

# DECEMBER

## BART COLERAIN ELEMENTARY DECEMBER 2024

Dear Bart Colerain Families,

As we leave our season of gratitude and get ready for the holidays coming, I want to let you know about our next family engagement event.

Our PTO is excited to invite you to our Holiday Shop evening on December 9th from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM! This is a wonderful opportunity for your children to pick out affordable gifts for friends and family, all while practicing money management and thoughtfulness. Our volunteers will be there to assist with any gift choices! Learners will also be able to shop during the school day that same week.

In addition, we're hosting an Open Gym from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM that same evening. It's a great chance for learners and families to enjoy some active play and get moving together.

As we approach winter break, we want to wish each of our Bart Colerain families a safe, relaxing, and joyful holiday season. Thank you for being a part of our school community and for all your support throughout the year.

We look forward to seeing everyone again in the new year!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Sara Parrish, Principal



**There will be no school from  
December 23, 2024 –  
January 1, 2025.**

**SCHOOL WILL BE IN SESSION  
ON THURSDAY, January 2,  
2025**

### *Nurse* *Notes*

With winter fast approaching, please remember to dress your children for the cold weather. This means coats, hats, gloves, and long pants. We do not have any extra coats / clothing for your child to wear for recess if they need anything. **If they do not have a coat to wear for recess, they will need to stay inside.** If you are in need of winter clothing, please reach out to Dr. McCardell for assistance.

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

If your child has been sick, please remember that they will need to be fever and symptom free for 24 hours before returning to school.

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

### **\*Educational Trip Forms\***

Educational Trip forms **must be filled out 5 days in advance of the trip, or the trip could be denied.** Return the form to the school office and for it to be approved by the principal. Forms are available in the office or online.

# PTO NEWS



## HOLIDAY SHOPPE FOR STUDENTS

**December 11-16**

Our annual holiday shoppe will be held on December 11-13<sup>th</sup> and December 16<sup>th</sup>. This year we are planning a family shopping night on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 6:00pm. Volunteers will be needed. Sign up link is below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B48AA29A1F85-holiday>

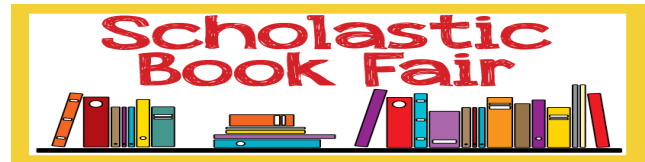
## OPEN GYM NIGHT

There will be an Open Gym Night on December 9<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 5:45pm. This is not a drop off event for children. **Parents must stay with their child the whole time.** Please RSVP using the link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B48AA29A1F85-53360500-open>

## PTO MEETING

Bart PTO Meeting will be held on December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the Bart office. Come out and shop at the Holiday Shoppe from 4:00-6:00pm, then join us for the meeting. All are welcome! Volunteers are needed for all upcoming student events.



Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help at the Book Fair. We had a great turnout. Thank you for your support!

## 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](mailto:denverj3@gmail.com)

## SOCIAL MEDIA VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Bart PTO is looking for a social media volunteer who could help by posting content to our Facebook page. If you are interested in helping with this task or if you have questions on what all is involved, please contact Jess Denver at [denverj3@gmail.com](mailto:denverj3@gmail.com) or call/text at 717-808-5612.

# TEACHER WISH LIST

If you are able, please support the Bart-Colerain teachers and staff by donating items from the Wish list. The link is below.

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1\\_tXH RdpYzLcxHURJEcfPgGu2BapoPzTid0UU6hZmOCg/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1_tXH RdpYzLcxHURJEcfPgGu2BapoPzTid0UU6hZmOCg/edit?usp=sharing)

All items donated are very much appreciated. The district budget has been cut and miscellaneous / extra supplies are needed throughout the year. Thank you for supporting Bart-Colerain teachers and staff.

# 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 to the Yearbook committee at [bartcolerainyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:bartcolerainyearbook@gmail.com) -- please note that we may not be able to use all pictures on our collage pages.



Emma's Popcorn fundraiser order forms and money are due no later than December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Delivery will be in time for Christmas!

Order forms were sent home with each student.



**SCAN  
THOSE BOX  
TOPS!**

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

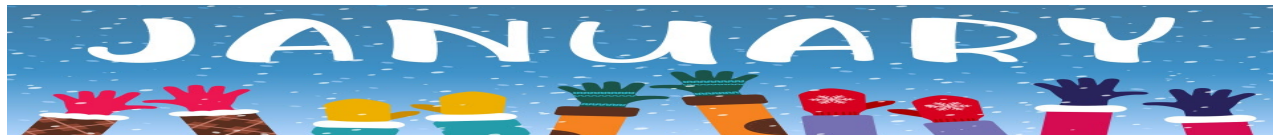
Thank you for helping! Box Tops are each worth 10¢ for Bart-Colerain. To see more ways to earn money for Bart-Colerain, go to [www.BTFE.com](http://www.BTFE.com)



**\*\*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.



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| December 2                                        | <b>NO SCHOOL</b>                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| December 3 -13                                    | Solanco Neighborhood Ministries toiletries collection<br>See the flyer below                                                                                                                        |
| December 3                                        | <u>Emma's Popcorn order forms and money due</u>                                                                                                                                                     |
| December 4 – 11                                   | Southern End Gift Drive Donation collection                                                                                                                                                         |
| December 4                                        | Texas Roadhouse Gift Cards delivered. <b><u>They will be sent home with your child unless you notify Mrs. Erb.</u></b>                                                                              |
| December 9                                        | Family Holiday Shop 4:00 – 6:00pm. See flyer below                                                                                                                                                  |
| December 9                                        | Open Gym 4:00 – 5:45pm. RSVP with the link provided                                                                                                                                                 |
| December 9                                        | PTO Meeting 6:00pm. Held in the office                                                                                                                                                              |
| December 10                                       | Dolce Vita Spirit Night 4:00 – 8:00pm. See the flyer below                                                                                                                                          |
| December 11-13 and December 16 - Holiday Shoppe - | <u>Volunteers are needed.</u> Please use the link to signup.<br><a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B48AAAA29A1F85-holiday">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B48AAAA29A1F85-holiday</a> |
| <b>December 23 – Jan. 1</b>                       | <b>No School</b>                                                                                                                                                                                    |



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| <b>January 2</b>  | <b>SCHOOL WILL BE IN SESSION</b>                                                                         |
| January 6         | PTO Meeting 6:00pm. Held in the Bart office.                                                             |
| <b>January 20</b> | <b>NO SCHOOL</b>                                                                                         |
| January 21 – 31   | Cereal box collection for food bank. More information coming soon.                                       |
| January 21        | End of Marking Period 2                                                                                  |
| <b>January 22</b> | <b>NO SCHOOL – 91<sup>st</sup> Day. <u>Subject to change if there are snow days before this day.</u></b> |





## **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  
ABC - 27  
WLYH-TV Channel 15

WPMT-TV FOX 43  
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

## Caring for our Community

### Help us Collect:

- Soap/ body wash
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Chapstick
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Lotion
- Deodorant
- Tissues
- Toilet Paper

**December 2-13, 2024**

Any questions please contact  
Kim McCardell (717) 529-2181  
[kimberly\\_mccardell@solancosd.org](mailto:kimberly_mccardell@solancosd.org)

- All new and unopened items will be collected at Bart-Colerain and can be sent in with your child
- All items must be full size
- All items will be donated to Solanco Neighborhood Ministries to help our community members



SOLANCO  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
MINISTRIES



# **Bart-Colerain School Counseling**

## **Character Counts - December**

For December, we will be focusing on EMPATHY- what it means and how we can show empathy to others!

To focus on empathy, teachers will read *The Buddy Bench* by B.D. Cottleston (K-2) or *Each Kindness* by Jacqueline Woodson (3-5). Both books focus on various aspects of empathy. Teachers will follow these stories with discussion questions and activities to ensure students fully understand the concept of empathy and ways to demonstrate it. To extend this concept at home, help your child practice considering the needs of others. When you are watching tv or reading books, ask your child what he/she thinks the characters are feeling, and what they might need in that situation. What could you say or do to help that person?

Talk about empathy with your child by using the following discussion points: What does it mean to be empathetic and why is it important? Is it easy or difficult for you to have empathy for others? Tell me about a time when you were empathetic towards someone else. Tell me about a time when someone else was empathetic towards you. What would the world be like if people considered the feelings of others more often? How can you tell how someone else may be feeling? How can you tell what someone else may need?

## **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 December 13<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate our November and December nominees!!

## **Classroom Lessons- December**

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

1st Grade - In 1<sup>st</sup> grade, we will be talking about bullying- learning how to determine whether a situation is bullying or not bullying.

2nd Grade - In 2nd grade, the focus will be learning how to be an upstander- someone who sees something and says/does something about it.

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will review a definition of bullying and review scenarios to determine whether they are bullying/not bullying.

4<sup>th</sup> Grade- 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be practicing upstander skills using role play scenarios.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade- 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be discussing bullying to determine whether a situation is bullying/not bullying and practice recognizing, reporting, and refusing bullying.

### **Swappe Shop**

As you dig out your fall/winter clothes, please consider donating gently used winter coats and shoes to our Swappe Shop. We were able to provide over 20 winter coats to families during our open house and Back to School night this fall from our Swappe Shop!

**Contacting Dr. McCardell**

Email: [kimberly\\_mccardell@solancosd.org](mailto:kimberly_mccardell@solancosd.org)

Phone: 717-529-2181



**BART-COLERAIN ELEMENTARY  
SPIRIT NIGHT FUNDRAISER**

December 10th 4:00-8:00pm

**Dolce Vita**

33 Friendly Drive, Quarryville

Be sure to mention you are ordering for the Bart-Colerain  
Fundraiser

**15% OF PROCEEDS GO TO BART PTO**





# Join us for some Holiday Fun!

4:00pm – 6:00pm  
Monday, December 9th

**Holiday Shoppe - Family Night**

**Shop (credit cards accepted)**

Students will still have shopping during  
school hours starting on Wed - Fri

**Activities & Crafts**

**Write a Letter to Santa**

**Lori's Lattes Coffee/Drink Truck**

Located outside cafeteria doors





# OPEN GYM NIGHT

**Bart Elementary Gym  
Monday, December 9  
4:00 – 5:45pm**

**Please bring your owns balls as PTO will only have a limited number available. This is not a drop off event. Parents MUST stay with their child the whole time.**

**DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN!!**

**We are requesting RSVP to participate. Please use the link below.**

**<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B48AAAA29A1F85-53360500-open>**