

JANUARY

Bart-Colerain Elementary January 2025

Dear Bart Colerain Families,

Happy New Year! As we step into 2025, I hope this message finds you refreshed from the winter break and ready for the exciting months ahead. A new year is a wonderful opportunity to continue building on our achievements and reaffirming our goals. At Bart Colerain Elementary School, we are committed to nurturing every child's growth and fostering a strong, supportive community for all.

Can you believe we are already halfway through the school year? This month, our teachers will be assessing learners to ensure we understand their progress and can provide targeted support where needed. These mid-year check-ins are an essential part of helping each learner thrive, so please encourage your child to do their best and embrace a growth mindset.

We're also excited to share that our PTO has planned to bring back our Around the World Event in February. This will be a great opportunity for families to come together, connect, and engage with our school community. Please make sure to read through the other information provided by the PTO enclosed with this newsletter. We hope you are able to participate in whatever way works best for you!

Your involvement makes our school stronger, and we are always grateful for your support.

Warm regards,

Mrs. Sara Parrish
Principal of Bart Colerain Elementary

There will be no school on:

Wednesday, January 1

Monday, January 20

Wednesday, January 22 – 91st 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. If you are in need of a winter coat for your child, please contact Dr. McCardell.

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/8050B48AAAA29A1F85-sweep> or contact Jessica Denver, at: 717-808-5612, or email denverj3@gmail.com

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



**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 6, 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. 20th, 5:00 – 6:30pm. Set up will be 4:00 – 5:00pm.

Here is the sign-up link to use to sponsor a country/table for our event. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B48AAAAA29A1F85-aroundtheworld#/> We look forward to seeing lots of countries that night and having a fun filled evening. Lori's Lattes coffee truck will also be here. If you have any questions, please reach out to Jessica Denver at denverj3@gmail.com or 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_tXHRdpYzLcxHURJEcfPgGu2BapoPzTid0UU6hZmOCg/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.

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!



Texas Roadhouse Spirit night will be held on February 19th from 3:00 – 10:00pm. Be sure to mark your calendar!! You may use the gift cards you purchased last month. Bart PTO will receive 15% of all purchases.



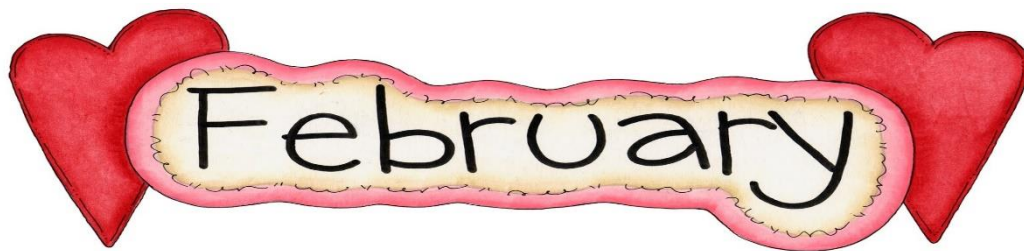
PTO will be collecting boxed food items for the Solanco Food Bank from Jan. 20th-31st. We will then set up the donations to make a dominoes chain through our school hallways on Monday, Feb 3rd before all donations are given to the Solanco Neighborhood Ministries.

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 in the office.

January

Jan. 1	NO SCHOOL
Jan. 2	School in session.
Jan. 6	PTO Meeting 6:00pm – held in the office
Jan. 15	Mobile Ag Lab for 4 th graders
Jan. 20	NO SCHOOL
Jan. 21 – 31	Boxed food collection
Jan. 21	Marking Period 2 end
Jan. 22	NO SCHOOL – 91 st day. This day is subject to change if we have a snow day before this day



Feb. 3	PTO Meeting 6:00pm – held in the office.
Feb. 7	Mobile Dentist
Feb. 17	NO SCHOOL
Feb. 18	OLSTAT testing for 2 nd grade.
Feb. 19	Texas Roadhouse Spirit Night 3:00-10:00pm
Feb. 20	Around the World Event
Feb. 28	Spring Picture Day



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

WJTL-FM 90.3

WLYH-TV Channel 15

WHP-TV Channel 21

WDAC-FM 94.5

WPMT-TV FOX 43

School delays and cancellations are posted in the scrolling message on the homepage of the Solanco School District website, www.solanco.org. Solanco delays and cancellations are also posted on the WGAL TV-8 website, 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 One by Kathryn Otoshi (K-2) or The Name Jar by Yangsook Choi (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 hula hoops to illustrate and practice personal space and we will talk about keeping a safe body.

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 we can 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.

Contacting Dr. McCardell

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