

# JANUARY

## Bart-Colerain Elementary January 2024

Dear Bart Colerain Families,

Happy New Year! We trust your winter break was filled with joy and relaxation. As we embark on the second half of the school year, we want to keep you informed about important updates at Bart Colerain Elementary.

Our learners have dedicated themselves to their studies, and mid-year assessments are now underway. These assessments offer valuable insights into your child's academic progress, highlighting not just results but the effort and growth each learner has demonstrated. We encourage you to engage in conversations with your child about their achievements and areas where they may seek additional support.

For information on upcoming events, including our PTO sponsored activities, please refer to the attached calendar. We look forward to your continued engagement in these activities, fostering a sense of unity and collaboration within our school community.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to your child's education.

Together, we create a nurturing environment where every child can thrive.

Wishing you a wonderful start to the new year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Sara Parrish  
Principal of Bart Colerain Elementary

**There will be no school on**

**Monday, January 1**

**Monday, January 15**

**Monday, January 22 – 91<sup>st</sup> day of school.**

**This day is subject to change if we have a snow day before this date.**



# ATTENDANCE MATTERS. ALL DAY, EVERY DAY

A student may have up to **10 days excused absences a school year.** Educational Field Trips and doctors' excuse notes are not included in the 10 days. If a student is absent more than 10 days, a doctor's note will be required for ALL absences after 10 days.

Please remember to turn in an excuse note if your child has been absent. If an excuse note 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.**

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 settled. If your child is late arriving to school (after 9:15am), a parent or guardian must walk them in the office to sign them in. **A doctor's note must be turned in if the student was at an appointment. If no note is turned in, the tardiness is considered illegal.**

If your child has an appointment during school hours, **a doctor's note must be turned in for the time missed to be excused.** **This includes an appointment before school and the student arrives late.**

If you will be picking your child up early from school, **please send in a note to your child's teacher** and notify 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.

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.**

**Educational Trip Forms must be filled out 5 days in advance of the trip** for the principal to approve the time missed. Forms can be found on the Solanco website, or from Mrs. Erb.



Please remember to dress your children for the weather. This means coats, hats, gloves, and long pants. **If they do not have proper attire for recess, they will be staying inside.** We do not have extra coats to give out.

Also, remind your children to wash their hands frequently. This is the best way to prevent the flu and colds this season.

Just a reminder that children need to be fever and symptom free for 24 hours (without the help of medication) before returning to school.

Thank you for helping to keep Bart-Colerain healthy. If you have any questions, please call the nurse's office, 717-529-2181 ext. 1127.

# PTO NEWS

## 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/8050B48AAA29A1F85-sweep> or contact Jessica Denver, at: 717-808-5612, or email [denverj3@gmail.com](mailto:denverj3@gmail.com)

## THANK YOU!

The PTO would like to thank everyone who helped with the Holiday Shoppe this year. Students really enjoyed it. We could not do these kinds of things without your donations and the volunteers! Thank you!



**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.

## **\*\*PTO MEETING\*\***

**Don't forget to join us on Monday, January 8, 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!**



## AROUND THE WORLD EVENT

PTO will once again be hosting an "Around-the-World" event on Thursday Feb. 15th. Here is the sign up link (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B48AAAA29A1F85-aroundtheworld>) you can use to sponsor a country/table for our event. We look forward to seeing lots of countries that night and having a fun filled evening. If you have any questions, please reach out to Jessica Denver at [denverj3@gmail.com](mailto:denverj3@gmail.com) or call/text 717-808-512



## RITE AID REWARDS PROGRAM

Bart PTO has partnered with RiteAid. Please use this link (<https://rxfundraising.com/s/?id=Bart-ColerainELSch>) to sign up as one of our supporters and a percentage of your sale will go to the Bart PTO.



## 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](mailto:denverj3@gmail.com) or you can call/text at 717-808-5612.



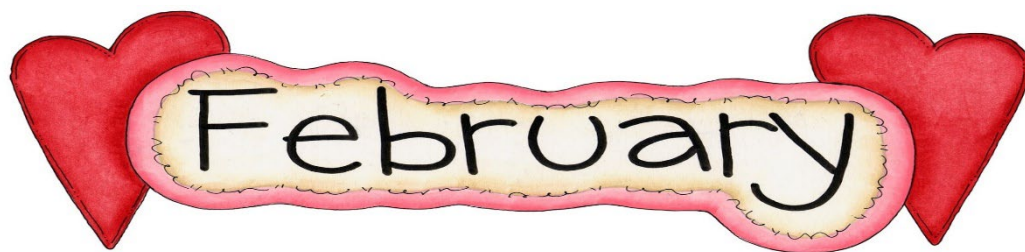
## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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.



# January

Jan. 1	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>Jan. 2</b>	<b>School in session.</b>
Jan. 8	PTO Meeting 6:00pm – held in the office
Jan. 12	Dreams come true day. Wear your PJ's!
<b>Jan. 15</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
Jan. 19	Marking Period 2 end
Jan. 19	Glow Dance Party – Dress in Neon or 80's attire
<b>Jan. 22</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> – 91 <sup>st</sup> day. This day is subject to change if we have a snow day before this date.
Jan. 24	Compliment Day. Give someone a nice compliment.



Feb. 12	PTO Meeting 6:00pm – held in the office.
Feb. 15	Around the World Event - PTO
<b>Feb. 19</b>	<b>No School</b>
Feb. 20	Texas Roadhouse Spirit Night
Feb. 21	OLSTAT testing for 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade.
Feb. 23	Fairy Tale Day. Dress like your favorite fairy tale character.



## **SNOW DELAY INFORMATION FOR KINDERGARTEN**

If we have a two-hour delay due to snow, the AM Kindergarteners will come to school at 11:00am and leave school at 1:00pm. **AM Kindergartners are encouraged to bring a snack or light lunch to eat at school.** Extended day Kindergartener students will eat lunch as they do every day. PM Kindergartners will arrive at school at 2:00pm and leave at the regular dismissal time.

The results on this modified schedule are for morning and afternoon kindergarten to share in the 2-hour delay.

**Kindergarten parents: Please save this article for reference when we have a modified kindergarten delay. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's teacher or the school.**



## **PROCEDURE FOR SCHOOL DELAYS AND CANCELLATIONS**

When bad weather is forecasted, parents should check for information about possible school delays or cancellations on the local television and radio stations listed below:

WGAL-TV Channel 8  
WLYH-TV Channel 15  
WPMT-TV FOX 43

ABC - 27  
WHP-TV Channel 21

WJTL-FM 90.3  
WDAC-FM 94.5

School delays and cancellations are posted in the scrolling message on the homepage of the Solanco School District website, [www.solanco.org](http://www.solanco.org). Solanco delays and cancellations are also posted on the WGAL TV-8 website, [www.wgal.com](http://www.wgal.com). Delays and cancellations are also communicated via the Solanco School District app, the Solanco Facebook page, and via Solanco Twitter - [@SolancoSchlDist](https://twitter.com/SolancoSchlDist) – Follow Solanco on Twitter.

As a backup, the district will place an automated phone call to parents notifying them of 2-hour delays or school cancellations. The phone call is a secondary source of notification - parents should stay tuned to the local media listed above to learn if school is delayed or cancelled.

To change or update the phone number the district uses for the automated calls, parents should contact Bart-Colerain Elementary, 717-529-2181.

# **Bart-Colerain School Counseling**

## **Character Counts - January**

For January, we will be focusing on RESPECT- what it means, why it's important and how we can show respect to others!

To focus on respect, teachers will read Interrupting Chicken by David Ezra Stein (K-2) or Hey Little Ant by Phillip and Hannah Hoose (3-5). Teachers will follow these stories with discussion questions and activities to ensure students fully understand the concept of respect and ways to demonstrate it.

To extend this concept at home, think about the needs and preferences of everyone in your home. Make a list. Spend one week together trying to be mindful of each other's needs and wants. Talk about the effects this experiment had on your family.

Talk about respect with your child by using the following discussion points: What do you think it means to be respectful and why is it important? What are some ways you can be more respectful at home, at school, and in the community? Are there any ways that you would like me to be more respectful to you? What are some reasons it can be hard to be respectful?

## **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. In February we will celebrate our January and February nominees!!

## **Classroom Counseling- January**

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

Kindergarten- In Kindergarten, we will be talking about self-control and 'Clark the Shark' will teach us ways to show self-control in the classroom.

2nd Grade - In 2nd grade, the focus will be on personal space. We will use the book 'Personal Space Camp' and talk about how Louie learned about personal space and how to practice staying in personal space.

3rd Grade- 3rd grade will discuss worrying and learn and practice some coping skills to use when they feel stressed or worried.

4th Grade- 4th grade will be talking about internet safety and how to make healthy and safe choices while on the internet.

## **Minute Meetings**

Minute Meetings will be held in January. This is a time that I get the opportunity to do a quick meeting with each one of your children. I will ask them questions about themselves, peer relationships, their learning experiences, and what they remember about various classroom lesson topics. I am looking forward to checking in!

Contacting Dr. McCardell

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