

Barnard Academy
Principal's Report

Barnard Academy is the learning environment for 73 students currently enrolled in Prekindergarten through grade six. We have multi-grade classrooms where students access high quality instruction from experienced teachers. Our faculty, staff, students, and families value being part of a community, engaging in outdoors experiences, and academic growth.

Last spring our performing arts put on a musical “A Salute to Broadway” with outstanding acting from all grade levels Kindergarten through 6th grade. This fall the performance was “A Christmas Carol” created to highlight singing and dancing from all grade levels and holiday traditions. Our STEM classes are inventive and creative hands-on activities focused on building, programming and experimenting. Our 5th and 6th grade students have traveled regularly to The Prosper Valley School to build teamwork skills on the new challenge course. Our physical education classes include gymnastics, skateboarding, skating, and many traditional sports. We have enjoyed the experience of Walk-to-School days from the town hall. We held field trips to Boston Museum of Science, VT Institute of Natural Science, Woodstock ski/snowshoeing, local hikes, Plymouth State Park, Marsh-Billings National Park, the zoo, and Bethel Fish Hatchery. We have also held a Fire Safety Day, a Band Concert, and a Field Day.

Our teaching staff in grades K-4 engaged in over 40 hours of intensive training in best practices in literacy instruction. There is enthusiasm and commitment to the highest standards of reading and math instruction. We are supported by a quality interventionist and a Social Emotional Learning teacher to provide students a multi-tiered system of support.

We welcome family and community involvement with the school in the shared commitment to all students' success. The Barnard Educational Endeavor Society (BEES) and the Barnard Education Fund continue to support our school to go further with innovative and exceptional learning experiences. Thank you for the support!