

JANUARY

Bart-Colerain Elementary January 2026

Dear Bart Colerain Families,

Welcome to 2026! We are excited to kick off the new year at Bart Colerain Elementary with renewed energy and a continued commitment to helping our learners grow. December wrapped up on a high note with a wonderfully successful family engagement night centered around STEM and the holidays. Attendance was fantastic, and it was inspiring to see so many families exploring hands-on activities and celebrating the joy of learning together.

As we begin January, we will be completing our mid-year assessments from **January 5th to January 9th**. These assessments help us measure the progress our learners have made so far and guide our instruction for the remainder of the school year. It has been such a strong year already, and we are truly excited to see the great gains our learners have made.

We look forward to a month filled with fresh starts, new goals, and lots of learning. Here's to a positive and productive beginning to 2026!

Take care,
Mrs. Sara Parrish
Bart Colerain Principal



There will be no school on:

December 24 - January 4

Monday, January 19

Friday, January 23 – 91st day of school. This day is subject to change if we have a snow day before this date.

Behavior Expectation Totals for MP 2

| | Total Golden Tickets given out for MP 2 so far |
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| Kindergarten | 32 |
| 1 st Grade | 60 |
| 2 nd Grade | 69 |
| 3 rd Grade | 53 |
| 4 th Grade | 46 |
| 5 th Grade | 35 |

ATTENDANCE MATTERS. ALL DAY, EVERY DAY

A student may have up to **10 days of excused absences a school year.** Educational Field Trips and doctor excuse notes are not included in the 10 days. If a student is absent more than 10 days, a doctor 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 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 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.

Notes from the Nurse

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 Mrs. Koch.
Kelsey_Koch@solancosd.org, 717-529-2181 ext: 1124.

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.

Dental screenings are a requirement for all students when they first start school and again in 3rd grade. If your child is in one of these groups and has had a dental exam any time since July 1, 2024, please be sure to send a copy of the screening form to the nurse.

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

****PTO MEETING****

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

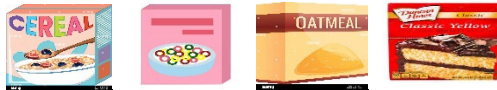
Volunteers are needed to help with the SWEEP Food Bag Program. This is a once-a-week responsibility. Volunteers will pick up the filled food bags at the Food Bank in Quarryville and then deliver them to Bart Colerain. If you are interested, please use the sign up link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B48AAAA29A1F85-sweep/> or contact Jessica Denver, at: 717-808-5612, or email denverj3@gmail.com.

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.

BART APPAREL STORE

Check out the new Bart Apparel Store. Bigger selection, more logo options, direct shipping and no closing date!

<https://apparelnow.com/bart-elem-pto-apparel/mens/45>



PTO will be collecting boxed food items for the Solanco Food Bank from January 19 - 30. We will then set up the donations to make a dominoes chain through our school hallways or gym on Monday, February 2, before all donations are then given to the Solanco Neighborhood Ministries.



Texas Roadhouse Spirit night will be held on February 24, 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.

January

Jan. 1 & 2

NO SCHOOL

Jan. 5

SCHOOL IN SESSION

Jan. 5

PTO Meeting 6:00pm - held in the office

Jan. 14

Wear an outfit of what you want to be when you grow up

Jan. 19

NO SCHOOL

Jan. 19 – 30

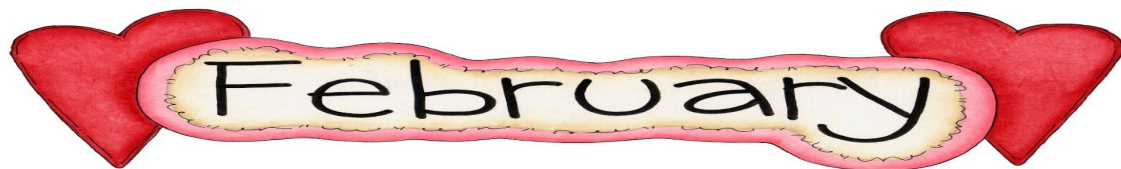
Boxed food collection

Jan. 21

Marking Period 2 end

Jan. 23

NO SCHOOL – 91st day. This day is subject to change if we have a snow day before this day



Feb. 2

Food Box collection domino chain event

Feb. 2

PTO Meeting 6:00pm - held in the office

Feb 9 – 13

ValenKind Week

Feb. 9

Wear your favorite color

Feb. 10

Wear your team shirt

Feb. 11

Wear cozy clothes

Feb. 12

Wear bright or neon colors

Feb. 13

Wear crazy socks, hair and or clothes

Feb. 16

NO SCHOOL

Feb. 17

OLSTAT testing for 2nd grade.

Feb. 24

Texas Roadhouse Spirit Night 3:00 -10:00pm

Feb. 26

Spring Picture Day

March 6

SCHOOL IN SESSION – make up day

April 2

SCHOOL IN SESSION – make up day

Bart-Colerain School Counseling

Character Counts - January

In January, we will be focusing on Respect- 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 Respect with your child:

- What does the word respect mean to you?
- How do you feel when someone shows you respect?
- How do you know when someone is not being respectful?
- What are some ways you can show respect to yourself?

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

Do Unto Otters- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ObRAUKOmDAM>

The Invisible Boy- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RLTNX5XTuJE>

A Little Respectful Spot- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ELWLxyRc64c>

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 February will celebrate the January and February nominees!

Classroom Counseling Lessons- January

Kindergarten- Self-Control

2nd grade- Personal Space

3rd grade- Coping Skills

Leadership Club Update:

Our 4th and 5th grade students in Leadership Club are working on creating kindness activities for our school!

Contacting Kelsey Koch

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SNOW DELAY INFORMATION FOR KINDERGARTEN

In the event of 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 be picked up 1 hour later than normal and will arrive at school at 2:00pm and then 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

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 social media accounts.

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.