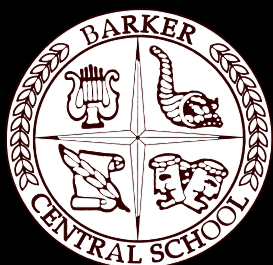


The Banner



School Budget Vote and Board Member Election Issue



5th graders at Pratt Elementary School raised awareness for Bleeding Disorders Month in March by wearing red ties. To read more about their story, please turn to page 9.

School Budget Vote & Board of Education Election

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

12:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Herbert F. Ludwig Fine Arts Hall

For complete budget information and candidates for the Board of Education please check out pages 4-7.

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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



Dear Resident,

This edition of *The Banner* includes the announcement of this year's Distinguished Alumni Commencement Speaker, detailed information about the 2016–2017 school budget, a heartfelt thank you to a Board of Education member who has given years of dedicated service to the school and community, and updates on recent events at BCS.

The School District Budget Notice will be issued soon to all residents for review and consideration. To provide additional information on the budget vote and school board election, included within is the Budget Summary Report. The report provides a detailed explanation of Expenditure Categories for the budget, the qualifications of a voter, as well as information on the district residents interested in serving on the Board of Education.

The school board is presenting an expenditure budget of \$17,997,507 which represents a 1.74% decrease in spending compared to 2015-2016. This is the fifth consecutive year in which the expenditure budget has been decreased to reflect the decline in enrollment and funding. In order to continue sustaining a comprehensive offering of student programs and services, we will continue collaborative endeavors with the Roy-Hart Central School District by having a shared superintendent, a shared director of technology, as well as merged sports programs such as football and wrestling. We will also continue efforts to combine programs and services where appropriate. Additional savings are also being achieved through internal consolidation of the superintendent's office staffing. These efforts will allow us to work within a proposed budget under the legal tax cap limit, and to meet the government efficiency plan which requires an additional 1% equivalent savings to the tax levy or approximately \$42,000 through shared services. These resulting efforts will once again allow eligible district residents to receive a tax rebate check to offset increases in school taxes.

In addition to presenting the annual expenditure budget or Proposition 1, there will be a second proposition or Proposition 2, which is to request voter authorization to fund repairs from the existing capital improvement reserve. The necessary repairs, made at no additional costs to taxpayers, include roof replacement, replacement of exterior doors and interior hardware to be code compliant.

Mr. William Smith announced his retirement from the Board of Education. We want to thank him for his many years of dedication to the school and community. More about his and other employee retirements can be found on page 8. To fill the vacancy, interested district residents submitted applications to serve as members of the school board. There are two seats available. One of the candidates, Mrs. Mary Jo Clemens-Harris, is a current board member seeking re-election, the other resident submitting a petition is Mrs. Heather Ecker. Candidate bios can be found on page 6.

Given the mild winter we experienced, and no emergency situations requiring the use of "snow days," the school calendar will now include Friday, May 27, 2016 as part of the Memorial Day Weekend. Therefore, there will be no school on Friday, May 27th.

Thank you for your continued support of the school, and as always, should you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 716-795-3832.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. J. Klatt". The signature is fluid and stylized, with a large initial "R" and "J" and a clear "Klatt" at the end.

Dr. Roger J. Klatt

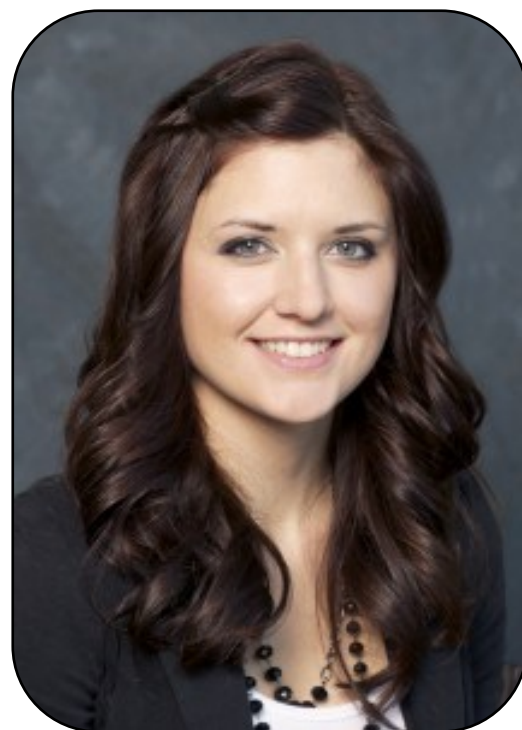


Distinguished Alumni Commencement Speaker

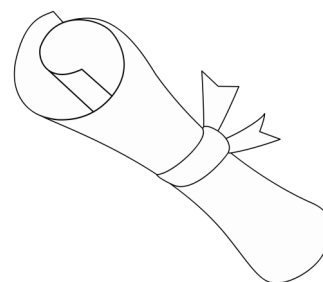
We are honored to have Mrs. Valerie (Richardson) Hetrick address the Class of 2016 at this year's commencement ceremony on Saturday, June 25 at 9:30 AM. After high school, Valerie (Richardson) Hetrick, Class of 2007, went on to attend Daemen College, where she graduated with a BS/MS in Physician Assistant Studies. Upon completion of her degree, she began working at Invision Health in Williamsville, NY in Internal Medicine, where she stayed for 3 years. In 2015, she married 2003 Barker Graduate, Karl Hetrick. They bought a house in Gasport in 2015, which prompted Valerie to change jobs. She is currently practicing as a physician assistant under Dr. Patricia Danaher in Newfane, and is a member of the American Academy of Physicians Assistants.

Mrs. Hetrick's occupation allows her to have a direct and positive impact by helping those around her. She continues that interaction outside of work by being an active member of the community as a lector at Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Barker, as well as an actor in the Marjim Manor Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre.

We welcome Mrs. Hetrick back home to Barker and look forward to her commencement speech.



Valerie (Richardson) Hetrick
BCS Class of 2007
2016 Distinguished Alumni
Commencement Speaker



Annual Budget Vote & Board Member Election

Tuesday, May 17, 2016
12:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Herbert F. Ludwig Fine Arts Hall

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

Proposition #1: BUDGET

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to spend the sum of \$17,997,507 in the total amount set forth in the proposed Budget during the 2016-2017 school year and to levy the necessary tax.

Proposition #2: CAPITAL PROJECT

Shall the Board of Education of the Barker Central School District, Niagara County, New York, be authorized to undertake a District improvement project consisting of the reconstruction and/or alterations to the Central School Building and the Elementary School Building, the undertaking of related site work and the purchase of original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required in connection with the purposes for which such building is used, and to expend therefore, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, in an amount of \$1,900,000; and that shall be funded by the application of \$1,900,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund of the District.

Capital Project Proposition

The District will have a Capital Project Proposition before the voters at the Annual Budget Vote on May 17, 2016. It will be Proposition #2. This project is primarily to replace the roofs circa 1985 in the Central Building. Other improvements will include replacing some exterior doors in the Central Building near the gym and pool as well as some exterior doors in the Pratt Building. Internal classroom door hardware in the Central Building and the Pratt Building will be replaced in order to be code compliant. Physical education lockers also need to be replaced for safety reasons. The cost of the project is approximately \$1,900,000. The entire project will be financed through the Capital Reserve. The Capital Reserve has been established in order to finance just such projects. Since the entire project will be covered by the Capital Reserve, there will be no increase to the tax levy and no impact on the District taxpayers.





Budget Summary

BARKER BUDGET PROPOSAL 2016-17

EXPENDITURES	2015-16 Approved Budget	2016-17 Proposed Budget	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
GENERAL SUPPORT	\$2,432,014	\$2,370,413	-\$61,601	-2.53%
INSTRUCTION	\$9,490,281	\$9,402,022	-\$88,259	-0.93%
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	\$1,127,017	\$1,073,062	-\$53,955	-4.79%
COMMUNITY SERVICE	\$40,950	\$37,950	-\$3,000	-7.33%
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$4,000,130	\$3,820,035	-\$180,095	-4.50%
DEBT SERVICE	\$1,147,100	\$1,194,025	\$46,925	4.09%
INTERFUND TRANSFERS	\$77,980	\$100,000	\$22,020	28.24%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$18,315,472	\$17,997,507	-\$317,965	-1.74%

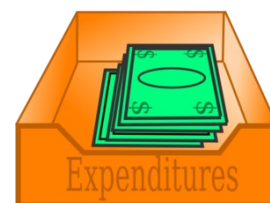
Debt service increase is due to final principal payment on bond from 2003.

Interfund transfer is increased due to Capital Outlay of \$25,000 for a District wide project to upgrade the fire alarm system.

REVENUES	2015-16 Approved Budget	2016-17 Proposed Budget	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
STATE AID	\$7,686,847	\$7,999,224	\$312,377	4.06%
TAX LEVY	\$4,072,543	\$4,153,994	\$81,451	2.00%
PILOT	\$3,033,600	\$2,737,350	-\$296,250	-9.77%
OTHER	\$483,056	\$421,000	-\$62,056	-12.85%
FUND BALANCE	\$3,039,426	\$2,685,939	-\$353,487	-11.63%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$18,315,472	\$17,997,507	-\$317,965	-1.74%

Detailed Explanation of Expenditure Categories

- General Support** consists of:
 Board of Education, Central Administration, Business Office, Maintenance and Operation of Plant, (including all maintenance and grounds salaries, supplies & materials, and utilities), Central Printing/Mailing and Central Data Processing.
- 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, Computer-Assisted Instruction (Technology), Special Education Teacher Salaries, Supplies & Materials, Textbooks, CSE and CPSE Committee Expenses, Contractual Costs, Private Schools Tuition, BOCES Special Education Costs, Attendance, Guidance, Health Services, Psychological Services, Extra-Classroom Activities, Athletics.
- Pupil Transportation** consists of:
 All Bussing and Fuel for Regular Transportation, Field Trips and Athletic Events.
- Community Service** consists of:
 Adult Education, BOCES Summer School, Summer Recreation.
- Employee Benefits** consists of:
 Employees' Retirement System Employer Contributions, Teachers' Retirement System Employer Contributions, Social Security, Worker's Compensation, Unemployment Insurance, Health Insurance.
- Debt Service** consists of:
 Payments of Principal and Interest on School Bond Issues, Revenue Anticipation, Note Borrowing Costs and Interest.
- Interfund Transfers** consists of:
 Transfers from the General Fund to the School Lunch Fund, the Special Aid Fund or the Capital Fund.



Candidates for Board of Education

The Barker Board of Education has two vacant seats for the 2016-2017 School Board election for a three year term each. The candidates that returned petitions are listed here in the order they will appear on the ballot:



been faced with economic challenges, while ensuring our children receive the best possible education in order to prepare them for their future endeavors. I want to have a direct impact on their education while serving and supporting you and our children.

Mrs. Heather Ecker

My name is Heather Ecker. I have lived in Barker for 19 years. I married my husband Scott, who is a lifelong resident and graduate of Barker. I received my undergraduate degree in government from St. Lawrence University and my masters from Canisius College. Since 1996, I have been a Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing at Orleans Niagara BOCES working with children in grades K-12. Our three children currently attend the Barker School District: Evan is in 10th grade, Cole is in 7th grade and Lily is in Pre-K. I enjoy reading, painting, photography and vacationing with my family. My children are involved in sports and the music department at school. I love cheering them on while watching them do the activities they enjoy.

As a parent and resident of Barker, I feel it is important to be involved in the education of our children. School districts across the state have

Mrs. Mary Jo Clemens-Harris

Mrs. Mary Jo Clemens-Harris is a 1986 graduate of Barker Central School and looking forward to her 30th reunion this summer. She is employed as a NYS licensed optician and has been in the profession most of her life. Seeking a second term, she enjoys serving on the board and believes being a board member is a constant learning process.

She and her husband, George, enjoy living in the village and raising their son, Wes in the district. Wes will start high school in the fall and is active in the school's music programs.

Mrs. Clemens's goal is to help Barker Central continue the tradition of providing a complete and successful education for all students.

New Voting Experience on Tuesday, May 17, 2016



Please note that the school board election and budget vote will be held in the Herbert F. Ludwig Auditorium from 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM on Tuesday, May 17, 2016.

This will mark our first vote using the electronic scanning machines as required. 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!

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 to be held on May 17, 2016; 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.

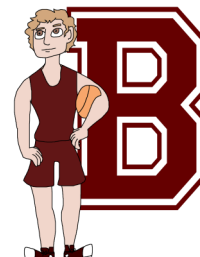
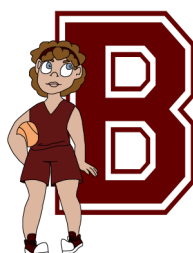
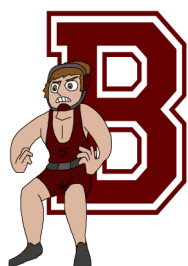
Plans to Reinstate Modified Sports

All Niagara/Orleans school districts either have or plan to reinstate many modified sports programs. This provides Barker with an opportunity to compete against other schools at the modified level. Taking into account Barker's financial status and current enrollment statistics, we plan to return the following modified sports:

- Modified Boys and Girls Basketball
- Modified Girls Soccer
- Modified Boys and Girls Cross Country
- Modified Boys and Girls Track & Field
- Modified Boys and Girls Swimming
- Modified Wrestling



The cost of reinstating the modified sports would be minimal with savings achieved by adjustments to the sports budget such as, realigning JV and Varsity Girls Soccer to Modified and Varsity levels, and basing shared costs of the football and wrestling programs on participation rates rather than equal shared costs between Roy-Hart and Barker (from 50% to 30%).



Best Wishes In Retirement



Congratulations to William Smith, Lisa Trakas, Gail Upton, Kathy Downs, Carol Babcock, and William Ryder who announced their retirement from a long and successful career supporting our students, staff, and community.

William Smith has been a member of the Barker Board of Education since 1995, serving as President and Vice President for seven and five terms respectively. Prior to being elected, he was a teacher at the Pratt Elementary School since 1968, when he and his family moved to Barker from Jamestown, NY. For 27 years he taught fourth and fifth grade students. During his 21 year tenure on the board, he regularly attended conferences and seminars to stay abreast of current issues impacting school districts. He also earned the School Board University Recognition Program Board Achievement Award to recognize his extensive time and effort striving to expand his governance, knowledge and skills. When counting the continuous years of teaching and board membership together, one realizes that Mr. Smith devoted 48 years of service to the district. We are truly grateful to Mr. Smith for the many contributions he has made. Bill and his wife, Ruth, will maintain residence at their home in Appleton, with plans to spend time with their children and many grandchildren.

Lisa Trakas joined the district in 1994 and worked a variety of positions, starting as a school monitor, to teacher's aide, typist, and ending her 22 year career as a District Office Secretary and the District Clerk. She was instrumental in ensuring that the Office of the Superintendent and Board of Education ran efficiently and effectively, while assisting the staff, students and community. Her enthusiasm and dedication to the district and community will be greatly missed. Lisa is looking forward to having more time to spend with her family and traveling.

Gail Upton joined the school in 1983 and devoted 33 years to teaching numerous grade levels. She also worked as a class adviser, summer school teacher, CSE Chair, and student mentor. Many students have gained the benefit of her education, skills and experience throughout the years. Gail received her doctorate degree in 2010. When Gail was asked about her thoughts on her career, she quoted Confucius who said, "Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life." "How true, teaching has never felt like work, rather a passion I've had the opportunity to pursue each and every day. It has been both an honor and privilege to pursue my passion with some of the finest teachers and staff any district could employ."

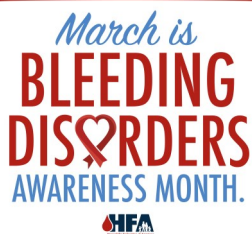
Kathy Downs has worked for the school since 1998 and will retire with 18 years of service as a teacher's aide/pool supervisor. She has been involved in various extra-curricular activities including life guarding and event supervision. Although retiring, given her continued love of the school, she plans to serve on a part-time basis as a substitute typist. With a bit more free time to enjoy, Kathy plans to remain a district resident and travel to warmer climates when her schedule permits.

Carol Babcock has worked for the school for 17 years as a teaching assistant, which she described as enriching and rewarding. Her support to the teaching staff has been a "difference maker" for countless numbers of students. Carol will retire on June 30, 2016 and plans to enjoy the "free time" with her grandchildren. She also plans to pursue her passion for painting and pottery, while continuing to contribute to the school community.

William Ryder retired after 9 years as a cleaner. He was instrumental in keeping the school environment conducive to optimal student learning and meeting standards to ensure the safety of all staff, students and visitors. Bill and his wife plan to enjoy the warmer weather, family, and long walks with their dog. He also plans to help his wife with her business.

The Board of Education and District wish the retirees and their families much health and happiness in the years to come, and a heartfelt thank you for their service to the district and community.

District News & Notes



March 2016 was the first ever Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month. In support of a classmate that lives with hemophilia, the fifth grade students participated in the Red Tie Challenge. The hope of this movement was to encourage individuals and groups to start conversations about inheritable bleeding disorders and show their support for the community. For more pictures please visit the BCS home page and click on the link for this story under the Headlines & Features section.

From March 11th-13th approximately 70 students, 15 staff, and many community volunteers participated in the Barker Musical Theater production of Oklahoma! More than 900 people attended the performance throughout the weekend. The cast will perform at the Kenny Awards ceremony at Shea's Performing Arts Center on Saturday, May 14th at 6:00 PM. Congratulations to all who were involved in the show.



CAMP HOPE

The Barker Teachers Union will dust off the bats and gloves to play in a charity softball tournament on Sunday, June 5th at Fairmount Park in the Town of Wheatfield. The tournament benefits Camp Hope of Niagara Hospice. A schedule is not yet available, but games usually begin around 8:30 AM. This will be the 5th year of the event and for the BTU as a participant. The rain date for the tournament is Sunday, June 12th. If interested in supporting this cause please contact Mrs. Melissa Bundrock at 716-795-3201 x5224 or mbundrock@barkercsd.net.

Pratt Elementary has been a participant in the Box Tops for Education program for several years. Recently, it was reported that over 13,300 box tops were counted over the course of a weekend. Box tops were brought in for a "Snowball Fight" contest. For every 10 box tops brought in by each classroom the class received a paper snowball to then hang on another classroom door in their grade level. The classroom at each grade level with the least number of snowballs on their door won a popcorn party.



Pratt Elementary was ranked #1 in the area (out of 145), #6 in New York State (out of 4,673) and #127 in the nation (out of 95,368). Thank you to Mrs. Lori Niethe for providing these impressive numbers. "We appreciate their (students) contributions and it's amazing what a small town school like ours can accomplish when we work together," said Mrs. Niethe.



DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION

D.A.R.E. graduation took place in fifth grade on Thursday, March 10th. Sean Higgins opened the ceremony with the Pledge of Allegiance, while JP Mason, Lucy Ingro and Mia Herman all read their essays. The Niagara Country Sheriff's Office was well represented as D.A.R.E. Officer Erin Hotaling, D.A.R.E. Coordinator and Officer Robert Richards, and Sheriff James Voutour all were in attendance for the event. Students were treated to a reception with guests after they received their certificates. Turn to page 17 to view a picture of the students with Officer Hotaling and Sheriff Voutour.

Reading Activities Not Just for March



Pick a Reading Partner, PARP, ran from March 1st-18th. The 2016 PARP theme was, "Reading Gives You Superpowers!" Students were encouraged to read for 15 minutes per night. For each night a student read, they were given a boy or girl paper superhero which was then displayed on bulletin boards, lockers hallways or classrooms. Each grade level and individual classroom was able to decide on their own how they wanted to display the superheroes. Bulletin boards, showcases, and hallways were decorated for the event. Students would inform everyone over the PA morning announcements of what book they read the night before. The announcements were made daily throughout PARP.

On March 1st a PARP kickoff event featuring the Hill Brothers was attended by the students. The assembly was a reading show that took place in the cafetorium where the performers sang songs and encouraged the students to sing along with them.

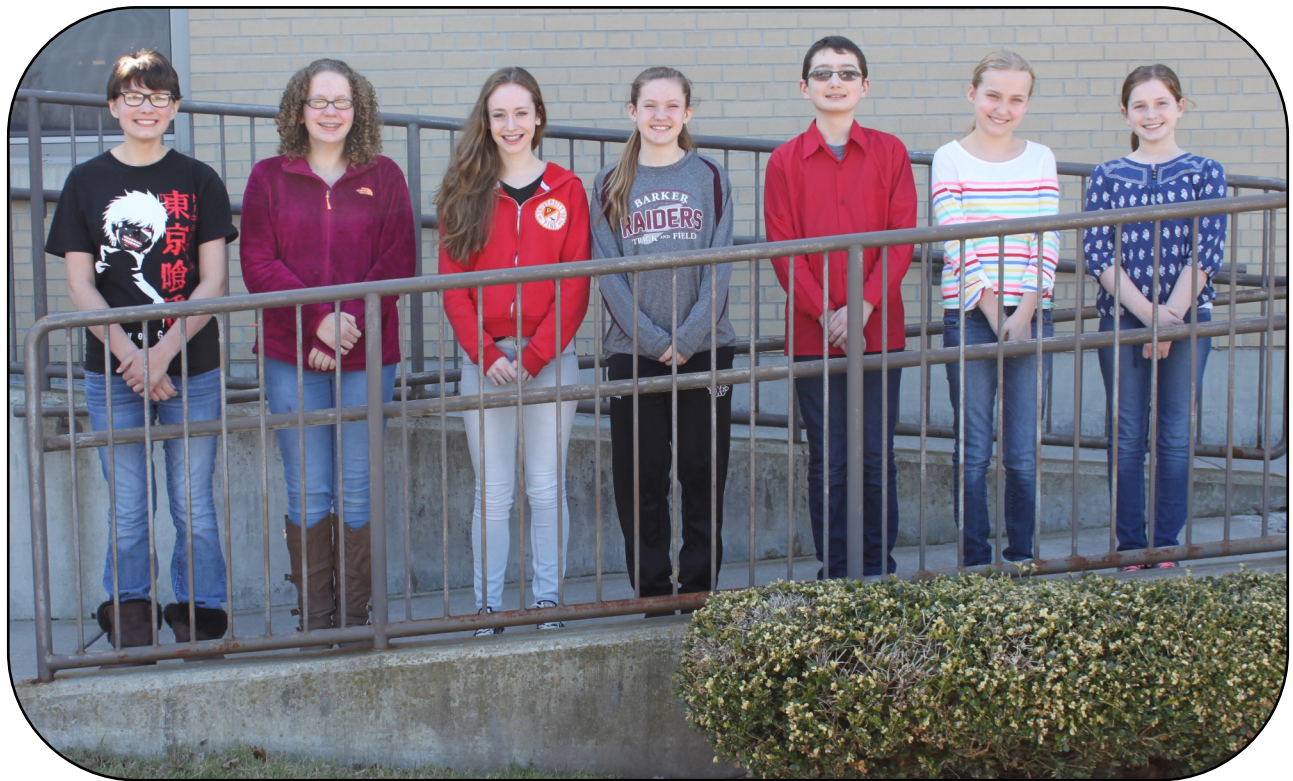
Mrs. Pamela Atwater and her certified therapy dog, Kora, visited classrooms for 20 minutes during select PARP dates and read to the students. Kora was dressed as a "super dog" for the occasion each day, complete with cape. Mrs. Atwater read a superhero dog book to the students on each classroom visit and the students had the opportunity to ask Mrs. Atwater questions and to interact with Kora. There were photo ops as well.

To close out PARP on Friday, March 18th there was a Superhero Read-In for grades Pre-K through 4th. Students and staff assembled in the cafetorium wearing capes and masks and read a book of their choice for 10 minutes. Captain America also made a special guest visit and led the students in "The Superhero Pledge to Read" poem. The event wrapped up as Captain America and each student stood up and proclaimed, "Reading is my superpower!"

Students from Pratt Elementary School in grades Pre-K through 5th grade have been participating in the Mark's Pizzeria Book-Mark's program since February. The monthly reading incentive program runs through May and it enables students to earn pizza coupons for reading and tracking their monthly totals. Reading requirements and goals are set by the teachers at each grade level. Due dates are the last Wednesday of every month. Upcoming due dates are April 27th and May 25th.







“Be A Hero” Winners (L-R): Kylie Annable, Chloe Lee, Ella Gooding, Haleigh Mason, Cameron Kiner, Kaitlyn Goodwin, Elizabeth Hopkins.



6th Grade

Be A Hero Winners

- Cameron Kiner: Informational PowerPoint
- Lizzie Hopkins & Kaitlyn Goodwin: Fictional story told from three perspectives

Honorable Mention

- Corey Sanchez: Narrative
- Ariana Peace: Drawing
- Jaret Black, Nathan Meza-Ray, and Steven Class: Poem

7th Grade

Be A Hero Winners

- Ella Gooding: "I Challenge You!" narrative
- Chloe Lee: Informational tri-fold pamphlet

Honorable Mention

- Faith Giarla: Informational PowerPoint



8th Grade

Be A Hero Winners

- Kylie Annable: Video recorded skit
- Haleigh Mason: Poster showing what bullying looks like on a person

Honorable Mention

- Cameron Babcock: Letter to a bully
- Ciara Gregorie: What is a Bully?" Informational narrative





Pre-K & Kindergarten Easter Egg Hunt



This spring the Junior High School Student Council organized an Easter Egg Hunt for Pre-K and kindergarten students at Pratt Elementary School. The egg hunts took place in both the elementary library and the junior high school gym. Junior high students assisted the elementary students in searching for eggs and prizes and also read stories and visited with the younger students. Thank you to the Student Council and advisers Mrs. Baronich and Mrs. Pellow.



Junior High Student Council Active in Community

Prior to winter recess the Junior High Student Council sponsored a food drive to benefit the local food pantry. "Our student council is always looking for ways to benefit our community and how we can make positive contributions," stated co-adviser, Mrs. Ronda Baronich.

"Our junior and senior high students really came through for our local families during the holidays," said Mrs. Wendy Pellow, co-adviser. With the help of high school students as part of their community service project, the junior high student council sorted and boxed the food items before delivering them to the food pantry.



Junior High Student Council advisers and members with 2 truck loads of food headed to the food bank. (Pictured L-R): Mrs. Baronich, Mrs. Pellow, Jacob Weller, Morrison McDonald, Carla Stoloski, Katrina Clare, Ella Gooding, Lena Fazzolari, Madison Gancasz, Kylie Annable, Rachel Parfinski, Serena Harris, Emily Wagner.

The group also donated \$300 to Save-a-Pet from the sale of the biscuits that they baked and packaged as part of another initiative to give back to the community.

STEAM Maker Space

For those of you who have not yet been introduced to the concept of a Maker Space, it is an area where students are presented with different activities which allow them to be creative, innovative and explore interests related to STEAM. Maker Spaces were designed to promote the STEAM curriculum and have become very popular over the past year in many schools and public libraries. For more detailed information on Maker Spaces you can visit: <http://oedb.org/ilibrarian/a-librarians-guide-to-makerspaces>.

In efforts to support our STEAM initiative here at BCS, we have begun to offer a Maker Space activity for our students grades 9-12 each Friday. There is a new activity available each week in the library for interested students. Students who are in study hall may ask for a pass during that time to participate in the Maker Space activity.

For more information regarding STEAM please visit the link under Site Shortcuts on the BCS home page: www.barkercsd.net

STEAM activities (clockwise from top center): Annika Vogel is proud of her duct tape wallet, Rebecca Stoloski and Mrs. Harris deconstruct a computer, Mr. Jeremy Silsby gave a drone presentation to senior high students (inset—close up of the drone), Grace Harris works on tessallations, 7th graders experiment with cubelets, senior high Tech Wars competitors, junior high students competed at Tech Wars.



Winter Hi-lites Through Pictures

We take a look back, through images, at some of the news and activities that have taken place at BCS since our last Banner issue. All images on this page are from the BCS Musical Theater production of *Oklahoma!*



(Clockwise from top): Fifth graders graduate from D.A.R.E., the Donate Life club organized their annual race and blood drive to benefit UNYTS and BCS graduate Kari Wolski-Jones, Mrs. Zablocki's class with Kora the therapy dog, AFS Carnival fun, Brent Bachman displays his Donate Life Race prize.



Students of the Month



Sr. High School for November/December 2015

Front (L-R): Kianna Stiffler, Bridgett Moeller, Sarah Mason. Back: Madison Greenwald, Joshua Richbart, Evan Ecker, Emma Jenks.



Jr. High School for November/December 2015

(L-R): William Goodlander, Ella Gooding, Mr. Pritchard, Zachary Murrell, Serena Harris.

Jr. High School for January/February 2016

(L-R): Sandra Bautista Lopez, Mr. Pritchard, Ciara Gregoire, Natalie Bruning, Philip Mackin.





Pratt Elementary for December 2015 (L-R): Lydia Samson, Luke Fay, Cody Woodrich, Roryer Garcia-Lawrence, Cloey Sanders, Mr. Hoar.



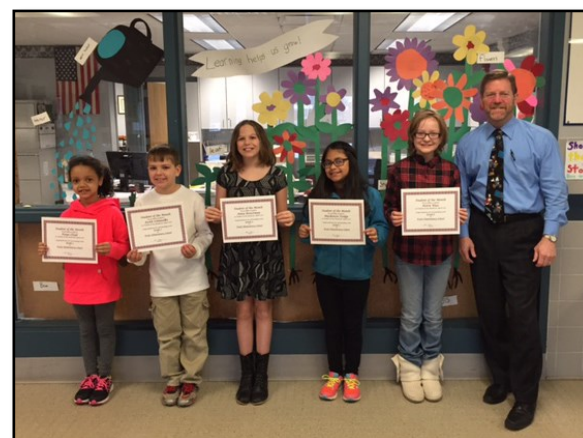
Pratt Elementary for March 2016 (L-R): Benjamin Hess, Jackson Hauser, David Merlin, Catherine Mallon, Willard Nellist, Mr. Hoar.



Pratt Elementary for January 2016 (L-R): Cameron Kiner, Matthew Ryan, Rachel Sutter, Samantha Broecker, Kaylee Stoll, Mr. Hoar.



Pratt Elementary for February 2016 (L-R): Matthew Maines, Elizabeth Samson, Makenzie Dagustine, Abigail Heidemann, Nathan Meza-Ray, Mr. Hoar.



Pratt Elementary for April 2016 (L-R): Kaya Lloyd, Keith Schmeelke, Anna Bowerman, Mackenzie Dodge, Keira Wass, Mr. Hoar.

The Sports Pages

The winter sports season provided plenty of excitement and stories of success. Several teams, athletes and coaches were recognized for their performances during competition and in the classroom. Additional awards and recognitions were presented at the March 14th Board of Education meeting and are listed on the Barker website: www.barkercsd.net/athletics.



Michael Snell, Basketball
Exceptional Senior All Star



Nathan Luckman, Basketball
Niagara-Orleans League –1st Team



Coach Keith Jones, Wrestling
Wrestling Coaches Association
Niagara-Orleans League
Coach of the Year

Wrestling

Section VI Small School Ranking–7th Place
Small School State Ranking–Honorable Mention

Kirk Fay, Wrestling

Niagara-Orleans League Championship–1st Place
Class C Sectional Championship–1st Place



NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete Teams

Boys Basketball
Girls Basketball (entire team)
Girls Swimming
Wrestling



Niagara PAL Athletes

Track & Field Coach James Jurewicz, Caitlyn Mason, Golf
Coach Tim Daley, Bradley Wilson, Baseball Coach Rob Mucha



Collin Webb, Ian Goodlander, Collin Stevener, Andrew Jenks,

Swimming

200 Freestyle Relay Team

Niagara-Orleans League Championship—1st Place
BCS Record Holder with time of 1:32.85 set on February 23, 2016

200 Medley Relay Team

Niagara-Orleans League Championship—1st Place



Collin Webb, Swimming
Niagara-Orleans League
Championship

50 Freestyle—1st Place

100 Freestyle—1st Place

Class C Championship

50 Freestyle—1st Place

100 Freestyle—1st Place



Natalie Menz, Sara Gendrue, Mireia Coll-Vinent, Emma Jenks,

Swimming

200 Freestyle Relay Team

Niagara-Orleans League Championship—1st Place



Emma Jenks, Swimming

All Western New York Scholar-Athlete

Collin Stevener, Swimming

Niagara-Orleans League
Championship

100 Butterfly—1st Place

Raiders



Caitlyn Mason, Basketball

Niagara-Orleans League—1st Team
Exceptional Senior All Star

Lindsey Williams, Basketball

All Western New York
Scholar-Athlete
Exceptional Senior All Star





For more detailed information
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APRIL

10-May 1: Storrs All High Photography Show
30: Talent Show, 7:00 PM

MAY

4: Senior Citizens Breakfast, 8:00 AM
5: NYSSMA Majors Competition - Junior High School Band
9: Budget Hearing, 6:30 PM
9: Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 PM
10-13: 8th Grade Washington, D.C. Trip
13-June 3: Villa Maria High School Juried Photography Exhibition (Show opening @ 5:00 PM on May 13th)
13: Junior-Senior Prom, 6:00 PM
14: Kenny Awards, 6:00 PM
16: Senior High School Concert, 7:00 PM
17: School Budget & Board of Education Vote, 12:00-8:00 PM
17-June 2: Barker High School Student Art Show (Show opening @ 6:00 PM on May 17th)
18: NYSSMA Choir Majors
18 & 19: Sport Physicals - Jr./Sr. High School Physical Education Classes
19: NYSSMA Band Majors - Senior High School Band

19: Junior High School Spring Concert, 6:30 PM
20: FFA Agriculture Day
20: WNY Federation of Women's Club Helen P. Kelley Memorial Art Show, 4:00 PM
22: Niagara PAL Art, Music & Theater Art Gala, 2:00 PM
25: Pratt Elementary Spring Concert, 6:30 PM
26: Grandparents Day (Pre-K through 4th)
27 & 30: Memorial Day Weekend, No School

JUNE

1-5: AFS Short Term Exchange
3: Class Night, 7:00 PM
3: Darien Lake Music Festival and Competition - Junior High School Band
6: Barker High School Portfolio Class Art Show, 6:00 PM
6: Senior High Honors & Awards, 7:00 PM
7: Junior High Honors & Awards, 6:00 PM
9: Seabreeze Music Festival - Elementary Bands
8-10: Senior Class Trip to New York City
14-21: Regents Exams
16: 5th & 6th Grade Awards Ceremony, 6:00 PM
20: Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 PM
21: Moving Up Day
25: Commencement, 9:30 AM

Barker Central School District

School Calendar

2016-17

JULY 2016						
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AUGUST 2016						
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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION ON MARCH 14, 2016

August

31 Staff Development Day

September

5 Labor Day
6 Staff Development Day
7 First Day for Students

October

10 Columbus Day

November

11 Veterans Day
23-25 Thanksgiving Recess

December

26-30 Winter Recess

January

2 Winter Recess
16 M. L. King Jr. Day

February

20-24 Mid-Winter Recess

April

10-17 Spring Recess

May

29 Memorial Day

June

23 Rating Day
23 Closing Day
(LAST TEACHER DAY)

CALENDAR DAYS					
	T	S		T	S
July	0	0	Jan	20	20
Aug	1	0	Feb	15	15
Sept	19	18	March	23	23
Oct	20	20	April	14	14
Nov	19	18	May	22	22
Dec	17	17	June	17	17
TOTAL TEACHER DAYS = 187					
TOTAL STUDENT DAYS = 184					

JANUARY 2017						
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No School	
Staff Development	
Students' First Day	
Last Teacher Day	

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