

Grades 3 – 5 Highlights

Grade 3

We hope you are just as excited as we are for an amazing year in 3rd grade! We have eagerly begun our first units in math and ELA. We wrapped up our unit on American Symbols, ask your student what their favorite symbol is! During our close read time, we are learning about organisms and fables. In math we are reviewing properties of addition. We look forward to seeing you at conferences!

Grade 4

4th graders have had an excellent start to the 19-20 school year. We have begun our "Uniquely Connecticut" and biographies reading unit and students are identifying how characters change throughout the stories. In math, we will continue working on multi digit multiplication and multiplication facts. We are also learning about forces of motion and building catapults in Science! We are excited for this school year and cannot wait to meet all families during conferences.

Grade 5

Fifth graders have had a strong start to their last year of elementary school! We are currently reading about The American Revolution and taking on the challenge of our second math unit. We are committed to demonstrating The Barry Way as the new leaders of John Barry. We do ask that at home, students dedicate ten minutes each night to practicing multiplication facts. This will support their learning throughout the school year! We will be visiting Sturbridge Village on October 25th to experience life in colonial times. Go John Barry fifth grade class of 2020!

Upcoming Events

Date	Time	Event
October 11th		No School Teacher Inservice Day
October 14th		No School Columbus Day
October 21st-23rd	10/21, 10/22, & 10/23 are early release days 10/23 conferences are 4:30-7:00	Parent Teacher Conferences
October 21st, 22nd, 23rd	Dismissal at 1:50 p.m.	Early Dismissal Due to Conferences
October 24th	4:30-5:30 p.m.	PTG Meeting (Parent Teacher Group)
October 24th	5:30-6:30 p.m.	Moms and More
October 25th	-----	Pie, Cake, and Cookies Fundraiser Ends *Fundraiser pick-up November 14th 5:00-7:00 p.m.
October 25th	6:30 p.m. Game Time 5:45 Tailgate	John Barry Night @ Platt Football Game (More info to come)
October 28th	5:30-6:30 p.m.	Daddy and Me
October 29th	5:30-7:00 p.m.	Halloween Trick-Or-Treating Event @ John Barry

Early Dismissal Every Thursday at 3:20 p.m.



Barry Families~

We hope that your school year is off to a great start. We are proud to partner with you to create an amazing John Barry learning community. We welcome and value your input, commitment, and dedication to excellence in education and look forward to working with you and your children this year. Every teacher at John Barry Elementary School will support students to reach their highest individual potential. Our doors are always open and we welcome your input. Please feel free to stop in, call, or email us to discuss any concerns, suggestions, or ideas to help make 2019-2020 the best year yet!

We are so proud to be a part of a national Blue Ribbon School! Congratulations to all of you regarding this honor as well.

Sincerely,

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K - 2 Highlights

Kindergarten

Welcome to Kindergarten new friends! This is going to be an exciting year to learn so many new things in school. We will learn our letters and shapes. The students will learn about sharing, trading, and taking turns with toys in the classroom in order to make playing together fun.

Grade 1

The first graders have been learning about initiative, collaboration, and perseverance! We are going to be practicing these skills when we visit the CT Science Center on October 25th to challenge ourselves with some brain games! Our students have been working hard on reading strategies and addition fluency. Please continue reading for 20 minutes every night and practice math facts with numbers to 10 so that our students are successful this school year! We will see you all at parent conferences the week of October 21st!

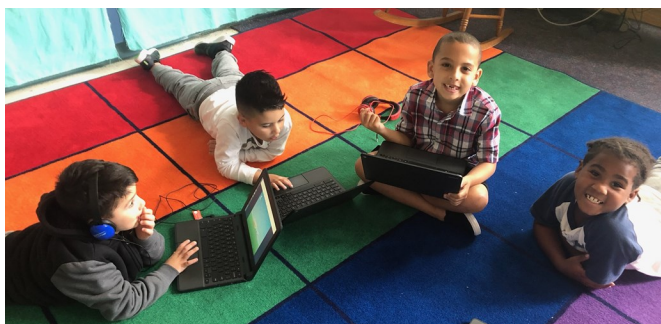
Grade 2

We are having a great start to the new school year! Grade 2 students are learning how to make good choices through our Close Read unit. In math, students are learning strategies on adding and subtracting up to 20 fluently. Flash cards are going home to practice nightly. On October 25th our students with 50 PBIS Barry Bucks will earn play time in our bounce house! This month's family homework is to create a character out of a pumpkin and write a story about it, due Thursday, October 31st. We will be going to Fair Weather Acres on October 31st as well!

"The Barry Way"

The mission is to provide our community a place of acceptance. All who join the John Barry family are supported, ensured safety and are provided a well rounded, differentiated learning experience. The professionals at John Barry are driven to meet the needs of all students and maximize their potential as individuals. Our goal is to continuously empower all members of the John Barry family to thrive inside and outside of the Barry walls. "The Barry Way" has created a community that respects being safe, responsible and respectful. We will continue to surpass academic goals while supporting personal growth.

"All Day Everyday"



Specials



In the month of October Ms. Warinsky's K-2 art classes are focusing on how line and shape can be used to create patterns and texture. Artists in 3rd grade are learning how to manipulate clay to create 3D animal forms, and 4th and 5th grade is working on using line and shape to create drawings of cities and abstract radial designs.



During the month of October in Mrs. Gill's Physical education classes, students in grades 3,4 and 5 will be working on skills needed to pass the Connecticut Fitness assessment test which include push-ups, sit-ups, sit and reach and Pacer (cardio running test). Grade 2 will begin learning about these tests and how they relate to their body. Kindergarten and 1st grade will be learning about their body and the muscles we use to perform exercise skills. All grades will be learning about Social Emotional Health (coping skills, mindfulness and conflict/calm down corners).



MUSIC
Mr. Zeiser is the new music teacher at John Barry. He grew up in Meriden and is happy to be teaching in his hometown. Students will be working on creating, performing, responding, and connecting music.



Mr. Waller's technology classes are learning about Internet Safety. Students in all grade levels are learning how to be safe and protect themselves online. In addition to Internet safety, students will begin to code with Ozo-bots as we begin our computer science curriculum.

School Attendance

It is very important to contact the school if your student is going to be absent. In addition to calling, it is required to provide a doctor's note and/or a parent note upon their return to school.

Chronic Absenteeism Percentage: 7.2%
September Average Daily Attendance: 96.5%