



## BART-COLERAIN ELEMENTARY

### AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2023



Welcome Back to Bart Colerain Elementary School,

As the warm summer days slowly transition into the vibrant colors of fall, it is with great joy that we open our doors to welcome our Bart Colerain families and learners for the 2023/2024 school year. We hope you had a summer filled with cherished memories and relaxation, ready to embark on a new journey of learning, growth, and exploration.

The heart of our school is not just the brick and mortar, but the community that thrives within its walls.

To our dear Bart Colerain families, you are an integral part of this community, and we extend our heartfelt appreciation for your unwavering support. We understand the trust you place in us to nurture and guide your precious child(ren), and we do not take this responsibility lightly. Our commitment to their well-being and educational journey is unwavering.

To our learners, you are the stars that light up our halls and classrooms. Your curiosity, enthusiasm, and unique perspectives are the driving force behind everything we do. As you step into your new classrooms, you'll find a space carefully crafted by our dedicated teachers, a place that encourages creativity, collaboration, and a hunger for knowledge. We believe that learning is not just confined to textbooks but is a lifelong adventure that encompasses both academic and personal growth.

Our staff has poured their energy and creativity into making the learning environment welcoming and engaging. The colorful displays,

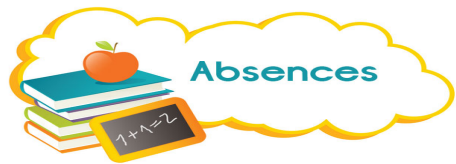
cozy reading corners, and interactive learning stations are all designed with your growth and happiness in mind. We can't wait for you to explore and make this space your own.

At Bart Colerain Elementary, compassion is a cornerstone of our ethos. We understand that each learner has their own unique needs, strengths, and challenges. Our educators are not just instructors; they are mentors, listeners, and advocates. If you have any concerns or insights, we encourage you to reach out to us. We believe that the partnership between school and home is essential to providing the best possible education for your child(ren).

As we navigate through the upcoming school year, remember that we are a family united in the pursuit of knowledge and personal growth. Together, we will celebrate achievements, overcome obstacles, and create lasting memories. Your involvement, whether big or small, makes a difference.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child(ren)'s education and thank you for being an essential part of the Bart Colerain Elementary School community.

With excitement and anticipation,  
Mrs. Sara Parrish  
Principal, Bart Colerain Elementary School



The PA Attendance School Code requirements for attendance have changed. As a public school we must follow these new requirements.

If your child is absent a day, an excuse note must be turned in on the day they return to school. **If no excuse note is received within 3 days of their return to school, the absence will be marked illegal and could result in prosecution charges.**



Students are required to have a refillable water bottle with them at school every day. We have three water stations where they can fill their bottles up as needed. We will not have bottled water available.



# Student Information Packets

Please remember to fill out the necessary forms in your child's student information packets and return them as soon as possible. It is very important that we have the most up to date information on file for your child. Also, don't forget to let the office know if your phone number, email, or emergency contact information has changed in case the nurse or office would need to contact you.

If you have any questions, please contact the office, 717-529-2181.

**Please make sure we have your updated email on file. We send a lot of correspondence by email. ie: newsletters, events, notices, PTO events, etc...**



We realize that at times it is necessary to pick your child up early from school; however, we would appreciate your cooperation in scheduling appointments later in the day to avoid students missing valuable class time. If you do need to take your child to an appointment during the school day, please send a note to your child's teacher and your child will be called to the office when you arrive. Please allow approximately five minutes extra when coming to pick up your child. You may need to provide identification when picking up your child so that we are able to provide a safe and secure school environment.

When placing your child on pick-up for the end of the day, **please send a note to your child's teacher, or call the office no later than 3:00pm the day of.**

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1. Please remember to turn in an excuse card or note if your child has been absent. If an excuse card is not handed in **within 3 days** of their return to school, it will be marked as an illegal absence.

**The school is required to consider three illegal absences as a summary offense for which parents/guardians or persons in parental relation will be prosecuted through the courts.**

2. If you drop off your child(ren) in the morning, **please have them to school by 9:00am.** The bell rings at 9:00am and classroom instruction starts promptly at 9:15am. Teachers need time to take attendance, lunch count, have the students unpack their backpacks, and get settled. If your child is late arriving to school, **a parent or guardian must walk them in the office to sign them in.**

3. If you will be picking your child up early from school, **please send in a note or email to your child's teacher and the office.** This way the teacher can have any missed work ready for your child to take home. It's also helpful for the office to know that someone will be picking up your child ahead of time.

4. If your child has an appointment during school hours, **a doctor's note must be turned in for the time missed to be excused.**

5. If your child will be absent a full day because of a doctor's or dentist appointment, be sure to get a doctor's note for the absence. Doctor's note do not count against their total absences for the year.

6. When placing your child on pick-up for the end of the day, **please send a note or email to your child's teacher and the office the day of.** You may also call the office **BEFORE 3:00pm** to add them to the pick-up list.

7. If you are planning a trip and your child will be missing school, an **Educational Trip forms must be filled out at least 5 days in advance** of the trip, returned to the school office and then be approved by the principal. Forms are available in the office or on-line. **If no form is filled out in advance, the days missed will be marked as illegal.**

8. Educational Trip absences do not count toward the students total absences for the school year. Although only 10 total Educational Trip absences will be approved per year.

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# SCHOOL INFORMATION

Bart-Colerain Elementary  
1336 Noble Road, Christiana, PA 17509  
Phone: 717-529-2181; Fax: 717-529-6879  
Mrs. Sara Parrish, Principal  
Mrs. Jodie Erb, Building Secretary  
Mrs. Dr. Kim McCardell, Counselor  
Mrs. Nikki Bender, School Nurse  
District Website: [www.solancosd.org](http://www.solancosd.org)

The school day begins at 9:00am and ends at 3:43pm. Morning Kindergarten ends at 11:55am and afternoon Kindergarten starts at 1:00pm. Children who are dropped off in the mornings must be here by 9:00am. The bell rings at 9:00am and classes start promptly at 9:15am. The teachers need time to take attendance, lunch count, have students unpack their backpacks and get settled. If your child is late arriving to school, after 9:15am, an adult must walk them in the office to sign them in.

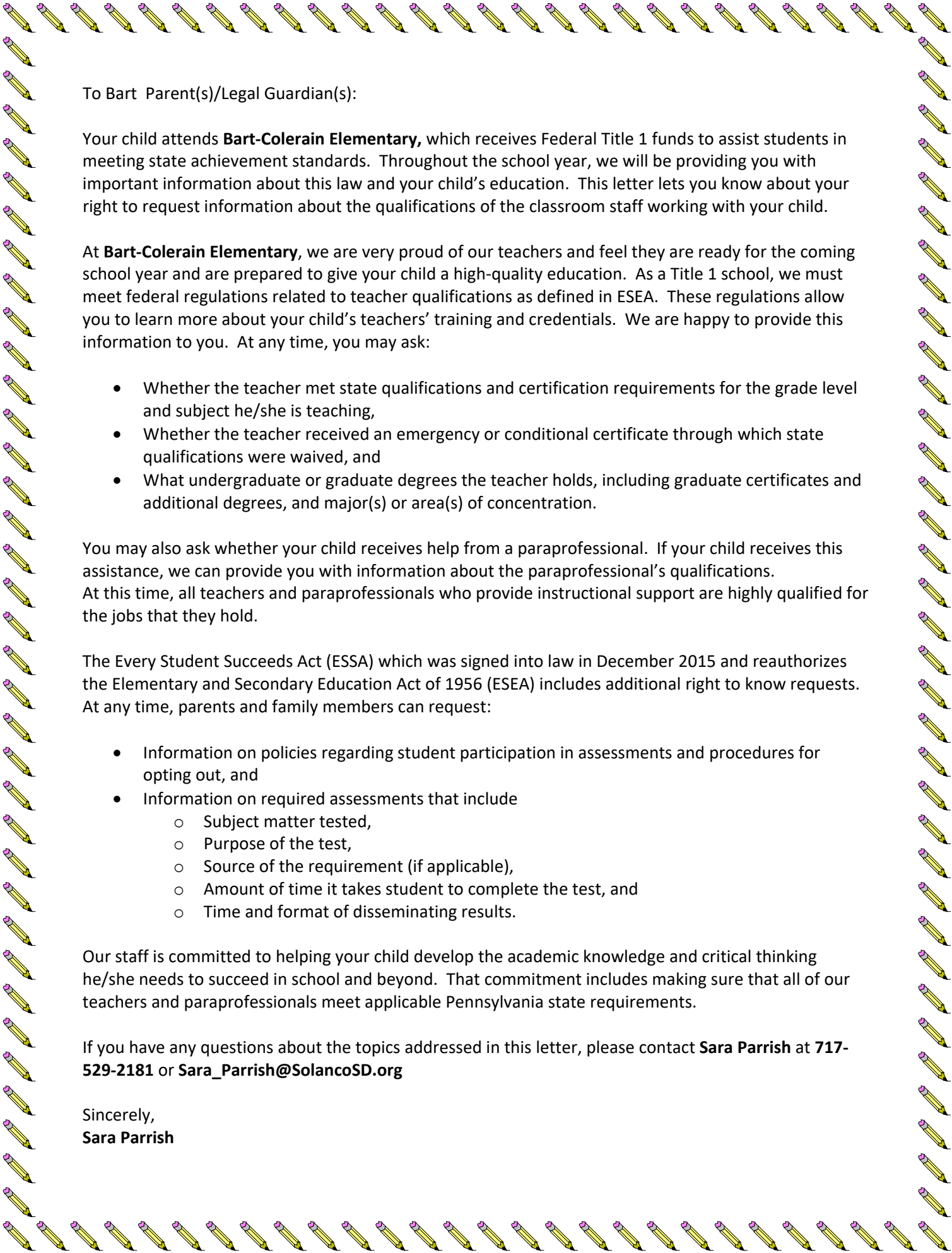


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To Bart Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s):

Your child attends **Bart-Colerain Elementary**, which receives Federal Title 1 funds to assist students in meeting state achievement standards. Throughout the school year, we will be providing you with important information about this law and your child's education. This letter lets you know about your right to request information about the qualifications of the classroom staff working with your child.

At **Bart-Colerain Elementary**, we are very proud of our teachers and feel they are ready for the coming school year and are prepared to give your child a high-quality education. As a Title 1 school, we must meet federal regulations related to teacher qualifications as defined in ESEA. These regulations allow you to learn more about your child's teachers' training and credentials. We are happy to provide this information to you. At any time, you may ask:

- Whether the teacher met state qualifications and certification requirements for the grade level and subject he/she is teaching,
- Whether the teacher received an emergency or conditional certificate through which state qualifications were waived, and
- What undergraduate or graduate degrees the teacher holds, including graduate certificates and additional degrees, and major(s) or area(s) of concentration.

You may also ask whether your child receives help from a paraprofessional. If your child receives this assistance, we can provide you with information about the paraprofessional's qualifications. At this time, all teachers and paraprofessionals who provide instructional support are highly qualified for the jobs that they hold.

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) which was signed into law in December 2015 and reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1956 (ESEA) includes additional right to know requests. At any time, parents and family members can request:

- Information on policies regarding student participation in assessments and procedures for opting out, and
- Information on required assessments that include
  - Subject matter tested,
  - Purpose of the test,
  - Source of the requirement (if applicable),
  - Amount of time it takes student to complete the test, and
  - Time and format of disseminating results.

Our staff is committed to helping your child develop the academic knowledge and critical thinking he/she needs to succeed in school and beyond. That commitment includes making sure that all of our teachers and paraprofessionals meet applicable Pennsylvania state requirements.

If you have any questions about the topics addressed in this letter, please contact **Sara Parrish** at **717-529-2181** or **[Sara\\_Parrish@SolancoSD.org](mailto:Sara_Parrish@SolancoSD.org)**

Sincerely,  
**Sara Parrish**



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# BART PTO NEWS

PTO meetings are held at Bart Elementary in the office, starting at 6:00pm.

September 11  
October 16  
November 13  
December 11  
January 8

February 12  
March 11  
April 8  
May 13

## Executive Board Members:

**President:** Jess Denver  
717-808-5612  
[DenverJ3@gmail.com](mailto:DenverJ3@gmail.com)

**Vice President:** Taryn Aukamp  
**Secretary:** Jessica Brotzman  
**Treasurer:** Jaime Phipps

## Board Members:

Darius Razgaitus  
Amy Morrison

You may contact the PTO at [BartPTO@gmail.com](mailto:BartPTO@gmail.com), with any questions.

**\*\***Please be sure to have the correct email address on file with Mrs. Erb, secretary. We send out most of our information via email. There are a lot of fun PTO activities planned for this year, and you don't want to miss them!

**\*\***The PTO will also be needing volunteers to help the with activities. You will need your clearances on file with Mrs. Erb before you can help. Clearance forms are in your child's first day packets. Please see Mrs. Erb with any questions.

**\*\***Please Like us on **Facebook – BartPTO** (<https://www.facebook.com/BartPTO>) or visit our **website – BartPTO.com**.

# ELEMENTARY BACK TO SCHOOL



Solanco Elementary Schools are holding **Back to School Night** on **Thursday, September 14, 2023**. This event will be held in-person with an opportunity for you to learn about procedures, activities and expectations in your child's school and classroom.

The evening's schedule is as follows:

**School Informational Session in Cafeteria – 6:30-6:55pm**

**Classroom Session 1: 7:00 pm – 7:25 pm**

**Classroom Session 2: 7:30 pm -7:55 pm**

The school wide informational session is an opportunity to hear an update on school-wide events and expectations. There will also be a PTO update and Title I SchoolWide Plan update during this time. Please join us for this important information before visiting your child's classroom.

The classroom sessions are designed to provide teachers the opportunity to present a general overview of the program and procedures within their classrooms. This time with your child's teacher is extremely important because the more you know about the expectations within the classroom, the better prepared you will be to support your child's education this year.

Back to School is not designed to address individual concerns regarding your child's progress, it is a valuable opportunity to establish a cooperative relationship with the teacher and to begin working together for the 2023-2024 school year.

Special Area teachers (Art, Music, Physical Education, Library, Speech, Gifted, Counselor, Learning Support and Title I Interventionists) will be available throughout the evening.

We look forward to seeing you at our Back to School Night!





# **Bart-Colerain School Counseling**

## **Character Counts - September**

As in previous years, we will spend each month of the school year focusing on a positive characteristic. This program is also a part of our Anti-Bullying Campaign to proactively teach students how to be good citizens. For September, we will be focusing on self-control. After a long summer of activities and fun, it can be hard for some students to get back into the routine and constantly demonstrate the self-control that is required of them in the classroom. This, however, is an important life skill that is required of all of us every day.

To focus on self-control, teachers will read *Decibella* and the *Six-Inch Voice* (K-2) or *I Can't Believe You Said That* (3-5). Both books focus on various aspects of self-control. Teachers will follow these stories with discussion questions and activities to ensure students fully understand the concept of self-control and ways to demonstrate it.

To extend this concept at home, try having a dinner table conversation about times at home when self-control is required and what things your child does to maintain self-control. How can these skills be transferred to the classroom, cafeteria, or playground?

## **Classroom Counseling- September**

This year, I will again be visiting classrooms to talk with students about a variety of topics in the areas of social development, academics, and careers. The following are the lessons/topics we will be covering in September:

Kindergarten - I will be introducing myself to students and talking to them about what the school counselor does.

1st Grade - In 1<sup>st</sup> grade, we will be talking about what makes each of us unique and to be proud of who we are, and the qualities we have to share with our peers.

2nd Grade - In 2nd grade, we will talk about encouraging others, recognizing positive characteristics and abilities, and then giving compliments to our peers. This is a great way for our students to begin strengthening their classroom families!

3rd Grade - 3rd Graders will talk about empathy and being considerate of how others are feeling.

4th Grade - 4th Graders will be talking about teamwork, and learners will have the chance to put their skills to practice with a hands-on teamwork activity.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade- 5<sup>th</sup> Graders will be thinking about time management and how to juggle their responsibilities and activities.

## **Minute Meetings**

It is important to me that I get to know every Bart-Colerain Elementary student. To make this happen, I will be meeting with each student during the months of September, January, and May for a "minute" conversation. I check in with each student and ask them some questions about themselves, peer relationships, their learning experiences, and what they remember about various topics we discussed during classroom lessons. I look forward to this opportunity to connect with each student!

**Contacting Dr. McCardell**

Email: [kimberly.mccardell@solancosd.org](mailto:kimberly.mccardell@solancosd.org)

Phone: 717-529-2181



**BART-COLERAIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
**2023/2024**  
**1336 NOBLE ROAD**  
**CHRISTIANA, PA 17509**  
**717-529-2181**

**STAFF 2023/2024**

Principal	Mrs. Sara Parrish
Kindergarten	Miss Alyssa Clemmer
Ext. Day Kdg.	Mrs. Melinda Greer
Grade 1	Ms. Joy Malinowski
	Miss Allison Fermani
Grade 2	Mrs. Taylor Holder
	Miss Olivia Rainey
Grade 3	Mr. Greg Schmitt
	Mrs. Sheila Schmitt
Grade 4	Miss Melissa Reynolds
	Mr. Isaiah Eshelman
Grade 5	Mrs. Kay Bandy
	Mrs. Jessica Hubbard
Autistic Support	Mrs. Ashley Kellar
Autistic Support Para	Mrs. Ashley Caldwell
	Mrs. Lauren Foley
Art	Miss Mary Grace Long
Behavior Tech	Miss Danielle Evans
Cafeteria Monitor	Mrs. Kim Little
Cafeteria Assistant	Mrs. Judy Sheirich
	Mrs. Tatyana Zaborskiy
Counselor	Dr. Kim McCardell
Custodian	Mr. David Kreider
Gifted	Mr. Ryan Humphries
ESL	Mrs. Christiana Bowers
Ext. Day Kdg. Aide	Mrs. Tara Lefever
Learning Support	Mrs. Kelly Rodeheaver
Learning Support Aide	Mrs. Catherine Burner
	Mrs. Cheryl Essick
	Mrs. Sue Fromm
	Mrs. Ashley Lechner
	Mrs. Laura Pipes
Librarian	Miss Rachael Harze
Library Aide	Mrs. Roni Houck
Music	Miss Karen Huber
Music Lessons	Mr. Scott Weyman
	Mrs. Janet Braightmeyer
Nurse	Mrs. Nicole Bender
	Mrs. Leslie Perdue
Physical Education	Mr. Michael Lane
Secretary	Mrs. Jodie Erb
Speech Therapist	Mr. Nick Nobile

Title 1 Admin. Asst.	Ms. Marian Kipp
Title 1 Aides	Mrs. Laura Greenleaf
	Mrs. Darleen Mylin
Title 1 Reading Specialist	Mrs. Jessica Misel
	Mrs. Emily Ritholz

**DISTRICT CALENDAR 2023/2024**

Sept. 1 & 4	NO SCHOOL
	Labor Day Vacation
Oct. 6	NO SCHOOL (WMUD)
Oct. 10	NO SCHOOL
Nov. 10	NO SCHOOL
	Parent/Teacher Conferences
Nov. 23, 24, 25	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Vacation
Dec. 25 – Jan. 1	NO SCHOOL
	Christmas & New Year Vacation
Jan. 15	NO SCHOOL
Jan. 22	NO SCHOOL - 91 <sup>st</sup> Day – Tentative
Feb. 19	NO SCHOOL
March 1	NO SCHOOL (WMUD)
March 28	NO SCHOOL (WMUD)
March 29	NO SCHOOL
April 1	NO SCHOOL
May 3	NO SCHOOL (WMUD)
May 27	NO SCHOOL
	Memorial Day Vacation
June 6	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
	Provided we have no make-up days

**WMUD** – Weather Make-up Day. Any additional snow days will be added to end of the school year.