

April

BART-COLERAIN ELEMENTARY

APRIL 2026

Dear Bart-Colerain Families,

As we welcome April, we are excited to continue the strong momentum of learning at Bart Colerain Elementary. March was filled with meaningful experiences, including the conclusion of our **One School, One Book** event. We were thrilled with the level of participation from our learners and families this year! We hope you enjoyed the book Kenny and the Dragon with your family. It was wonderful to see our school community come together around a shared reading experience, and we are already looking forward to continuing this tradition next year.

As we move through April, we also enter our state assessment window. These assessments provide valuable feedback on the teaching and learning taking place at Bart Colerain and help guide our planning moving forward. We encourage our learners to do their best each day, and we are confident that their hard work throughout the year has prepared them well.

Thank you for your continued support as we head into this important and exciting time of year. We look forward to a productive month ahead!

Take care,

Mrs. Sara Parrish
Principal, Bart Colerain Elementary School



NO SCHOOL
Friday, April 3
Monday, April 6
Monday, May 25

SCHOOL IN SESSION
Thursday, April 2
Friday, May 1





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 at 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.

Behavior Expectation Totals for MP 3

	Total number of Golden Tickets given out for MP 3 so far
Kindergarten	74
1 st Grade	152
2 nd Grade	95
3 rd Grade	134
4 th Grade	106
5 th Grade	106



LOST AND FOUND

If your child is missing a coat, sweatshirt, water bottle, lunch box, hat, gloves, or anything else, please have them check the lost and found bin. The bin is located in the hallway by the cafeteria. Everything not claimed by the last day of school will be donated.

Nurse Notes

The mobile dentist will be at school April 21-23. They provide cleanings, fluoride, x-rays, sealants, and are able to fill most cavities. If your child is covered by Medicaid or CHIP, this service is free (as long as they haven't been to the dentist in the past six months). Everyone else is welcome to apply as well, as they will work with your dental insurance or permit you to pay a discounted rate or request donated care. Please send any questions to Mrs. Bender. Nicole_Bender@solancosd.org

PTO NEWS



PTO MEETING

Don't forget to join us on Monday, April 13, 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!

****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>

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-ptc-apparel/mens/45>

5th GRADE TALENT SHOW **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteers are needed to help with the 5th grade Talent Show held in May. If you are interested, please contact Jess Denver, at 717-808-5612 or Denverj3@gmail.com.



Our Grandparents' Day will be held on **April 14** for Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade students. 8:15-9:45am.

April 16 for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students. 8:15-9:45am.

There will be donuts available from 8:15-9:00am, and the book fair will also be open during that time. Classroom visitation will be from 9:00-9:45am.

Registration is required for all grandparents attending.

Registration is due no later than April 3.

<https://forms.gle/A8sYaJLzpKvjVEiS7>

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

APRIL EVENTS

- April 2** **SCHOOL IN SESSION - Weather makeup day**
- April 3** **NO SCHOOL**
- April 3** **Last Day to sign up for Grandparents' Day Events**
<https://forms.gle/A8sYaJLzpKvjVEiS7>
- April 6** **NO SCHOOL**
- April 8 5th grade field trip
- April 13 PTO Meeting. 6:00pm
- April 14 Grandparents' Day Event for K, 1, 2 grades
Registration was required to attend.
Students should arrive with Grandparents at 8:15am
Book Fair will be open to visit from 8:15-9:15am
- April 16 Grandparents' Day Event for 3, 4, 5 grades
Registration was required to attend.
Students should arrive with Grandparents at 8:15am
Book Fair will be open to visit from 8:15-9:15am.
- April 16 Student will shop the book fair during their library times.
- April 16 Book Fair Open for parents and families. 4:00-7:00pm
- April 17 Student will shop the book fair during their library times.
- April 17 Book Fair Open for parents and families. 4:00-7:00pm
- April 21-23** **ELA - PSSA testing (Grades 3, 4, 5)**
- April 21-23 Mobile Dentist
- April 28-29** **MATH - PSSA testing (Grades 3, 4, 5)**
- April 30** **SCIENCE - PSSA testing (Grade 5 only)**
- April 30 Dottie's Fundraiser 4:00-8:30pm

MAY EVENTS

- May 1** **SCHOOL IN SESSION - Weather makeup day**
- May 4 PTO Meeting. 6:00pm
- May 8 5th graders to visit middle schools
- May 15 Wear your favorite color or favorite shirt
- May 15 Field Day - Grades 3, 4, 5
- May 13 5th Grade Chorus to HS. 2:15-4:30pm
- May 14 3, 4, 5 Grades to HS to see Concert
- May 19 5th grade Growth and Development
- May 19 Kindergarten Hands on House inhouse field trip
- May 22 5th Grade Talent Show (Volunteers needed)
- May 25** **NO SCHOOL**
- May 26 2nd and 3rd grade field trip
- May 26 Student physicals
- May 27 Ophelia Day at the High School
- May 28 Ophelia Day at the HS
- May 28 End of Year Party (All Kindergarten students will attend school all day this day).

**SAVE
THE
DATE!**



Bart's Spring Book Fair is coming up **April 14-17**.

As we did last year, all students will receive a **\$15 voucher** for book purchases at the fair!

The book fair will be open on the following days and times:

Tuesday, April 14, 8:15-9:15am (open during K, 1, 2 Grandparents' Day Event only)

Wednesday, April 15, 4:00-7:00pm. Open for parents and families.

Thursday, April 16, 8:15-9:15am (open during 3, 4, 5 Grandparents' Day Event only)

Thursday, April 16, 9:30am-3:30pm. Students shop during their library time.

Thursday, April 16, 4:00-7:00pm. Open for parents and families.

Friday, April 17, 9:30am-3:30pm. Students shop during their library time.

Friday, April 17, 4:00-7:00pm. Open for parents and families.

You can preview books that will be available on our book fair homepage: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/bartcolerainelementarysch>

Volunteers are needed to help at the Book Fair. Please use the link below to sign up. If we don't have enough volunteers, the Book Fair will not be open.

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/5080F4AABA72FAAFC1-63109894-spring>

Character Counts- April

In April, we will be focusing on Perseverance- 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 Perseverance with your child:

- Can you think of a time when something was really hard for you? What did you do?
- Why do you think it's important to keep trying even when something is difficult?
- What can you say to yourself when you feel like giving up?
- What are some things you can do to stay positive when you're struggling with something?

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

- The Most Magnificent Thing: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TmWzt4uf-oE>
- Jabari Jumps: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hcy4CLxN2eQ>
- The Dot: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sg-aGFsOk1I>
- Flight School: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jcHy4RSAkbM>

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 April will celebrate March and April nominees!

Classroom Counseling Lessons- April

Students will be learning about careers!

Coffee With the Counselor

The elementary school counselors are hosting a Coffee with the Counselor at Quarryville Elementary School on April 9th from 9:30-10:30AM. The topic we will be discussing is resilience: understanding resilience and why it is important, challenging situations where resilience is important, the building blocks of resilience, and parent strategies for building resilience. If you are interested and would like to attend, please sign up using the link or QR code below. We hope we see you there!

<https://forms.gle/Afh88rA2nuM3V3TJ6>

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