

BART-COLERAIN ELEMENTARY OCTOBER 2025

Dear Bart-Colerain Families,

It has been a wonderful start to the 2025–2026 school year! Our learners are coming to school ready and eager to learn each day. Teachers and staff have spent time teaching and reviewing our expectations for behavior in every classroom, and we are already seeing very positive results from these efforts. Thank you for reinforcing these important lessons at home, it makes such a difference.

October is an exciting month at Bart! We look forward to our **Fire Prevention Day**, when the local fire company will join us to teach our learners important safety lessons. Later this month, we will also celebrate one of our favorite traditions, our **annual Bart-Colerain Fall Fest!** These events bring our community together in meaningful ways, and we are grateful for your participation and support.

Our PTO continues to work diligently to raise funds for **new playground equipment**, and we are hopeful that this will be the year we see it installed. We are so appreciative of the time, energy, and generosity that families and community members contribute toward making Bart a better place for our learners.

Thank you again for helping us get the school year off to such a strong and positive start. I am truly grateful for the partnership we share in supporting every child at Bart.

Warmly,

Mrs. Sara Parrish

Principal, Bart Colerain Elementary

There will be NO SCHOOL on Friday, October 10 and Monday, October 13.



checks payable to LifeTouch.

PICTURE DAY OCTOBER 14th

Order form and payment is required at the time pictures are taken. If paying by check, please make

You may also order online: mylifetouch.com, ID# EVT8Z2NHP. Order forms were sent home with all students.



Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on November 2nd!



Please remember to send a note or an email to your child's teacher and Mrs. Erb, the school secretary, if your child will be late for

school or you will be picking your child up early for an appointment. Be sure to ask the doctor/dentist for a note so the absence will be excused.

Also, if your child is absent, an excuse note must be turned in within 3 days, or the absence will be marked as an illegal day. You may also email Mrs. Erb an excuse.

Educational Trip Forms need filled out five (5) days before the scheduled trip for it to be approved.



Look for sign-up links coming soon for conferences. They will be held the week of Monday, November 3rd to Friday, November 7^{th.} Conferences can be held in person or virtually depending on the preference of the family.



Please have your child bring a refillable water bottle with them to school every day. There are three water filling stations for them to use.



FROM THE NURSE:

Talk to your health care provider about getting the seasonal flu vaccine for everyone in the family. It is not too early to be vaccinated to have protection for the entire flu season. The simple step of washing your hands and using hand sanitizer continues to be one of the BEST defenses against picking up and/or spreading all kinds of germs and viruses. Focus on eating well, staying hydrated and getting plenty of rest. All these things will help to boost the body's immune response. Children must be feverfree for 24 hours without the use of feverreducing medication before returning to **school**. Remember that the nurse must have a doctor's order for any meds to be given while your child is at school. This includes any over-the-counter medicines. If you have any questions, please contact the school nurses, Nikki Bender or Crystal Stewart, 717-529-2181 ext. 1127.



Our Golden Ticket Counter

We have given out 245 tickets so far! Our goal for the marking period is two tickets for every learner. As of (date) there are 31 learners working toward their 1st ticket.

MP 1 ends on October 30th.

PTO NEWS



PTO MEETING

Don't forget to join us on Monday, October 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!

Make A Difference



The Bart PTO is always in need of volunteers to help with their many activities and events. If you are interested in volunteering, please be sure to have all four (4) required clearances completed and returned to Mrs. Erb. If you have any questions, please ask Mrs. Erb.

Candle Fundraiser



Don't forget about the Sugar Plum Candle Fundraiser going on now. Information was sent home with all students. Order forms and money are due no later than October 3. Candles will be ready for pick up during Fall Fest on October 23, additional pick-up times will be held on October 24. Any questions, please contact Taryn Aukamp, 908-246-1280.

Premium Homemade Ice Cream Premium Homemade Ice Cream

Strasburg Creamery Fundraiser

Come and enjoy some delicious ice cream at the Strasburg Creamer on Monday, October 13 from 12:00 – 9:00pm. 10% of all proceeds will go to Bart Colerain.



The PTO is requesting anyone who would like to donate items (gift cards, gift baskets, kid's toys, tickets, sports memorabilia, etc.) to add to our silent auction for the Fall Fest to please <u>drop them off in the office by Tuesday, October 15.</u>

Silent Auction Donations:

 $\underline{https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B48AAAA29A1F85-52098352-silent\#/}$

PTO still needs volunteers to help, and items donated. Please see the link below for more information.

To Volunteer:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B48AAAA29A1F85-44606953-fall#/

Our event will be held Thursday, October 23, 4:00-6:00pm. If you are interested in volunteering at the event, please contact Jess Denver at denverj3@gmail.com or 717-808-5612.

All family and friends of Bart-Colerain students are invited. There will be food and some fall items for sale. **Cash is required.**

Thanks in advance for all your help.
Bart PTO





Money and order forms due from candle fundraiser October 3 PTO Meeting 6:00pm. Everyone welcome! October 6 October 10 No School October 13 No School October 13 Strasburg Creamery fundraiser 12:00–9:00pm Picture Day – order forms were sent home with each October 14 student **Wear ORANGE for Unity Day!** October 15 October 16 Self-Care Fair at Providence Elementary 6:00-7:30pm Available for all Solanco families. To register: https://forms.gle/9tXzwi95AXczzoZC9 October 17 Fire Prevention Day. WEAR RED to school! October 20 - 22 **Mobile Dentist** Fall Fest - 4:00-6:00pm. ALL are welcome! October 23 Volunteers needed. See sign up link in newsletter 4th grade field trip to Longwood October 24 2nd grade "Stuffy Sleepover" October 27 Burger King Fundraiser night October 28 October 30 End of Marking Period 1 Mix It Up Day. Wear a mis-matched outfit. October 30



November 2 Turn clocks back one hour

November 3 PTO Meeting 6:00pm. Everyone welcome!

November 3 - 7 Book Fair - More information coming soon!

November 3 - 7 Parent / Teacher Conferences. Sign-ups will

be coming from your child's teacher.

November 3 - 14 Mister Car wash Fundraiser

November 3 – 14 Texas Roadhouse gift card fundraiser

November 6 Report Cards go home

November 7 No School

November 21 Picture retake day – <u>Let Mrs. Erb know if you</u>

would like your child's picture retaken.

November 26 Wear a shirt that shows something you are

THANKFUL for

November 27, 28 No School

December 1 No School



Bart-Colerain School Counseling

Character Counts - October

In October, we will be focusing on Responsibility- 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 responsibility with your child:

- What are some things you are responsible for at home? At school?
- Why do you think it's important to take care of your things?
- How can being responsible help others in your family?
- How does being responsible help people trust you?

Below are a few read-alouds you can use to practice responsibility:

What if Everybody Did That?: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=72CugCPkXM8

I Just Forgot: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bc2-1 tF4f4

The Most Magnificent Thing: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gy3JCNBgb94

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 October will celebrate the September and October nominees!

Classroom Counseling Lessons- October

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

Kindergarten and 1st grade: Making Friends

2nd grade: Emotional Regulation (feelings/coping skills)

5th grade: Stopping Gossip and Rumors

Mix It Up Day October 30th

On Thursday, October 30th, we will be celebrating Mix It Up Day to help students get to know someone new. Here's how we are celebrating:

Grades K-5: Students can celebrate by "mixing up" their outfits. Wear your best mis-matched outfit!

Grades 2-5: Students will "mix up" their seats at lunch and sit with someone new. Students will have lists of getting to know you questions they can use to break the ice!

Leadership Club Update:

Our 4th and 5th grade students in Leadership Club are going to work on creating videos to show students our school expectations for on the bus, on the playground, in the cafeteria, and in the hallway!

Contacting Kelsey Koch

Email: <u>kelsey_koch@solancosd.org</u> Phone: 717-529-2181 Ext. 1224







October 2025 We need coats of all sizes

Harts, gloves, snowsuits and new socks also accepted

Donation Drop-off: October 1-31

Drop Off Locations:



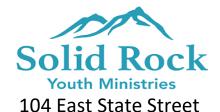
227 West 4th Street



1 West 4th Street



203 Commerce Drive





14 South Church Street (rear)

All Solanco Schools

NEED A COAT??

"Shop" for coats:
Friday, 11/21/25 2:00 – 8:00pm
Oak Hill Church
1 West 4th Street



STRASBURG CREAMERY

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13TH 12:00 PM - 9:00 PM

10% OF PROCEEDS BENEFIT BART-COLERAIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Enjoy delicious Ice cream and help support a great cause! Bring your friends and family – every scoop counts! Let's make this a sweet success!