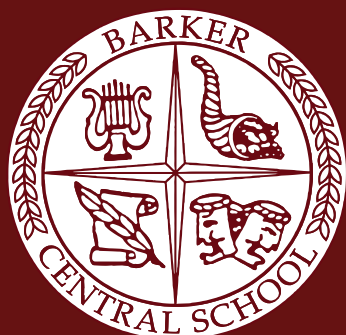


# The Banner



## Annual Budget Vote & Board Member Election

Tuesday, May 15, 2018 from 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Herbert F. Ludwig Fine Arts Hall



*The Pratt Elementary School musical production of "101 Dalmatians Kids" was a huge success for performers in grades 2-6.*

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**VISION:** "Barker Central School will provide the experiences necessary for our students to acquire the knowledge, skills, and traits to succeed intellectually, physically, socially, and emotionally in an ever-changing world."

## A Message From Your Superintendent

This Spring edition of The Banner includes information about the 2018-2019 school budget, a smaller-scale facilities improvement project, various student awards of achievement and recognition, and the announcement of this year's Distinguished Alumni Commencement Speaker. It also serves to announce candidates seeking election/re-election to the school board.

On Tuesday, May 15, 2018, eligible district residents will have the option to vote on the proposed expenditure budget of \$17,057,539 as Proposition #1. This represents a slight decrease from the current year. For the sixth straight year, we have reduced anticipated expenditures to lessen the use of reserves necessary to balance the budget without compromising our primary responsibility to provide quality programs and services for our students.

Also on the ballot will be the option to vote for three open board seats. Incumbents Candice Gancasz, Virginia Voss, and Randall Atwater will seek additional three-year terms. The deadline for submitting applications was Monday, April 16, 2018.

The projected tax rate increase for District homeowners is estimated to be below 2% (1.84%) and well below the NYS Tax Cap allowance. The school budget vote will take place in the Herbert F. Ludwig Auditorium from 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM. You will find additional information about the proposed 2018-2019 school budget on pages 4-6.

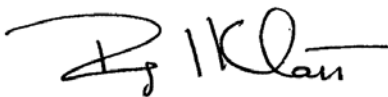
A smaller-scale improvement project or Capital Outlay is an efficient and economical way to make important upgrades to the campus of up to \$100,000. The approval process is much more streamlined than larger-scale projects requiring an extensive State Education Department review and more economical in that the State will reimburse the District at the building-aid rate of 86% in the following year. This general budget allocation of \$100,000 will be used to fund repairs to sidewalks and security enhancements through the installation of additional intruder locks on classroom/office doors.

Best wishes in retirement go to Mrs. Patti Alvarez. Mrs. Alvarez has served the District for the past 21 years with plans to relocate near her children in North Carolina. Her daughter, Kelsey, is a school teacher in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School District and son, Tony, is a graphic designer, also in the Charlotte area.

With the end of the 2017-2018 school year quickly coming to a close, I extend a sincere thank you on behalf of all associated with Barker Central School. We are proud of our students and recognize that their success could not have been possible without your support. It will always be the contributions of individuals and groups, within the school and the community, that will continue to make Barker Central School District stand above the rest.

As the date of my retirement nears, please know that it has been an honor to have served as a school administrator since July of 2000, and as your school superintendent for the past eleven (11) years.

Sincerely,



Dr. Roger J. Klatt



## Best Wishes in Retirement & Celebrating a Job Well Done

Dr. Klatt's decorated career in public education as a teacher, coach, and administrator spans over three (3) decades. His career began as a teacher at Albion where he was named "Educator of the Year" in 1995. Since 2000, Dr. Klatt has served the Barker Central School District as the Middle School Principal (2000-2003), Director of Instructional Services (2003-2006), Assistant Superintendent (2006-2007), and for the past eleven (11) years as our devoted Superintendent of Schools. In 2013, Dr. Klatt accepted the challenge from the Barker and Roy-Hart Boards of Education to be one of only a few shared superintendents in New York State. He continued as the leader of both the Barker and Roy-Hart Districts through 2018.

The Barker Central School District has many accomplishments under Dr. Klatt's leadership during his tenure. To name a couple, the US News and World Report recognized Barker with a "Silver Medal" rating and on two occasions, Business First ranked BCS 2nd out of 429 upstate schools in the area of "Achievement Index".

A few of Dr. Klatt's personal honors include his induction into the Genesee Community College Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame (2015), being selected as "Educational Leader of the Year" by Niagara University (2014), and he received the Coca-Cola Educator of Distinction award in 2010.

As one of the most respected and veteran Superintendents in the area, he has served as the Orleans-Niagara BOCES representative to the House of Delegates, was on the NYS Education Commissioner's Advisory Council, and was a Middle Level Liaison to the State Education Department. Dr. Klatt has presented at state and national conferences and his work has been published and cited in professional journals.

For eighteen (18) years he has put the service to the Barker school/community above himself. The Board of Education and District would like to wish Dr. Roger J. Klatt and his family much health and happiness in the years to come, and a heartfelt thank you for his dedicated service to the district and community. (Please view page 24 for an invitation to Dr. Klatt's retirement dinner.)



### Porter Selected to Address Class of 2018

We are honored to have Mr. Richard Porter address the Class of 2018 at this year's Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Porter, along with his wife, Mary (Wendling) are both graduates of the Class of 1977, and have three married children and three grandchildren.

Mr. Porter has a long family history associated with Barker Central School. His father, Gordon, was a 1943 graduate and his mother taught kindergarten at the District for over 18 years. He suspects that some of the parents of this year's graduating class may have had his mother as a teacher. He also has four siblings who graduated from BCS.

Following his high school graduation, Richard attended NCCC and received an Associate of Science & Math degree, then continued on at the University of Texas Arlington to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. He received his Texas Professional Engineer License in 1995.

Mr. Porter has worked for Lockheed Martin for 34 years, advancing from the position of Design Engineer to his current role as Senior Manager of the Material Review Engineering team. In 1994, he received a US Patent for Method of Modifying Aircraft Strakes. Mr. Porter's work includes designs on F-16, F-22, A-12, and F-35 Military Fighter Aircraft. He currently has 75 employees deployed in locations around the world including Italy, Japan and Taiwan.

Mr. Porter says he remains a Bills fan thru thick and thin, not easy when living in Cowboy Country. He is a lifelong member of United Methodist Church as well as a former boys youth basketball coach, Den Leader, Assistant Scoutmaster and a member of the Boy Scout Order of the Arrow. In addition, he has served the last thirteen years as a member of Lakevue Estates Property Owners Association, the last five years as President.

We welcome Mr. Porter and his family back home to Barker from Burleson, Texas, and look forward to his commencement speech to the Class of 2018.



## Annual Budget Vote

Tuesday, May 15, 2018 from 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM @ Herbert F. Ludwig Fine Arts Hall



**District residents will vote “yes” or “no” for the following proposition:**

### **Proposition #1: BUDGET**

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to spend the sum of \$17,057,539 in the total amount set forth in the proposed Budget during the 2018-2019 school year and to levy the necessary tax.

## Candidates for Board of Education

The Barker Board of Education has three vacant seats for the 2018-2019 school board election. Each seat carries a three-year term. The candidates that returned petitions are listed here in the order they will appear on the ballot:

### **Candice Gancasz**

Candice Gancasz has lived in the Barker area for over 30 years. She and her husband Doug are Barker graduates and have raised their 3 daughters, Alexandra, Savanna, and Madison in the Barker school district. Candice has been employed by VanDeMark Chemical Inc., a global chemical manufacturer, for 29 years. Currently Candice holds the position of Marketing & Inside Sales Manager.

Candice has served on the Barker Central School Board of Education for the last 3 years and has found her time served to be a rewarding experience, learning a great deal working with a dedicated team of people who support our children, their education and our entire school community. She would be honored to continue her service to the community, administration, teachers and students of Barker.

Candice feels there is nothing more important than raising our children in a safe, productive environment that prepares students for a great future.

### **Virginia Voss**

My name is Virginia Voss and I am running for my second term on the Barker school board.

I am a Customer Service Manager at Tops in Lockport where I have worked for 30 years. Eighteen years ago my husband, David - a chemistry teacher at Medina HS, and I chose to move our family to Barker so our four children would get an excellent education while also enjoying the benefits of living in a small community.

Being actively involved in the community and its organizations, and giving back is important to me. I have been fortunate to be able to volunteer at the school in many capacities, as a parent volunteer in the classroom and for special functions. I have also served on several interview committees, including a search for the high school principal, and most recently, the successor to Dr. Klatt, Superintendent.

I have chosen to run for another term on the Board for the same reason that I decided to move to Barker. I want to make sure our small community and Barker Central School District remain a viable part of our area to ensure that all Barker children continue to receive a high quality education. I want future generations to be able to get the same “Barker education” that my children have received.

### **Randall B. Atwater**

My name is Randy Atwater and I reside in the Town of Somerset with my wife, Pam. Our daughters, Anna and Julia, graduated from Barker Central School in 2008 and 2014 respectively.

I am a 1977 graduate of BCS and a 1981 graduate of Union College in Schenectady, NY, with a BS in electrical engineering. After a short engineering career with IBM in Vermont, I returned to the Town of Somerset in 1984. I have been in the dried fruit business since 1986, currently as the international sales manager for Shoreline Fruit, LLC of Traverse City, Michigan.

I have been a member of the Barker Central School Board of Education since 1988. It has been gratifying to see the changes and progress our district has made over the years. Our school plays a central role in our community and I hope to continue working with the Board of Education and the school administration to preserve and strengthen high quality educational opportunities for the children of the district.

## BARKER BUDGET PROPOSAL 2018-19

REVENUES	2018-19	2017-18	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
STATE AID	7,902,915	7,380,524	522,391	7.08%
TAX LEVY	6,215,050	4,237,073	1,977,977	46.68%
PILOT	29,869	2,441,100	-2,411,231	-98.78%
OTHER	400,000	412,000	-12,000	-2.91%
FUND BALANCE	2,509,705	2,627,610	-117,905	-4.49%
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>17,057,539</b>	<b>17,098,307</b>	<b>-40,768</b>	<b>-0.24%</b>

The increase in State Aid is due to an increase in Foundation Aid, Building Aid, and Excess Cost Aid. The Somerset power plant will not have a separate PILOT agreement this school year. The power plant will now be making a tax payment and not a PILOT payment. This results in an increase to the tax levy and a corresponding decrease in PILOT payments.

EXPENDITURES	2018-19	2017-18	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
GENERAL SUPPORT	2,128,681	2,253,947	-125,266	-5.56%
INSTRUCTION	9,654,108	9,525,483	128,625	1.35%
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	1,000,349	1,038,640	-38,291	-3.69%
COMMUNITY SERVICE	29,600	29,500	100	0.34%
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	3,701,588	3,683,237	18,351	0.50%
DEBT SERVICE	418,213	417,500	713	0.17%
INTERFUND TRANSFERS	125,000	150,000	-25,000	-16.67%
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>17,057,539</b>	<b>17,098,307</b>	<b>-40,768</b>	<b>-0.24%</b>

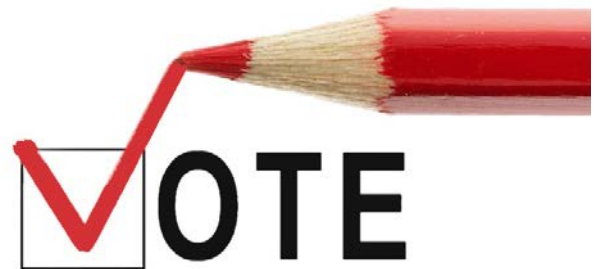
The Interfund Transfers represent a Capital Outlay Project of \$100,000. The District intends to repair existing sidewalks at frequently used entrances to the school as well as replacing older style classroom hardware with intruder style locks.



### Qualifications of a Voter

You qualify as a voter if: you are a citizen of the United States; you have been a resident of the Barker Central School District for at least 30 days prior to the school budget vote and election held on May 15, 2018; you are at least eighteen (18) years of age; you are qualified to register for an election in accordance with Section 5-106 of the Election Law. In addition, you do not need to be a property owner to be eligible to vote.

# School budget



## Detailed Explanation of Expenditure Categories



General Support consists of:

- Board of Education, Central Administration, Finance, Staff, and Special Items.

Instruction consists of:

- Instructional Administration and Improvement (principals' salaries and supply codes, curriculum development, research and planning, and professional development for all professional staff), Teaching Regular School (all regular school teaching salaries, supplies & materials, equipment, textbooks and BOCES services for regular students, including Occupational Education and summer school), School Library and Audiovisual, and Computer-Assisted Instruction (Technology).

Transportation consists of:

- All bussing and fuel.

Pupil Services consists of:

- Attendance, Guidance, Health Services, Psychological Services, Extra-classroom Activities, and Athletics.

Special Education consists of:

- Special Education teacher salaries, supplies & materials, textbooks, CSE and CPSE Committee expenses, contractual costs, private schools tuition, and BOCES special education costs.

Central Services consists of:

- Maintenance and Operation of Plant, (including all maintenance and grounds salaries, supplies & materials, and utilities) and Central Printing/Mailing and Central Data Processing.

Employee Benefits consists of:

- Employees' retirement system employer contributions, teachers' retirement system employer contributions, social security, worker's compensation, unemployment insurance, health insurance and terminal leave payments.

Debt Service consists of:

- Payments of principal and interest on school bond issues and revenue anticipation notes, borrowing costs and interest.

## Ballot Scanner System Now in Third Year of Use

This will mark the third year using the electronic scanning machines for the budget vote and School Board member election. If you are unfamiliar with the process, we will have instructions, samples of the two-sided ballots, and people on site to assist you.

The ballot scanner system is a portable electronic voting system that uses an optical scanner to read marked paper ballots and tally the results. This system allows for paper ballots to be immediately tabulated at the polling site. The system will also notify you of any voting errors. You will be able to immediately correct these errors to ensure that "Your Vote Counts!"

## Reimer Selected as Next Superintendent of Barker Central Schools

The Barker Board of Education at its April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting selected Mr. Jacob L. Reimer as the District's new Superintendent of Schools, effective July 1, 2018, after the retirement of Dr. Roger Klatt. The Board action culminates a six month search process that attracted 18 candidates for the position. Drs. William Silky and Suzanne Gilmour of Castallo & Silky LLC in Syracuse served as consultants to the Board during the search process.

Mr. Reimer is presently Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources in the Brockport Central School District. Mr. Reimer was a classroom science teacher in Webster and Rochester schools before his career in school administration. Mr. Reimer also served as Director of Finance and Instructional Technology in Marion Central School District for eight years where he had a broad range of administrative responsibilities.



*Mr. Jacob Reimer, will begin duties at Barker Central School on July 1<sup>st</sup>. (Photo courtesy of Connor Hoffman/ Union-Sun & Journal.)*

The Barker Board of Education believes that Mr. Reimer's experience and educational philosophy will enable him to navigate the challenges unique to the Barker School District while building on past successes. His management style is collaborative and student focused.

Board President, Randy Atwater stated, "The Board was very impressed with Jake's passion and enthusiasm for Barker and he rose to the top of a strong list of candidates for the Superintendent's position. We are delighted to have him committed to being our next Superintendent."

The Board would like to thank the volunteers who served on the various committees that met with our finalists. For those who participated, your input has been important and appreciated.

### News Around BCS

Musicals, classroom activities, art and writing contests, community events and recognition for academics, athletics, art and music are all topics for "News Around BCS." Over the next 17 pages you'll read about some of the many highlights of Barker Central School students from January-April.

The BCS Musical Theater production of *Anything Goes* (directed by Mrs. Cheryl Johnson) on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> had over 900 patrons attend the performances. Approximately 70 students, 15 staff, and many community volunteers participated in the show. The Pratt Elementary

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*1<sup>st</sup> graders posed as scientists for PARP in March.*



production of *101 Dalmatians Kids* (organized by Mrs. Andrea Nobles, Mrs. Christine Donovan, Miss Aileen Hinton and Mrs. Erin Goodlander) had around 80 students from grades 2-6 participate. The two shows on March 23<sup>rd</sup> drew 750 attendees. Thank you to the many volunteers who assisted to help put together successful performances for both groups.

March was “Pick a Reading Partner” month with a scientist themed “Pick a Research Partner” campaign. Students had pictures taken with scientist themed props and also viewed presentations, complete with animals, from the Buffalo Zoo Mobile team (3<sup>rd</sup> graders at right).



With a need for water safety instruction, children ages 5-10 were given the opportunity to be part of the “Building Your Swimmer One Stroke at a Time” program (right).

The classes were run through the District’s Adult/Community Education program. Instruction was provided by Mr. Bill Wilson, his wife Lynn, Mrs. Beth VeRost and other certified lifeguards. Instruction focused on reinforcing swimming skills and water safety and to help the participants feel more comfortable and safe in the water. Parents were also encouraged to become knowledgeable about water safety.



## Pi Day Contest Winners

On Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> (Pi Day) the annual Pi Day Memorizing Contest took place at Barker Jr./Sr. High School. The five finalists had over 140 digits of pi memorized. Kaedynce Schumacher defended her title from 2017, placing 1<sup>st</sup> overall for the second straight year. Order of finish (and pictured L-R): Kaedynce Schumacher (1<sup>st</sup>), Natalie D’Arata (2<sup>nd</sup>), Keith Robison (3<sup>rd</sup>), Cameron Kiner (4<sup>th</sup>), Jon Pestinger (5<sup>th</sup>). Each of the five finalists won \$3.14 on their lunch charge and Schumacher also was awarded a Pi Day shirt.







## 6<sup>th</sup> Grader Shows Compassion for Sick Children

During the months of December and January, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students at Pratt Elementary collected can tabs for Ronald McDonald House Charities of Western New York. 6<sup>th</sup> grade student, Serenity Rosati, initiated the collection. Rosati wanted to help families with sick children. Mrs. DeMallie helped Serenity to organize the project. The two decided to make the can tab collection a contest between the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes. 5<sup>th</sup> graders collected the most tabs in December, with Jillian Wilson being the biggest contributor. Rosati contributed the most tabs in January, helping the 6<sup>th</sup> graders to lead the way for that month. Serenity Rosati (left) and Jillian Wilson (right) are pictured with the can tabs they collected.

## Donate Life Busy with March & April Events

April was Donate Life Month and April 13<sup>th</sup> was National Blue and Green Day in support of organ and tissue donation. Some students and staff wore a light blue and/or lime green shirt to show their support on that day. The annual Donate Life 3.5 mile Fun Run & Walk took place on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Lydia Dewart (BCS Class of 2017) and Mr. Sam Monaco were the 3.5 mile race winners. 2<sup>nd</sup> grader William Bundrock won the 1 mile race. A UNYTS Blood Drive took place on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.



*Donate Life Club members on race day.*



## Thing 1 & Thing 2 Found in Mrs. Luckman's Classroom

Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> was Dr. Seuss's birthday, but due to weather conditions which forced the closing of school that day, Mrs. Luckman's class had to wait until Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the event. The students wore Thing 1 and Thing 2 shirts to go along with hats they made to pay tribute to Dr. Seuss.



## Barker Alum Discusses Entrepreneurship and Photography with BCS Students

Photographer and entrepreneur Erika Moeller, BCS Class of 2016, spoke with students in EClub and the HS Art classes about starting up her photography business. Erika shared her portfolio of work, spoke about what inspired her and gave great advice to everyone on being an entrepreneur. Erika said, "Being able to come back to Barker and have the opportunity to speak to the students was such a great experience! My hope was to inspire them to keep reaching towards their goals and growing as an artist, whether it be in photography or art in general."



“I learned that it takes a lot of commitment to start a business. Always put 100% into something you want to do,” shared Paige Sandolfini after the presentation. Morgan Phillips said, “My favorite part was getting to look at all the beautiful pictures. I learned that it’s rewarding to do what you love.”

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## Empty Bowls Help to Feed Western New York

Portfolio class students and EClub members made ceramic and plaster bowls to donate to Empty Bowls 2018. Empty Bowls is held in conjunction with the Buffalo Soup Fest and all proceeds from the sale of the bowls benefit Friends of Night People. Friends of Night People is a charitable organization that provides food, clothing, medical care and counseling to the poor and homeless in Buffalo. Participating in Empty Bowls is an opportunity for students to learn how art can address social issues and that they can do something, collectively, and individually, about the problems around us to make a positive difference in other people’s lives. Their bowl’s design expressed a concern or solution related to poverty and hunger. “The design of my bowl relates to harvest time,” said Portfolio student Kylie Miller. “People need to help each other and harvest not only food for each other, but also love.”



*(L-R): Larcey Dwyer and Kaitlyn Carmer work on their bowls, Kylie Miller displays her artwork.*



## Gendrue's Artwork Selected for Future Curators Exhibit

Congratulations to Sara Gendrue on her work, *Gone*, being selected for the 2018 AK Teens: Future Curators exhibition. Gendrue's artwork was on display at the Buffalo Center for Arts and Technology, from April 12-23.

## Sr. High Student Artwork Featured at Several Area Shows

Upcoming dates for shows featuring Barker High School student artwork are listed below. All are cordially invited to attend the shows and support our student artists.

- 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Storrs All High Photography Show at the Kenan Center Gallery: through Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Villa Maria College 24<sup>th</sup> Annual High School Juried Photography Exhibition: May 10-27. Opening reception: Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00 PM at Villa Maria College.
- Barker High School Student Art Show: May 15-June 2. Opening reception: Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 PM at Barker Public Library.
- Western New York Federation of Women's Club 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Helen P. Kelley Memorial Art Show: Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> - Holland, New York.
- Niagara Police Athletic League Art, Music and Theater Art Gala at Castellani Art Museum (Niagara University): Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM.
- Barker High School Portfolio Class Art Show: Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the Herbert F. Ludwig Auditorium Foyer at the Barker Sr. High School Honors and Awards Night.

## Miller & Gregoire Win Art Awards

10 Sr. High School art students have their photography on view at the Kenan Center Gallery in Lockport for the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Storrs All High Photo Show. The show, which runs through May 11<sup>th</sup>, had awards presented in 16 categories. The Next Vision Award for Excellence was won by Kylie Miller for her photograph *Fictional Oasis* (shown at far right). Ciara Gregoire was the merit award winner for her photograph *Old Shoes* (right).





## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Gifted & Talented Students Present Career Projects

From late February-through April 20<sup>th</sup>, students in Mrs. Phillips's Gifted and Talented 6<sup>th</sup> grade enrichment class were tasked with a research project on a future career of their choice and what it takes to be successful in that field. The students had to investigate how math relates to that field also had to interview someone in their career choice. They were required to integrate technology and use their artistic and ELA skills to create a beautiful presentation to share their research. Students filled out a questionnaire about their likes, hobbies, and favorite subjects to help them decide what subject they would choose.

They also had the opportunity to attend a presentation by photographer and former Barker art teacher, Jim Stephens (pictured at right). Students were able to view his work and learn about his photography equipment.

Students (pictured below L-R with Mrs. Phillips) chose the following careers:

- Addison Szafranski: Interior Designer
- Michayla Greene: Photographer
- Emma Evans: Zoologist/ Rainforest Researcher
- Meredith Black: Dance Choreographer
- Cole Carnes: Photographer
- Andreas Nestoros: Marine Biologist
- Keira Dalton: Photographer
- Natalie Brandel: Photographer
- Lucas DerSarkissian: Farmer
- Rachel Sutter: Astronaut



**Gifted &  
Talented**

## Students Learn About Farm to Table Food Preparation

Throughout the school year, Pratt Elementary students have learned about the process of food from farm to table and how to prepare food to make things like cole slaw and mozzarella sticks. Cornell Co-Op has worked with 3<sup>rd</sup> graders several times through a “Cooking with Kids” initiative to educate them on food production, distribution, preparation and recycling. All elementary grades levels were taught “Farm, Food and You” which taught them about farming and how food is grown and prepared so that it can be put in stores and ultimately arrive in the home.



(Top-Bottom): Bryce Hirschman works on a farm coloring sheet, 3<sup>rd</sup> graders display the order of farm to table.

## Earth Day Poster Contest Winners



Winners of the 2018 Earth Day Poster Contest are shown (L-R) with Mrs. Phillips and Mr. Hoar.

- Kasey Thering (Kindergarten)
- Milayna May (2<sup>nd</sup> grade)
- Ashton Ark (3<sup>rd</sup> grade)
- Briley Huwyler (4<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Summer Duchow (5<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Meredith Black (6<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Jaivion Peterkin (1<sup>st</sup> grade), not pictured

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Finish in Auto Show Poster Contest

3<sup>rd</sup> grader Dominic Cimato, placed third in the Elementary School Division of the 2018 Buffalo Auto Show Poster Contest. Cimato was congratulated for “taking the time to design, create and submit such an outstanding poster.” Dominic attended the awards presentation at *The Buffalo News* on March 20<sup>th</sup> where he received his prizes and was recognized with the other contest winners. The contest was sponsored by *The Buffalo News*, Darien Lake and Dunkin’ Donuts.





## Choral Honors for Many

Congratulations to the students (and their directors: Mr. Burke, Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Rappold) who received All County and Area All State recognition for chorus and band.

(Clockwise from upper right) **Jr. High Chorus Recognition** (L-R): *Paris Moffitt (Jr. High Area All State Chorus & Jr. High All County Chorus)*, *Elizabeth Hopkins (Jr. High Area All State Chorus & Jr. High All County Chorus)*, *Brent Johnson (Jr. High Area All State Chorus)*, *Lilly Monthony (Jr. High All County Chorus)*, *Thomas Harris (Jr. High All County Chorus)*, *Lucinda Ingro (Jr. High All County Chorus)*.



**Jr. High Chorus Recognition** (Front L-R): *Tyler Hillman (Jr. High All County Chorus)*, *Max Meister (Jr. High All County Chorus)*, *Keith Robison (Jr. High All County Chorus)*. (Middle L-R): *Faith Giarla (Jr. High Area All State Chorus)*, *Elinore Voss (Jr. High Area All State Chorus & Jr. High All County Chorus)*, *Joseph Cantella (Jr. High Area All State Chorus & Jr. High All County Chorus)* (Back L-R): *Cole Ecker (Jr. High All County Chorus)*, *Sarah Outten (Jr. High All County Chorus)*.



**Sr. High Recognition** (L-R): *Piper Moffitt (Sr. High Area All State Chorus & Sr. High All County Chorus)*, *Bailey Forton (Sr. High Area All State Chorus)*, *Kaitlynn Dauphinee (Sr. High All County Chorus)*.



**Elementary All Country Chorus** (L-R): *Neila Johnson*, *Natalie Brandel*, *Alexis Dauphinee*.







## Band Distinction at All Levels

(Clockwise from upper left) **Jr. High Recognition** (L-R): *Lucinda Ingro-Trumpet (Jr. High All County Band)*, *Natalie D'Arata-French Horn (Jr. High All County Band)*, *Kaitlyn Goodwin-Clarinet (Jr. High All County Band)*, *Alexander DerSarkissian-Trumpet (Jr. High Area All State Band, Jr. High All County Band, Jr. High All County Jazz Ensemble)*.

**Sr. High All County Band** (L-R): *Kaitlynn Dauphinee-Contra Bass Clarinet*, *Jessica Haseley-Clarinet*, *Mr. Rappold-Band Director*.



**Jr. High Recognition** (L-R): *Ella Gooding-French Horn (Jr. High All County Band)*, *Carla Stoloski-Alto Saxophone (Jr. High All County Band)*, *Elinore Voss-Trombone (Jr. High All County Band, Jr. High All County Jazz Ensemble)*, *Lena Fazzolari-French Horn (Jr. High All County Band)*.

**Elementary All County Band** (Front L-R): *Lucas DerSarkissian-Alto Saxophone*, *Caleb Pierce-Tuba*. (Back L-R): *Meredith Black-Bassoon*, *Samantha Murphy-Clarinet*, *Anna Bowerman-Flute*.



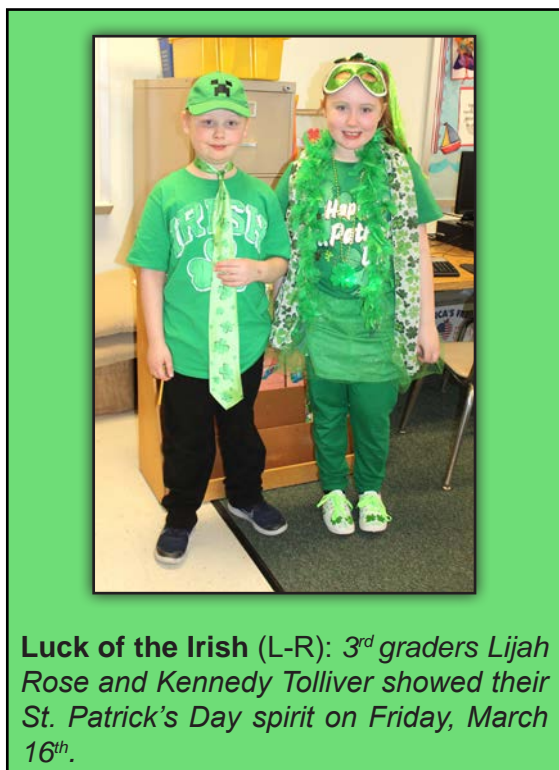
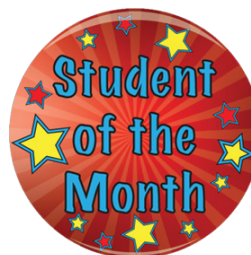
## Avon Study Club Poetry & Short Story Writing Contest

The Avon Study Club recently held a contest for youth poetry and short story writing. Elementary awards were given in categories K-2 and 3-5. A short story, such as Michael Kalynycz's entry "Flight", was limited to 2000 words. Poetry could be any style and had to be a minimum of eight lines. Out of 42 entries from grades 1-5, Pratt Elementary had two winners three winners from Mrs. Zablocki's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class and one each from Mrs. Donovan's 1<sup>st</sup> grade and Mrs. Ober's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class:

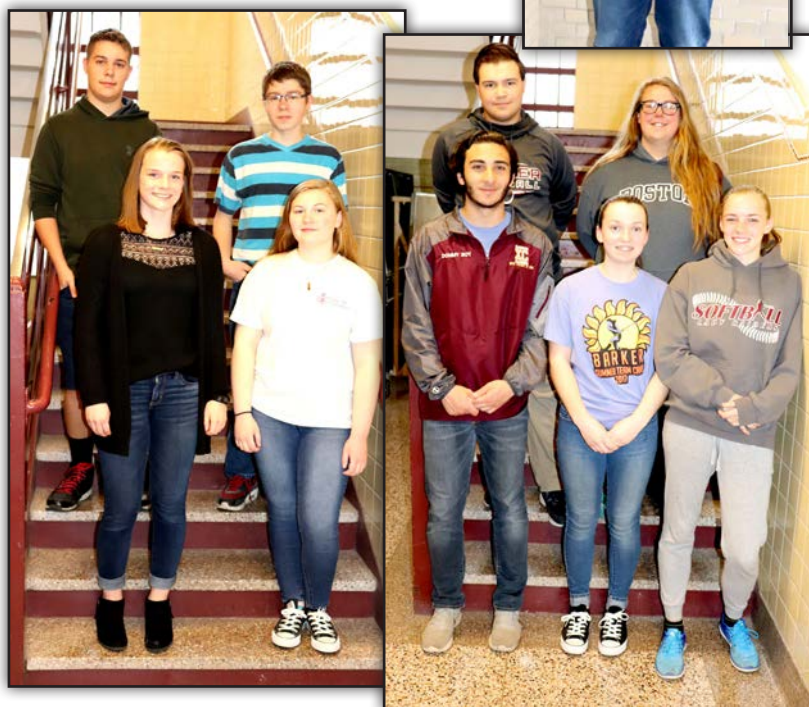


- Areanna Reinard, Grade 2: 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Category 1 Poetry - "Christmas"
- Milayna May, Grade 2: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Category 1 Poetry - "Christmas"
- Zoey Quiett, Grade 1: 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Category 1 Short Story - "The Magical Sled"
- Fiona Dalton, Grade 1: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Category 1 Short Story - "The Flying Sled"
- Michael Kalynycz, Grade 5: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Category 2 Short Story - "Flight"

The winners and their parents were invited by Club representative Karen Davis to attend a special Avon Study Club gathering Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Dessert was served and each student was given the opportunity to read his/her story or poem.



**Luck of the Irish (L-R):** 3<sup>rd</sup> graders Lijah Rose and Kennedy Tolliver showed their St. Patrick's Day spirit on Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.







## Barker Jr./Sr. High School Students of the Month:

(Clockwise from upper left) **Sr. HS January/February 2018** (Left, L-R): Adam Wagner, Grace Harris.

**Sr. HS January/February 2018** (Left, L-R): Austin Sullivan, Robert Burnett, Jessica Haseley. (Back, L-R): Elinore Voss, Kylie Annable, Luca Spagnolo, Jessalyn Coen, Chloe Lee.

**Jr. HS January/February 2018** (Left, L-R): *Mr. Carter, Sarah Urban, Bryce Broeker, Mauricio Ortiz Lara, Ariana Peace.*

**Jr. HS JMarch/April 2018** (L-R): *Catherine Mallon, Alexander White, Jessica Bautista-Lopez, Cameron Kiner, Mr. Carter.*

(Opposite page, clockwise from upper right) **Sr. HS March/April 2018**: William Goodlander.

**Sr. HS March/April 2018** (Front, L-R): Dominic Clementi, Cara Fox, Morgan Sczcepaniak. (Back, L-R): John Costello, Kylie Miller.

**Sr. HS March/April 2018** (Front, L-R): Carla Stoloski, Brianna Bachman. (Back L-R): Joshua Donner, Zachary Murell.





## Pratt Elementary Bucket Fillers

(Clockwise from upper right) **Bucket Fillers, December 2017** (L-R): *Harmoni Carpenter, Grant Ginivan, Conor Baker, Hunter Bundrock, Parker Johnson, Isabella Marvin, Mr. Hoar.*

**Bucket Fillers, January 2018** (L-R): *Fiona Dalton, Savannah Kelsey, Wyatt Upton, Till Brinson, Sophia Tatu, Greyson Heitzenrater, Mr. Hoar.*

**February 2018** (L-R): *Kalynn Sturtevant, Isabella Baran, Oliver Johnson, Laylah Lodwick, Lily Ecker, John Murphy II, Bennet Lawson, Mr. Hoar.*

**December 2017** (L-R): *Mr. Hoar, Maxwell Liuzzi.*

**December 2017** (L-R): *Mr. Hoar, Nicholas Ruvio.*







## Pratt Elementary Bucket Fillers

(Clockwise from upper left) **Bucket Fillers, March 2018** (L-R): Mr. Hoar, Hudson Prynne, Ariane Watts, Adalyn Snell, Carson Costello, Alexis Carges, Kolt Wilson, Jaivion Peterkin.

**January 2018** (L-R): Noralie Pierce, Mr. Hoar.

**January 2018** (L-R): George Schaner Jr., Mr. Hoar.

**February 2018** (L-R): Mr. Hoar, Anthony Parmley, Jr.

**March 2018** (L-R): Atticus Janese, Mr. Hoar.



## Pratt Elementary Students of the Month:

(Below L-R) **February 2018** (L-R): Mr. Hoar, Adler Detschner, Lucas Kimber, Fallyn Mescall, Peyton Hirschman.

**February 2018** (L-R): Mr. Hoar, Lilly Dyet.





## Pratt Elementary Students of the Month:

(Top to bottom) **January 2018** (L-R): Britton Brady, Ava Crenshaw, Matthew Meza-Ray, Chelsey Bilby, Lucas DerSarkissian, Mr. Hoar.

**March 2018** (L-R): Elise Monaco, Victoria Poyfair, Rebecca Thering, Owen Harris, Ben Harrod, Mr. Hoar.

**April 2018** (L-R): Brisset Lopez Paz, Nikolas Klopfer, Preston Tylec, Ryan Fisk, Serenity Rosati, Mr. Hoar.



## Having Fun at Pratt

**Swing time** (L-R): Lillyana Reyes and Brisset Lopez Paz enjoy some time on the playground. **Hanging Out** (L-R): Brianna Chavez-Perez and William Bundrock at the playground in April.



## Winter Athletes and Teams Recognized for Athletic & Academic Achievement

Barker athletes in the pool, on the court, on the mat, and in the classroom had great success during the winter sport season. Prestigious individual honors and team recognition are included in this issue. Congratulations to our current athletes and an alumnus for all the accolades received. To view even more athletics information please be sure to visit [www.barkercsd.net](http://www.barkercsd.net).

**Dominic Clementi, Collin Webb, Andrew Jenks and Adam Wagner** comprised the 200 Medley Relay, 200 Free Relay and 400 Free Relay teams. The accomplishments of this quartet included:

- Section VI Class C Championship, 1<sup>st</sup> Place - 200 Medley Relay
- Section VI Class C Championship, 1<sup>st</sup> Place - 200 Free Relay
- Niagara-Orleans Championship, 1<sup>st</sup> Place - 200 Medley Relay
- Niagara-Orleans Championship, 1<sup>st</sup> Place - 200 Free Relay
- School Record Breaker - 200 Medley Relay
- School Record Breaker - 200 Free Relay
- School Record Breaker - 400 Free Relay



### Individual Accomplishments for Andrew Jenks:

- Class C Championship, 1<sup>st</sup> Place - 200 Individual Medley
- Niagara-Orleans Championship, 1<sup>st</sup> Place - 200 Individual Medley and 100 Butterfly

### Individual Accomplishments for Collin Webb:

- NYSPHSAA Swim Championship Qualifier - 50 Freestyle, 100 Freestyle
- Section VI Class C Championship, 1<sup>st</sup> Place - 50 Freestyle, 100 Freestyle
- Section VI Class C - Outstanding Swimmer of the Meet
- Niagara-Orleans Championship, 1<sup>st</sup> Place - 50 Freestyle, 100 Freestyle
- Niagara-Orleans League Boys Swimming Sportsmanship Award
- School Record Breaker - 100 Freestyle, holds the 50 Freestyle record (set in 2017)



**NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete Teams:** Four Barker winter sport teams earned New York State Public High School Athletic Association Scholar-Athlete recognition for their academic achievement. All of the following teams had at least a 90.00 average by 75% of the roster:

- Boys Basketball
- Girls Basketball
- Boys Swimming
- Girls Swimming



**Niagara-Orleans League Boys Individual Swim Champions (L-R):** *Dominic Clementi, Collin Webb, Andrew Jenks, Adam Wagner.*





(Left to right from upper left)  
**Section VI All-Western New York Scholar-Athletes (L-R):**  
*Kylie Miller, Sarah Mason.*

**Barker Girls Swim Record Breakers (L-R):** *Chloe Goodlander, Natalie Bruning, Natalie Menz and Sara Gendrue.*

**Niagara-Orleans League Wrestling Champion:**  
*Andrew Schafer, 145 lbs.*



**Niagara PAL Athletes (L-R):** *Natalie Menz, Collin Webb, Olivia Denny.*

The winter sports season had 576 nominations for the Section VI All-WNY Scholar-Athlete Award. There were 123 winners and 30 repeat winners. Sarah Mason was one of those who won the award for the second time. Kylie Miller was a first time recipient. Pictures for the winners appeared in *The Buffalo News* on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. The full list of winners and honorable mention athletes, which includes additional Barker athletes is listed on the Section VI website.



Natalie Menz and Collin Webb were honored on February 18<sup>th</sup> as Barker's Niagara PAL Prep Athletes of the Year. Menz and Webb were recognized for their outstanding athletic careers at the Niagara Police Athletic League's 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Sports Awards dinner in Niagara Falls. Also, earning an award was 2014 Barker graduate Olivia Denny. Denny was named the Female Athlete of the Year which goes to the top graduating collegiate athlete in the county. Olivia will graduate this spring from the University of Rochester where she had a decorated field hockey career.

Chloe Goodlander, Natalie Bruning, Natalie Menz and Sara Gendrue were the four members of the girls swimming school record breaking 200 Medley Relay team. In addition to the team accomplishment Sara Gendrue also took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 100 Breaststroke at the Niagara-Orleans Championships. Gendrue also holds the 200 Individual Medley record, which she set in 2017.



**Pembroke Winter Chill All-Tournament Team**  
 (Left, L-R): *Gabby Baker, Head Girls Basketball Coach Jon Dewart.*



**Exceptional Senior Basketball All Stars** (Right, L-R): *Haley Brown, Malik Smith.*



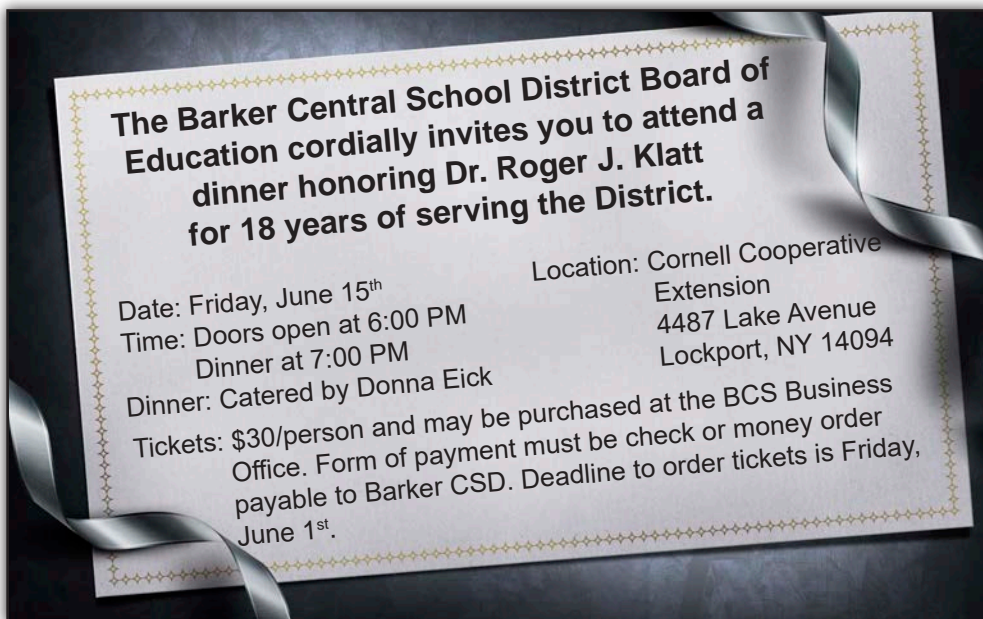
**Niagara-Orleans League Champions & Niagara-Orleans League Sportsmanship Award, Boys Swim Team** (L-R): *Front - William Goodlander, Nathaniel Heideman, Drew Sandolfini, Zachary Lawson, Joseph Baronich. Middle - Ryan Stevener, Dominic Clementi, Alexander Jenks, Michael Dalton, Adam Wagner. Back - Assitant Coach Bill Wilson, Andrew Jenks, Collin Webb, Ryan Santarsiero, David Newton, Head Coach Michael Gendrue. Not pictured: Patrick Dwyer.*



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*Dakotah Leising created the watercolor Winter Sunset.*



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