

February

BART-COLERAIN ELEMENTARY FEBRUARY 2024

Dear Bart Colerain Families,

As we reach the midpoint of the school year, it is with great pleasure that I take a moment to reflect on the remarkable journey we've had so far.

Our dedicated teams have been hard at work, conducting thorough assessments during our data days. The insights gained have allowed us to craft robust plans aimed at ensuring each learner's continued growth and success.

I extend my deepest gratitude to each member of our school community for contributing to a stellar first half of the year. Despite a few challenges, your collective efforts have made it a smooth and productive period. It's truly heartening to witness the collaborative spirit that defines our school.

Looking forward, I am excited about the endless possibilities that the remainder of the school year holds. With your ongoing support and our commitment to excellence, I am confident that our learners and staff will achieve even greater heights.

Thank you for your unwavering dedication and partnership. I eagerly anticipate the exciting endeavors that lie ahead.

Warm regards,

Take Care,
Mrs. Sara Parrish



**There will be no school on
Monday, February 19 for Presidents'
Day**

Be sure to check the District Calendar for updates.

<https://www.solancosd.org/calendar/>



PSSA TESTING

**Our State Testing (PSSA) for
Grades 3, 4, 5 will be held in April and May.**

ELA (English Language Arts) - April 23 - 25, 2024

Math – April 30 – May 1, 2024

Science - Grade 4 only – May 2, 2024

These tests are important to both your child and our school. Please make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats breakfast. To insure your child has adequate time to complete the testing, your child will need to be at school on time – by 9:00am. We start testing by 9:15am.

Please do not schedule any family trips during this period. Please check your calendar for any scheduled appointments that may conflict with these dates and times and see if they can be rescheduled. Make-ups are difficult for our students during this period. We appreciate your support with this important testing.

PTO NEWS



PTO MEETING

Don't forget to join us on Monday, February 12, at 6:00pm for the PTO meeting. The meeting will be held at Bart in the office. Everyone is welcome!

Hope to see you there!



SCAN
THOSE BOX
TOPS!

Download the app. Use the new Box Tops app to scan your store receipt within 14 days of purchase. The app will find participating products and instantly add Box Top earnings to your school online. See more information below.

Thank you for helping! Box Tops are each worth 10¢ for your child's school.



Know someone who's not participating in Box Tops yet? Encourage them to sign up using the referral code **K8767LMW and our school will earn Bonus Box Tops when they scan their first receipt.

YEARBOOK

Bart PTO will be doing Yearbooks again this year!! If you have pictures from school events that you would like to share, you can email them by March 1st to the Yearbook committee at

bartcolerainyearbook@gmail.com

Please note that we may not be able to use all pictures on our collage pages.

Volunteers Needed



Volunteers are needed to help with the SWEEP Food Bag Program. This is a once-a-week responsibility. Volunteers will pick up the filled food bags at the Food Bank in Quarryville, and then deliver them to Bart Colerain. If you are interested, please use the sign-up link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B48AAAA29A1F85-sweep>

or contact Jessica Denver, at: 717-808-5612, or email denverj3@gmail.com



BOARD GAME BORROWING

Board Game Borrowing is now available through the Bart PTO. You can check out their selection of games here:

<https://www.librarycat.org/lib/Bartpto#>

Please contact Jessica Denver if you would like to borrow a game at denverj3@gmail.com or you can call/text at 717-808-5612.

****BART PTO ON FACEBOOK****

Please “like” and follow the Bart PTO on Facebook – link below. All PTO events, activities, and information will be posted there.

<https://www.facebook.com/BartPTO>



TEXAS ROADHOUSE FUNDRAISER

Tuesday, February 20
3:00 – 10:00pm

Come out and support Bart-Colerain Elementary School PTO. When you dine-in or order Curb Side to Go, present the flyer attached and Texas Roadhouse will donate 15% of your total food purchases to Bart-Colerain.



RITE AID REWARDS PROGRAM

Bart PTO has partnered with Rite Aid. Please use this link:

<https://rxfundraising.com/s/?id=Bart-ColerainEISch>

to sign up as one of our supporters and a percentage of your sale will go to the Bart PTO.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

PTO is always looking for volunteers to help with various events and programs. If you would like to volunteer, please be sure you have your clearances on file with Mrs. Erb. Clearance information can be found on the Solanco website, or from Mrs. Erb.

PTO is looking for someone to take over scheduling Spirit Nights. This would include contacting businesses and scheduling a date for a Bart Spirit Night.

PTO also needs someone for the Scholastic Book Fair Coordinator next fall.

If you would be interested in helping with any of these events, please contact Jess Denver, 717-808-5612, or email denverj3@gmail.com.



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

- A student may have up to **10 days absences a school year**. (Doctor's excuse notes and pre-approved Educational Trips do not count toward the 10 total days for the year). If a student is absent more than 10 days, a doctor's note will be required for ALL absences after that.
- Please remember to turn in an excuse note if your child has been absent. If an excuse note is not handed in **within three 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.**
- 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. The teachers need time to take attendance, lunch count, have the students unpack their backpacks, and get themselves settled. If your child is late arriving at school after 9:15am, **a parent or guardian must walk them in the lobby to sign them in or the tardy will be marked illegal.**
- A student arriving late before 11:00am will be marked tardy. A student arriving after 11:00am will be marked absent for ½ day. A student leaving before 2:00pm, will be marked absent for ½ day.
- If your child has an appointment during school hours, **for the time missed to be excused, a doctor's note must be turned in.**
- If you will be picking your child up early from school, **please send in a note or email to your child's teacher and Mrs. Erb.** This way the teacher can have any missed work ready for your child to take home. It is also helpful for the office to know that someone will be picking up your child ahead of time.
- When placing your child on pick-up for the end of the day, **please send a note or email to your child's teacher, or call/email Mrs. Erb no later than 3:00pm the day of.**
- Educational Trip forms must be submitted **five days prior** to the trip to be approved. In order for the trip to be legally excused, it must be educational in nature. Prior attendance records and previous requests will also be considered. Forms are available on-line at www.solancosd.org. They are also available in the office.



You're Invited to Around-the-World at Bart

Thursday Feb. 15 5 - 7pm
Table Set-up 4 - 5pm

Join us as we travel "around the world" to different countries presented by teachers, students, and their families from Bart-Colerain Elementary.

We will have food, crafts, games, and fun.

PTO will also be providing a
"Tacos around the world" style dinner.

If you would like to host a table for Around-the-World, click the link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B48AAAA29A1F85-aroundtheworld>





FEBRUARY EVENTS

Feb. 2	Groundhog Day
Feb. 12	PTO Meeting 6:00pm – held in the office.
Feb. 12 – 16	Kindness Week.
Feb. 12	Kindness starts with Hello. <u>Wear your HELLO shirt.</u>
Feb. 13	Workout problems with Kindness. <u>Wear workout clothes.</u>
Feb. 14	ValenKIND Day. <u>Wear either Pink, Red or White</u>
Feb. 15	Kindness Shirt Day. <u>Wear a shirt that shows kindness.</u>
Feb. 15	Around the World Event 5:00-7:00pm
Feb. 16	We are Team Kindness. <u>Wear your favorite sports shirt.</u>
Feb. 19	No School
Feb. 20	Texas Roadhouse Spirit Night. 3:00 – 10:00pm. <u>FLYER ATTACHED</u> must be presented when ordering.
Feb. 21	OLSTAT testing for 2 nd grade.
Feb. 23	Fairy Tale Day. Dress like your favorite fairy tale character.



MARCH EVENTS

March 1	SCHOOL IN SESSION. Weather make up day.
March 8	Spring Pictures
March 10	Daylight Savings Time – Turn clocks ahead one hour
March 11	PTO Meeting - 6:00pm, held in the Office
March 14	Dolce Vita Spirit Night 4:00 – 8:00pm
March 27	Marking Period 3 end
March 28	SCHOOL IN SESSION. Weather make up day.
March 29	NO SCHOOL



Bart-Colerain School Counseling

Character Counts - February

In February we will be focusing on HONESTY- what it means and how we be honest with others!

To focus on honesty, teachers will read Doug-Dennis and the Flyaway Fib by Darren Farrell (K-2) or A Day's Work by Eve Bunting (3-5). Both books focus on various aspects of honesty. Teachers will follow these stories with discussion questions and activities to ensure students fully understand the concept of honesty and ways to demonstrate it.

To extend this concept at home, help your child learn the difference between the truth and a lie with this simple game. You and your child take turns saying statements and the other person has to decide if it is a truth or a lie. A great game to play in the car or while you are waiting somewhere!

Talk about honesty with your child by using the following discussion points: Has anyone ever been dishonest with you before? How did you feel? What do you think honesty means and why is it important? Tell me about a time when it was hard to be honest. What makes it hard to be honest? How will others view you if you are honest? How will others view you if you are dishonest?

Character Counts Breakfast

Each month, classroom teachers nominate a student in their class who exemplifies that monthly character trait. The nominees will be celebrated at a bi-monthly 'Pancakes with the Principal' breakfast. If your child brings home an invitation, please make sure to RSVP via the QR code. On February 23rd we will celebrate our January and February nominees!!

Classroom Counseling- February

The following are the lessons/topics we will be covering in February:

- Kindergarten - In kindergarten, we will be talking about feelings- learning to identify different feelings and that all feelings are okay.
- 1st Grade - In 1st grade, the focus will be to talk about how our bodies feel when experiencing emotions and learning calming strategies to use.
- 3rd Grade- 3rd grade will discuss goal setting and applying it to a long-term career goal.

ValenKIND Week

We will be celebrating ValenKIND week from February 12th- 16th. Please be on the lookout for more information coming home that includes a kindness challenge for your family as well as fun spirit days to celebrate a week of extra kindness! Each class will have a bingo challenge and activities to reinforce being kind to one another.



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