

February

BART-COLERAIN ELEMENTARY FEBRUARY 2026

Dear Bart-Colerain Families,

It's hard to believe that we are already more than halfway through the school year! As we move into February, we continue to be impressed by the growth and progress our learners are making academically, behaviorally, and emotionally. Their hard work, along with the dedication of our staff and support of our families, has made this a truly successful year so far.

This month, we are looking forward to celebrating Kindness Week, a special time to highlight empathy, respect, and caring for others within our school community. More information will be shared soon by our school counselor, Mrs. Koch, and we encourage families to join us in reinforcing these positive behaviors at home.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. It's very appreciated by all the staff at Bart-Colerain! We are excited to see our learners continue to grow as we move into the second half of the year!

Warm regards,

Mrs. Sara Parrish
Principal Bart-Colerain Elementary



**There will be no school on
Monday, February 16, for Presidents'
Day**

Be sure to check the District Calendar for updates.

<https://www.solancosd.org/calendar/>



PSSA TESTING

**Our State Testing (PSSA) for
Grades 3, 4, 5 will be held in April and May.**

ELA (English Language Arts) - April 21 - 23, 2026

Math - April 28 - 29, 2026

Science - Grade 5 only - April 30, 2026

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. To ensure your child has adequate time to complete the testing, your child will need to be at school on time – by 9:00am. We start testing by 9:15am.

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



Spring Picture Day will be on Thursday, February 26. Order forms will be sent home with every student.

POWERSCHOOL ACCESS

If you do not have access to your child's PowerSchool account, please ask Mrs. Erb for the instructions.

GOLDEN TICKET **Totals for MP 2**

	Total Golden Tickets given out for MP 2 so far
Kindergarten	61
1 st Grade	98
2 nd Grade	94
3 rd Grade	86
4 th Grade	79
5 th Grade	69

Nurse Notes

If your child will be absent because they are sick, please remember to call the school to let us know, or you may email the school secretary. When you leave your message, please give us a general idea of the type of illness they have (flu-like symptoms, stomach virus, fever, etc.). Receiving this information in real-time gives us a better idea of what types of sicknesses are in the building so that we can disinfect with the correct products in time to stop the spread. Thank you!

PTO NEWS



PTO MEETING

Don't forget to join us on Monday, February 2, 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!

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 by March 1, to the Yearbook committee at

bartcolerainyearbook@gmail.com

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

****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>

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

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.



TEXAS ROADHOUSE FUNDRAISER

Tuesday, February 24
3:00 – 10:00pm

Come out and support Bart-Colerain Elementary School PTO. When you dine in or order Curb Side to Go, present the flyer attached when ordering and Texas Roadhouse will donate 15% of your total food purchases to Bart-Colerain. You must present the attached flyer when ordering.

Check out the new apparel Store!!

Bigger Selection
More Logo Options

Direct Shipping
No Closing Date

Orders Sent Out in 7-10 Days

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

FEBRUARY EVENTS

Feb. 2	Food Box Domino Chain
Feb. 2	PTO Meeting 6:00pm – held in the office
Feb. 9 – 13	Valenkind Week – please see flyer attached for more information
Feb. 9	Wear your favorite color
Feb. 10	Wear your favorite school spirit clothing
Feb. 11	Wear cozy clothes or something with hearts, red, or pink
Feb. 12	Wear bright or neon colors
Feb. 13	Wear crazy socks, hair or clothes
Feb. 16	No School
Feb. 18	OLSTAT Testing for 2 nd Grade
Feb. 24	Texas Roadhouse Spirit Night 3:00 – 10:00pm <u>MUST PRESENT FLYER WHEN ORDERING</u>
Feb. 25	Kids Heart Challenge kick off assembly
Feb. 26	Spring Pictures
Feb. 26	Mobile Dentist

MARCH EVENTS

March 2	PTO Meeting 6:00pm - held in the office
March 3	Book Revel Event 5:00 – 6:30pm – See attached flyer
March 4	Music in the Schools Assembly
March 6	School in session. Weather make up day
March 8	Daylight Savings Time – Turn clocks ahead one hour
March 17	Wear green
March 25	Around the World Event – More information coming soon

APRIL/MAY EVENTS

April 1	MP3 end
April 2	School in session. Weather make up day
April 3 & 6	No School
May 1	School in Session Weather make up day.

Character Counts- February

In February, we will be focusing on Honesty- 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 Honesty with your child:

- What does it mean to tell the truth?
- How do you feel when someone tells you the truth?
- Is it ever hard to be honest? Why?
- Why is honesty important at school and at home?

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

- Ruthie and the (Not So) Teeny Tiny Lie- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qrxibscgKI>
- The Honest to Goodness Truth- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YZMBErWNTlE&t=52s>
- A Bike Like Sergio's- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Wq2HWj9KQQ>

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- February

- Kindergarten and 1st grade- Feelings
- 3rd grade- Goal Setting

Kindness Week:

We will be celebrating Kindness Week February 9-13! We will be hosting a Spirit Week, along with a Kindness Bingo challenge that gives learners the opportunity to participate in random acts of kindness. More information will be sent home soon!

Contacting Kelsey Koch

Email: kelsey_koch@solancosd.org

Phone: 717-529-2181



Valid at: 2317 Lincoln Hwy East – Lancaster, PA 17602

DINE TO DONATE OR DRIVE TO DONATE



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