



# Hot off January the Pratt Press

2021



*Happy New Year 2021!*

**Pratt Elementary**

**Yearbooks**

Advance orders for the Elementary Yearbook will be taken in January!

**All yearbooks must be pre-ordered!**

Order forms will be coming home after the Holiday Break. They will be due back by February 1st.

As the weather begins to turn colder and wetter, please make sure your children are prepared for it.

Winter coats, boots, hats & mittens.

If the weather isn't too cold or wet, gym classes or walks may be taken outside throughout the day.

Do you know a Barker child who will be 4 years old by December 1, 2021?

They are eligible to attend Pratt Elementary's Pre-K Program

for the 2021-2022 school year.

Watch for future dates of

Pre-K Open House and

Pre-K Registration to be posted.

**Supply & Meal Delivery News**

With the weather becoming colder and wetter, if you are receiving deliveries of supplies on Wednesdays, please try to be home to receive your items. If you cannot be there, please leave a tote where it can be placed in so that nothing is damaged. If you live somewhere where you have a long driveway or reside where the buses cannot enter to turn around, please be sure to meet our aides who are delivering, or have a weighted tote at the end of your driveway where the items can be placed.

If you are receiving meal deliveries, please be sure to be there to accept the delivery.

Meals will not be left on porches, someone needs to be home.

Please make sure to wear a mask when you greet your deliverer, so that everyone can be safe!

**School Resumes**

Monday,  
January 4<sup>th</sup>  
2021

**Pratt Elementary  
Yearbook Sale**

January 4<sup>th</sup> -  
February 1<sup>st</sup>

**Board of  
Education Meeting**

January 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm  
Board Room 192  
1911 Building

**Martin Luther  
King Jr. Day**

**No School**  
Monday  
January 18<sup>th</sup> 2021

**Trimester 2 ends  
March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Report Cards mailed  
March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021

# Fun Times at Pratt Elementary!

## Fun National Days in January!

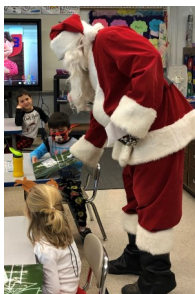
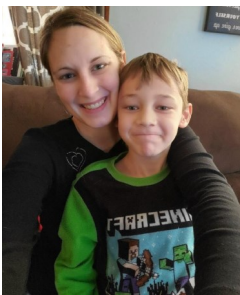
**January 4th: National Trivia Day!** Spend some time playing a trivia game with your family or friends over Zoom!

**January 11th: National Clean your Desk Day!** Throw out any unnecessary items!

**January 16th: National Do Nothing Day!** Spend Saturday doing nothing (unless mom or dad have chores for you!)

**January 24th: National Compliment Day!** Tell someone something nice today!

**January 31st: Inspire your Heart with Art Day!** Draw a picture, sculpt something, write a song or a story, it's all art!



## 5th Grade SPARK Movie Day!



## Morning Drop Off

Morning Drop off is from 7:50 - 8:00 in the 1911 Building Parking Lot for the children that are being driven to school in the morning. Please adhere to this time frame. School begins at 8:00am, and we need time for the children to make it to their classrooms for the start of the day.

Any child that arrives after 8:00am will be marked tardy. Late arrivals must be dropped off at and enter through the Pratt Elementary Main Entrance.

## Afternoon Pick Up

A reminder to parents that the Afternoon Pick Up time is from 2:25 - 2:35pm in the 1911 Building Parking Lot.

Please arrive during this time to pick your child(ren) up and have your Pick Up Tags ready.

Thank you for providing transportation for your child(ren)!

### YOUR CHILD CAN EARN A FREE MEDIUM PIZZA!

All you need to do is participate in **Mark's Pizzeria "Book-Mark's"** program! It's easy! Help your child meet their reading goal each month. You can read to them or they can read to you. Keep track of your reading on the calendar or form that was sent home with your child. Parents need to sign the calendar/form before returning it to school each month by the assigned due date. As soon as we receive your child's coupon from Mark's Pizzeria we will send it home for you to redeem.

Happy Reading!!

Sincerely, Pratt Teachers

### Parent Reminder for Early Excuse:

If you need to pick your child up early from school for any reason, please remember to send a note in with them to school.

Included on this note should be

Who will pick them up,

What time they are being picked up,

Why they are leaving early and

How to get in contact with you in case there are any questions.

If you call in to excuse your child, please give advance notice so that we may have them ready when you arrive.

When you arrive to pick them up, please come to the Pratt Elementary main entrance, ring the doorbell and someone will bring the sign out sheet and your child to you.

### Parent Reminder for Busing Changes:

If you need your child to ride a different bus than normal, please remember to send a note or call in to school the day before the date they are to change buses; ie: a change for Monday will have to be called in on Friday by 12 noon.

Included in this note/call should be

Who will get them off the bus, with a phone number

Where they will be riding to, a complete address please.

How to get in contact with you in case there are any questions.

We are trying to maintain social distancing on our buses. Please continue to work with us in doing so.

Thank you for your cooperation.

All students and faculty are required to wear a face mask throughout the day.

The masks should cover mouths and noses.

Mask breaks will be worked into the day, when it is safe to do so.

Students will also remove their mask when they are eating lunch.

Please understand that **all** students and staff will have masks on for the vast majority of the day, due to the guidelines.

Remember to wash your mask daily.

### KidWatch

Currently, we are not offering any type of childcare for this year. If anything changes, we will be sure to notify everyone.

We are sorry for any inconvenience.

### A reminder to Parents:

We apologize, but due to restrictions based on the Covid-19 guidelines, we are unable to allow parents & volunteers to enter the school building at this time.

Pratt Elementary Staff



# January 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	31	January 1	January 2
Winter Break December 24, 2020 - January 3, 2021						
3	4 School Resumes Cohort A  National Trivia Day!	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Board of Education Mtg. 7:00 PM  National Clean out Your Desk Day!	12	13	14	15	16 National Do Nothing Day!
17	18  Martin Luther King Day <b>No School</b>	19	20	21	22	23
24 National Compliment Day!  Inspire your Heart with Art Day! 31	25	26	27	28	29	30

# HARD WORKER of the Month

Pratt Elementary is on the look-out for **HARD WORKERS** each month to become part of an elite group of students who strive to use positive character traits every day.

One student from each grade level will be selected by staff each month.

Those students selected will have demonstrated the designated monthly trait on a regular basis.

Each month's trait will begin with a letter from the phrase **HARD WORKER**.

December's trait is **DEPENDABLE**.

If someone is **DEPENDABLE**, you have confidence that person will work hard and be trustworthy. They are consistent in their performance or behavior.



January will focus on the trait **Witty**

A **WITTY** student is clever and funny.

Witty students say quick, little funny remarks that are delivered in a playful manner.

**Honest** (September)

**Ambitious** (October)

**Reliable** (November)

**Dependable** (December)

**Witty** (January)

**Organized** (February)

**Respectful** (March)

**Kind** (April)

**Encouraging** (May)

**Responsible** (June)

The following students have been selected as December's group of

**HARD WORKERS**

with the trait

**DEPENDABLE**:

**Pre-K: Everly Rose**

**Kindergarten: Henry Hames**

**1st Grade: Cole Jackson**

**2nd Grade: Dominic Holm**

**3rd Grade: PJ LaFever**

**4th Grade: Amelia Klopfer**

**5th Grade: Mirabelle Strong**

**6th Grade: Naomi Bish**



“**Everly Rose** is Pre-K's Hard Worker for December. Everly is a very **dependable** young lady. I can always count on her to set a good example to her classmates.”  
- Mrs. Podgers Pre-K

“**Henry Hames** from my class will be the **Dependable** hard worker for December. He is in my cohort C. Henry never misses a zoom call and is always right on time. I know that I can count on Henry to go above and beyond when it comes to his school work and being a good friend. Just a side note..a couple weeks ago Henry's little sister was up all night sick. Mom let me know that Henry might be extremely tired due to a sleepless night. I told her not to worry about Henry making the zoom call that next day. However Henry attended the zoom call with no problems and was happy and excited to be there. He is an absolute joy. What a kid! :-)”  
- Mrs. Luckman Kindergarten

“The 1st grade would like to choose **Cole Jackson** as the December's **Dependable** Hard Worker of the Month! He is an extremely hard-working student who takes pride in his work and accomplishments. He is very trustworthy by always getting his work done on time and completing the assignments to the best of his ability! I can always depend on him for giving his best effort! He is also one of the politest individuals I have ever met in my life. At the beginning and end of each lesson, we can depend on a warm greeting and a lovely sign-off where he tells us he hopes we have a wonderful day. He brightens all our days, and I am extremely proud of him!”  
- Miss Bisland 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

“I am nominating **Dominic Holm** to be the **Dependable** Student of the Month! Dominic is an excellent student. He has many great qualities, one of those being dependable! He always completes quality work, and it is always completed on time. He makes great choices in the classroom and virtually. I know I can always rely on Dominic to work hard and do the right thing. I am very proud of him! Keep up the great work, Dominic!” - Miss Tabone 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

“**PJ Lefever** is our pick for Hard Worker of the Month. He demonstrates this month's character trait of **dependable** because he always shows up to class prepared and ready to work. Every day, PJ is on time and he is a great contributor to our daily discussions. PJ is always willing to help his peers and he sets a positive tone in our learning environment. Great job PJ!” - Mrs. Goodlander & Mr. LaRock 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

“**Amelia Klopfer** is our Hard Worker of the month for December! She is **dependable** and we can always count on her to be a good role model. Even though she is a fully remote student, she always looks at our weekly schedule and knows what is expected of her. She attends and participates in our online meetings and completes her work in a timely manner. Congrats Mia!” - Mrs. Dissek & Mrs. Evans 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

“**Mirabelle Strong** is our harder worker of the month. She shows the qualities of being **dependable** in each of our classrooms as well as on her remote learning days. Mirabelle gets to work right away using every minute wisely and completes her work in a timely manner. She is helpful and works well with others during group work. We can depend on her in all situations. We are proud of you Mirabelle, keep up the great effort!” - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Team

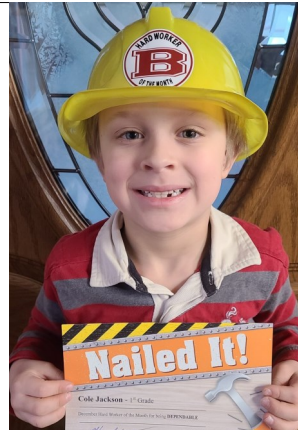
**Naomi Bish** is a responsible student who is **dependable** in all areas. Her subtle mannerisms are representative of her positive attitude, conscientious work ethic, and pure willingness to assist both peers and adults alike. Naomi has a trustworthy and gentle nature that makes her a dependable role-model. She continually thinks about how one action or decision impacts the future. Naomi demonstrates pride in all she does and consistently engages herself with productive choices. Way to go, Naomi!”  
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Team



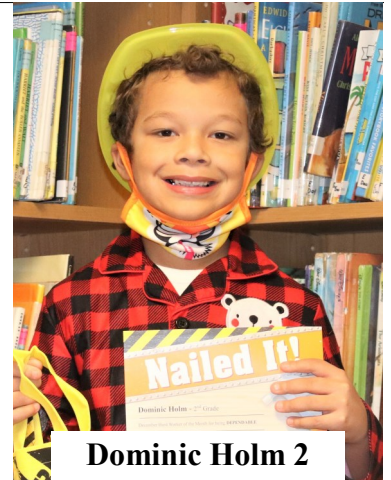
Everly Rose PK



Henry Hames K



Cole Jackson 1



Dominic Holm 2



PJ LaFever 3



Amelia Klopfer 4



Mirabelle Strong 5



Naomi Bish 6