learning about the local ecosystem.

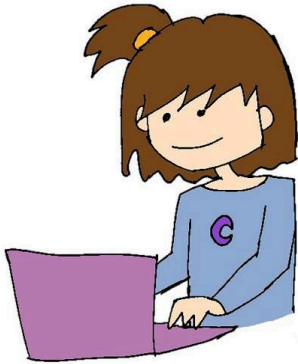
We are excited to be holding our Celebration of Learning for all South Hampton community members again this year. The event will be held on May 29 from 4:30-6:30. All community members will be able to visit classrooms to see the amazing learning that has taken place this school year, and attend a community cookout with hotdogs, hamburgers, delicious side dishes and fun activities. Please join us in celebrating a successful year and pass the word to all South Hampton residents!

We look forward to seeing you at some of these exciting events! Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Michelle Witt, Principal

Counselor's Corner



Middle School Study Skill survey results are in, and here's what our students are saying about homework, habits and goal setting. Overall our students feel confident in their study habits and in their ability to do well in school, and our students

overwhelmingly feel that they can ask for help when they need it. This is great news. However, there appears to be room for improvement in the area of buy in for goal setting and developing/using organizational strategies. Although students feel that what they are currently doing is working for them, we want our students to build the daily habits that will prepare them for the increasing academic and career challenges that will be coming their way. Therefore we will continue to work on developing our Habits of Learning curriculum to build solid organization and goal setting skills for our students.

And here's how you can help . . . talk to your students about the ways in which you organize your work and family life. What tips and strategies do you find helpful? Talk to them about the goals you set for yourself or how you have overcome challenges with goal setting and organization. Ask them about their weekly learning goal and how you can be helpful to them in achieving their goals. Keep the conversation going . . .

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Solar Eclipse Watch Party

Spanish News

There will be a lot of stories going on in the Spanish classroom in May! Our youngest students, grades K-3, are starting a program developed by PBS that teaches Spanish through stories that are 100 percent in Spanish, while our oldest students, in the grade 8 classroom, are reading a graphic novel in Spanish. Learning through stories can be fun and yet it also challenges students at any level to incorporate previously learned vocabulary in a new way. Meanwhile, our students in grades 4-5 are finishing their Earth Day unit and will have fun practicing the alphabet before moving on to their next unit. Finally, our students in grades 6 and 7 are continuing to work on describing locations of various places on maps and in cities. They will soon learn how to talk about places they'd like to go in the future.

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Kindergarten and New Student Registration

Kindergarten and new student registration is now open. Any incoming kindergarten

students or new students to South Hampton can register for the 2024-2025 school year by visiting our school website: <https://www.sau21.org/barnard/>.



Hawaiian Luau Day



STEM Music

PTA News

The last PTA meeting of the year is May 25 at 7:30 PM at Barnard School. Elections will be held at that time.

Please join the PTA for an adult social and craft night on 5/15 at 6:30 at Kerry Tully's home (92 Hilldale Ave.) Check out more details and reserve your spot [here!](#)

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Earth Day Clean-Up Crew

