

BART-COLERAIN ELEMENTARY

October 2026

Dear Bart Colerain Families,

What a wonderful start to our school year! Our halls are filled with learning, laughter, and lots of connections being made each day. I am so proud of the way our learners and staff have jumped into the year, and I'm excited to see where this year will take us!

October is always a special month at Bart, and one of our biggest family events is right around the corner—**Fall Fest!** Sponsored by our amazing PTO, Fall Fest will be held on **Thursday, October 22nd, from 4:00-6:00 PM**. This is one of our favorite opportunities to come together as a school family, and we hope you'll join us!

There will be **tons of new Silent Auction items**, delicious food at very reasonable prices, and lots of **FREE FUN** for the whole family! We are so grateful to our PTO and everyone who helps make this event possible.

Thank you for being such an important part of the Bart Colerain family. We have started this year with such wonderful energy, and I can't wait to see all that we accomplish together!

Warmly,
Mrs. Sara Parrish
Principal, Bart Colerain Elementary





PICTURE DAY OCTOBER 14TH

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

You may also order online: mylifetouch.com, ID#EVTSNQP2P . Order forms were sent home with all students.



DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR ON NOVEMBER 1ST!

THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 12TH!!!



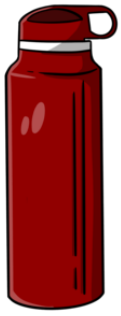
Please remember to send a note or an email to your child's teacher and Mrs. Doumont, the school secretary, if your child will be late for school or you will be picking your child up early for an appointment. **Be sure to ask the doctor/dentist for a note so the absence will be excused.**

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. Doumont an excuse.

EDUCATIONAL TRIP FORMS NEED FILLED OUT FIVE (5) DAYS BEFORE THE SCHEDULED TRIP FOR IT TO BE APPOVED



Look for sign-up links coming soon for conferences. They will be held the week of Monday, November 2nd to Friday, November 6th. 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 fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing 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 Traci Kut, 717-529-2181 ext. 1127.



OUR GOLDEN TICKET COUNTER

We have given out 373 tickets so far! Our goal for the marking period is two tickets for every learner. As of (9/30/26) every learner has earned at least one ticket and we have 36 learners working towards their 2nd golden ticket!

MP 1 ENDS ON OCTOBER 29TH.

PTO NEWS



PTO MEETING!

Don't forget to join us on Monday, October 5, at 6:00pm for the PTO meeting. The meeting will be held at Bart in the Office. Email the PTO if you need a Zoom link. Everyone is welcome! Hope to see you there!



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. Doumont. If you have any questions, please ask Mrs. Doumont.

CANDLE FUNDRAISER

Candles will be ready for pick up during Fall Fest on October 22, additional pick-up times will be held on October 23. Any questions, please contact Taryn Aukamp, bartpto@gmail.com.

STRASBURG CREAMERY FUNDRAISER

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

Fall Fest

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 drop them off in the office by Monday, October 19.

Our event will be held Thursday, October 22, 4:00-6:00pm. If you are interested in volunteering at the event, please contact Taryn Aukamp at BartPTO@gmail.com or 908-246-1280. Sign-up link to be emailed closer to event.

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

Thanks in advance for all your help.
Bart PTO





October 5	PTO Meeting 6:00pm. Everyone is welcome!
October 9	4th Grade Mobile Ag Lab
October 12	**No School**
October 12	Strasburg Creamery fundraiser 12:00-9:00pm
October 13	5th grade Rockford field trip
October 14	Picture Day - order forms were sent home with each student
October 16	Fire Prevention Day. **WEAR RED to school!**
October 16	Family Connection Carnival at Clermont Elementary 5:30-7:00 PM. Available for all Solanco families. To register: https://tinyurl.com/3vafhp9z
October 21 - 23	Mobile Dentist
October 22	Fall Fest - 4:00-6:00pm. ALL are welcome! Volunteers needed.
October 26	2nd grade "stuffy sleepover"
October 28	Mix It Up Day. **Wear a mis-matched outfit.**
October 29	End of Marking Period 1
October 30	Pancakes with the Principal

November

November 1	**Turn clocks back one hour**
November 2	PTO Meeting 6:00pm. Everyone welcome!
November 2 - 6	Book Fair - More information coming soon!
November 2 - 6	Parent / Teacher Conferences. Sign-ups will be coming from your child's teacher.
November 5	Report Cards go home
November 6	**No School**
November 14	Chicken BBQ 10am-1pm
November 16 – 27	Texas Roadhouse gift card fundraiser
November 18	Picture retake day – Let Mrs. Doumont know if you would like your child's picture retaken.
November 26, 27, 30	**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-I_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 28TH

On Wednesday, October 28th, 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!

Contacting Amber Dewees
Email: amber_dewees@solancosd.org
Phone: 717-529-2181 Ext. 1124



- A student may have up to **10 days absences a school year.** (Doctor's excuse notes and pre-approved Educational Trips do not count toward the 10 total days for the year). If a student is absent more than 10 days, a doctor's note will be required for ALL absences after that.

- Please remember to turn in an excuse note if your child has been absent. If an excuse note is not handed in **within three 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 themselves settled. If your child is late arriving at school after 9:15am, **a parent or guardian must walk them in the office to sign them in or the tardy will be marked illegal.**

- A student arriving late before 11:00am will be marked tardy. A student arriving after 11:00am will be marked absent for ½ day. A student leaving before 2:00pm, will be marked absent for ½ day.

- If your child has an appointment during school hours, **for the time missed to be excused**, **a doctor's note must be turned in.**

  - If you will be picking your child up early from school, **please send in a note or email to your child's teacher and Mrs. Doumont**. This way the teacher can have any missed work ready for your child to take home. It is 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 or email to your child's teacher, or call/email Mrs. Doumont no later than 3:00pm the day of.**

  - Educational Trip forms must be submitted **five days prior** to the trip to be approved. For the trip to be legally excused, it must be educational in nature. Prior attendance records and previous requests will also be considered. Forms are available on-line at www.solancosd.org They are also available in the office.

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COATS FOR ALL

COLLECTING NEW & USED, CLEAN

COATS

Hats, gloves, snowsuits & new socks also accepted.

Donation Drop-off:
October 1-November 13

Drop Off Locations:

Dewald
Funeral & Cremation Services
227 W. 4th St.

OAK HILL
FELLOWSHIP
1 W. 4th St.

NEFF
PHYSICAL THERAPY
203 Commerce Dr.

SOLANCO NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES
14 S. Church St.- Rear

DOLCE VITA
PIZZERIA & GRILL
Musser Plaza, 33 Friendly Dr.

All Solanco Schools

Solid Rock
Youth Ministries
104 E. State St.

"SHOP" FOR COATS:
Friday, 11/20/26, 3-7 PM

Oak Hill Church
1 West 4th Street, Quarryville