



CHARLES BARRETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

"We're Building a Better World...
One Child at a Time!"

Seth Kennard,
Principal

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ACPS MISSION STATEMENT

Alexandria City Public Schools will provide the environment, resources, and commitment to ensure that each and every student succeeds-academically, emotionally, physically, and socially.

Principal's News...



Important Dates:

DECEMBER

23rd-30th: Winter Break

JANUARY

2nd: School Resumes

6th: Geography Bee 1pm-12:30pm

9th: PTA Meeting 7pm with Guest Speaker Dr. Morton Sherman, Supt. Of Schools

Art Blog

The art blog will be updated by this Friday with all the new artwork that the students have created! We have been very busy over the past few weeks! The fifth graders are finishing up their Modigliani inspired portraits. 3rd and 4th graders are studying value, to demonstrate their understanding they completed a value study and a value sketch. The second graders are finishing up their images of winter trees, they drew them last week, and the color application will be completed by the end of this week. 1st grade is focusing on composition, and they made wonderful images of snowmen with a "zoomed in" composition. Kindergarten began their clay pinch pots, we will glaze them after the break. I hope everyone has a wonderful and safe winter break, and I look forward to seeing all of you in 2012! Don't forget to check out the art blog when you get a moment, the address is angelalutzkerandtheartroom.blogspot.com

PTA NEWS

Dear Barrett Families,

Dr. Morton Sherman, Superintendent of Alexandria City Public Schools, will be our speaker at the PTA meeting in January. Even if you've never attended a PTA meeting before, this is one you can not miss.

As many of you know, the ACPS plans for Charles Barrett Elementary School have changed over the years. We received an addition of 5 classrooms last summer and were designated a destination school for the district's "Modified Open Enrollment" plan. We continue to fight for the intersection project that is not completed in front of our school. We have taken our growth in stride, and maintained our AYP rating and high test scores thanks to tireless work from our amazing staff and community. Next year, however, things for Barrett are going to change again.

The School Board and City Council have agreed on budget constraints that will require ACPS to close a \$17 million shortfall in the budget. Where will the cuts be made? Support staff? Resources? Space usage? Class sizes? What is important to you? What is important to Barrett?

The PTA meeting on January 9 is our opportunity to stand together to represent Charles Barrett and the needs of our community. Our school has been a "hidden gem" in the ACPS system, with excellent staff, family involvement, and high-performing students, but a quiet profile. I don't want us to sit idly by while ACPS make decisions about our school as it cuts the budget. Please come to this meeting.

We'll make it easy for you! We have translators and babysitters, bottled water and notes on important questions to ask. Let's have a group so big that we have to move to the auditorium to fit! Let's impress Dr. Sherman with our level of commitment and dedication to Charles Barrett Elementary School.

Please come to represent the students and the entire Charles Barrett community.

January 9th, 2012, 7-8pm, in the school AUDITORIUM.

See you there!

Happy Holidays,

Cindy Martiny

PTA President



Holiday Shop!



Thank you so much to all who helped make Holiday Shop a success again this year! This event is a favorite of our students and it cannot be achieved without the support of our fabulous staff and parents. Thank you, especially, to Holiday Shop co-chairs Mary Ann Hoffman and Amy Goodrich, who once again came up with lovely, creative, fun projects for the children and organized the whole event. Bravo! Happy Holidays Everyone!

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