



MAY / JUNE NEWSLETTER

BART-COLERAIN ELEMENTARY

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Greetings Bart Colerain Families,

As we approach the final month of the school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on what a truly incredible year it has been. This has genuinely been one of the best school years I've experienced, and that's all thanks to our amazing students, dedicated staff, and supportive families.

We have some exciting celebrations coming up, including our 5th Grade Recognition and a fun-filled, whole-school End-of-Year party. These events are a great way to wrap up a year full of learning, growth, and memorable moments. If you can help with the End-of-Year party please reach out to our PTO Vice President, Taryn Aukamp.

Thank you for your continued support, for partnering with us, and for trusting us with your children each day. It is a privilege to be part of their journey, and I'm so proud of all we have accomplished together this year.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer ahead!

Warmly,

Mrs. Sara Parrish



PSSA TESTING

Our State Testing (PSSA) dates are as follows:

Grade 5 only - Science - May 1, 2025

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. Also, make sure your child is to school on time – by **9:00am**, as each child will need time to adequately complete this testing. We start testing by 9:15am.

****If you drop your child off in the morning, please have them to school by 9:00am. This includes ALL grade levels. Once testing starts, we try to keep all hallways as quiet as possible.**

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 could be rescheduled. Make-ups are difficult for our students during this period. We appreciate your support with this important testing.

SCHOOL IN SESSION

FRIDAY, MAY 2

NO SCHOOL

MONDAY, MAY 26

****LAST DAY OF SCHOOL****

Monday, June 9

Dismissal will be at 12:45.

PM Kindergarteners will attend.



If your child is missing a coat, sweatshirt, hat, lunch box, water bottle, or anything else, please have them check the lost and found bin by the cafeteria. It is overflowing!! **Anything not claimed by the last day of school will be donated to a charity.**



SOLANCO READs PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Registration for Solanco READS is currently open for current Kindergarten - 4th grade Solanco students. This exciting summer reading program gives students the opportunity to earn exciting prizes while reading over the summer months. Please use the link below to visit our NEW website and register your Solanco READER today!

<https://tinyurl.com/2wezd3sz>

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_tXHRd pYzLcxHURJEcfPgGu2BapoPzTid0UU6hZmOCg/edit?usp=sharing

All items donated are very much appreciated. The district budget has been cut for next year and miscellaneous / extra supplies are needed throughout the year. We also need to replenish our prize box for next year for Golden Ticket winners! Thank you for supporting Bart-Colerain teachers, staff and students.

PTO NEWS



PTO MEETING

Don't forget to join us on
Monday, May 5, 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!



The Bart PTO will be sponsoring a Year-End
Party for all students. This event will take
place on Thursday, May 29, in the afternoon.
There will be fun events and games for all
students to participate in. More details will
be coming soon!

All AM & PM Kindergarten students will
attend a full day this day.



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PICNIC

If you have volunteered in
any capacity at Bart-Colerain
this past school year please join us on Thursday,
June 5, from 4:00-6:00pm for a volunteer
appreciation picnic. Here is a link where you can
RSVP to attend:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B48AAAA29A1F85-56410895-volunteer>

Please indicate how many will be coming
(including yourself) so we can plan accordingly
with food.

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>

YEARBOOK

Order forms for yearbooks are due
no later than Wednesday, May 7.
Order forms were sent home with
every student. Yearbooks will be
delivered to students on Friday,
June 6.

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/8050B48AA29A1F85-sweep?useFullSite=true#/>

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



Moe's Southwest Grill Fundraiser. PTO will be having a Moe's Fajita Kit fundraiser on May 13. Pick up will be at the school at 4:30pm. More information will be coming home soon.



Celebrate the last day of school with some ice cream! PTO will be having a fundraiser at Son's Ice Cream on June 9, from 6:00-9:00pm. We hope to see you there! Flyers will be sent home with each student.



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 help with:

Spirit Nights
Promote the Box Tops program
Yearbook Volunteer
Board Treasurer starting in school year 2026-2027

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



BOX TOPS INFORMATION

1. Download the Box Top App (use our referral code K8767LMW for bonus box tops).
2. [Buy Box Tops products](#) and scan your receipt with the Box Tops app within 14 days of purchase.
3. After scanning your receipt, make sure **BART COLERAIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** is your selected school in the app.
4. Tap on **Give Credit** to select your child's grade level. You can scroll down to add a note with your child's name, teacher's name, or additional information on who should get the credit.



MAY EVENTS

May 1	<u>SCIENCE – PSSA testing (Grade 5 only)</u>
May 2	SCHOOL IN SESSION
May 2	Kindergarten and 5 th grade physicals
May 5	PTO meeting 6:30pm. Held in the office
May 9	Dress like a teacher day
May 13	Moe's fundraiser pick up at the school - 4:30pm
May 13	2 nd grade field trip
May 14	5 th grade Chorus to High School - 2:15-4:30pm
May 15	3, 4, 5 grades to HS to see concert - 9:30-11:00am
May 16	5 th graders visit Middle Schools
May 22	Talent Show practice after school - 4:00-6:00pm
May 23	Talent Show held during school hours
May 26	NO SCHOOL
May 27	5 th grade Growth and Development Talk
May 28	Ophelia Day at the High School
May 29	End of Year Party – PTO sponsored
	<u>AM and PM Kindergarteners will attend all day</u>
May 30	Field Day for 3, 4, 5 grades

JUNE EVENTS

June 5	5 th grade recognition 2:30pm. Registration information was sent out by email to every fifth grade parent. Registration is required to attend. <u>Registration link:</u> https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSet91WVTnb7MX4vzPM_fpn3DoYpqr21lyX_5SE1c8uXMHz9qQ/viewform?usp=dialog
June 5	Volunteer Appreciation Picnic - 4:00-6:00pm <u>Registration link:</u> https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B48AAAA29A1F85-56410895-volunteer
June 9	ABC Kindergarten Picnic - 11:30am-12:30pm <u>AM & PM Kindergarteners will attend</u>
June 9	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL. Dismissal at 12:45 PM Kindergarteners will attend in the morning
June 9	Son's Fundraiser - 6:00-9:00pm

Character Counts- May

For May, we will be focusing on PATIENCE- what it means, why it matters, and how we can practice it at school and at home.

Below are some discussion questions you can use to talk about patience with your child:

- What does it mean to be patient?
- Can you think of a time when you had to wait for something? How did that feel?
- Why is it hard to wait sometimes?
- What can you do to stay calm while you're waiting?
- How do you think others feel when you're being patient?
- Have you ever helped someone else be patient? What did you do?

Below are a few read-alouds you can use to practice patience with your child:

Waiting is Not Easy: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hGGsB-jBTlo>

The Very Impatient Caterpillar: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SmHS8J9zFpY>

Patience is My Superpower: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EoQ9nphcovM>

Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jQ3EgpkW8wA>

Waiting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JOkH1bitpUY>

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. The breakfast in May will celebrate the May nominees! This breakfast will be our last one of the school year.

Classroom Counseling Lessons- May

Below are the lessons/topics we will be covering in May:

Fifth grade students will learn strategies for coping with change.

Summer is around the corner! If you need assistance getting connected to resources, please reach out to Kelsey Koch.

Contacting Kelsey Koch

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