



Hot off January the Pratt Press



Happy New Year 2020!

After much anticipation, we would like to welcome **Emily Bisland**, a 1st grade teacher, to school on Monday, January 6. The classes have made cards and banners to welcome Emily to Pratt Elementary!

Thank you for helping to make a warm welcome for Emily!

I would also like to recognize the hard work and commitment of **Ashley Atwater**.

She has been leading the classroom since September.

She has done a fantastic job and her dedication is unparalleled.

Also, let's make Monday, January 6 an ORANGE color rush day!

In honor of Emily's favorite color, please wear your favorite shade of orange.

Michael Carter

Principal, Barker Central School District

Pratt Elementary
is proud to present to you

Disney's Frozen (Kids)

Auditions were held in December and we are excited to be rehearsing in January, February & March! We look forward to putting on our play this year, and we hope you are excited to come watch our performances on April 3rd & 4th! Please watch for more information regarding rehearsals to be sent home with cast members!

Pratt Elementary

Yearbooks

Advance orders for the Elementary yearbook will be taken from January 21st - 31st.

All yearbooks

must be pre-ordered!

Order forms will be coming home soon.

Pratt
Elementary
Spirit Days!

Monday, January 6
Color Rush!
Wear Orange!

Monday January 13
National
Clean off
your Desk
Day!

School Resumes

Monday,
January 6th
2020

AFS Pancake Breakfast

January 12th
8:30 -12:30
Barker Fire Hall

Board of Education Meeting

January 13th @ 7:00pm
Board Room 192
1911 Building

Martin Luther King Day No School

Monday
January 20th 2019

Friday January 17
**Comfy
Clothes Day!**

Pratt Elementary Yearbook Sale

Starts Tuesday
January 21st to

January 24, 2020

End of 2nd
Marking Period

January 24, 2020

National
Compliment
Day!

Senior Class French Toast Breakfast

January 26th
8am - 12:30pm
Barker Firehall

Friday January 31
Barker Pride!
Wear your Raider
Gear or class color!

The PTO hosted a fall Scholastic book fair this past November. Our sales totaled over \$5,000!

This gave us a profit of over \$1,600! We received an anonymous donation this year, helping to put a book in every student's hands grades Pre-k – 6th grade.

Barker is truly blessed by our alumni and community members to have such a caring family! A special "Thank You" to all of the volunteers for their commitment to making all of this possible.

We will be hosting our annual Buy One Get One Free book fair this April.

Stay tuned for dates and times!

If you are picking up your child at the end of the day, please sign them out in the Pratt Elementary Office and wait for them in the Foyer.

Please do not arrive before 2:20 pm.

Thank you!

Attention Parents:

If your child is out for the day, for illness or appointments, and you would like homework sent home for them, please notify the office by 12pm. This will give the teacher time to put work together.

Thank you!

Do you know a Barker child who will be 4 years old by

December 1, 2020?

They are eligible to attend Pratt Elementary's Pre-K Program for the **2020-2021** school year.

Watch for future dates of

Pre-K Open House and

Pre-K Registration to be posted.

AFS Club

Pancake Breakfast

The AFS Club will be hosting their annual

Pancake Breakfast on January 12th.

It will be held at the Barker Firehall.

Breakfast will be served starting at 8:30am until 12:30pm.

Please come out and support our AFS Club!

Senior Class

French Toast Breakfast

The Senior Class will be hosting a French Toast Breakfast on January 26th. It will be held at the Barker Firehall. Breakfast will be served starting at 8:00am until 12:30pm. There will be a basket raffle and bake sale as well. Please come out and support our Senior Class!

Exciting News From 4th Grade!!

The 4th graders in Mrs. Evans' and Mrs. Dissek's classes participated in a Halloween themed writing contest this past October. The contest was sponsored by Young Writers. These Spooky Sagas challenged students to write a mini saga, a story told in just 100 words, using tension, suspense and atmosphere to bring their spooky tale to life! The organization received over 10,000 entries! Our students' work was chosen to be published in an anthology titled, "***Spooky Sagas 2019 Authors from New York***".

Pratt Elementary will receive a complimentary copy of the anthology.

Congratulations to all of these students for being recognized for their imagination, creativity and use of language!

Fun Times At Pratt Elementary!





January 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
Winter Break December 23, 2019 - January 3, 2020						
5	6 Color Rush! Wear Orange!	7	8	9	10	11
12 AFS Pancake Breakfast 8am - 12:30pm Barker Firehall 	13 Board of Education Mtg. 7:00 PM National Clean out Your Desk Day!	14	15	16	17 Comfy Clothes Day!	18
19	20  Martin Luther King Day No School	21	22	23	24 End of 2nd Marking Period National Compliment Day!	25
26 Senior Class French Toast Breakfast 8am - 12:30pm Barker Firehall 	27	28	29	30	31 Barker Pride! Wear your Raider Gear or class color!	

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: Maddie Baker

Kindergarten: David Wilson

1st Grade: Corey Bilby

2nd Grade: Kyle Rounds

3rd Grade: Autumn Lewis

4th Grade: Peyton Hirschman

5th Grade: Melodi Murphy

6th Grade: Kaya Lloyd



“Pre-K Hardworker for December is Maddie Baker. Maddie is very **dependable**, hard working, and trustworthy . She is always a model for SPARK behavior!”
- Mrs. Podgers Pre-K

“David Wilson is our hard worker for the month of December. David is very **dependable**, always does his best work.”
- Mrs. Luckman Kindergarten

“Corey Bilby is willing to help out in his classroom whenever the teacher needs assistance. He is a loyal friend who makes others feel welcome and appreciated. You can rely on Corey to make sure any job in the classroom is well done!”
- Mrs. Atwater 1st Grade

“My hard worker for the month is Kyle Rounds. Kyle is hardworking and you can always count on him. If you ask him to do something, he will always do what is asked of him with a smile and positive attitude. Kyle is a good friend to everyone in class and the kids know that they can count on his friendship and kindness.”
- Mrs. Nestoros 2nd Grade

“My Hard Worker for the month of December is Autumn Lewis. She is always **dependable**. When I look for a student to be an example for the others, I always can depend on Autumn. She behaves well daily and works hard on every task she performs. Even when things are challenging for her, I can depend on her to put in 100% and try her hardest.”
- Mrs. Pavlock 3rd Grade

“This month’s hard worker for 4th grade is Peyton Hirschman. Peyton always does what is expected. He is always willing to help and do his best. He can always be counted on to do the right thing.”
- Mr. LaRock 4th Grade

“5th Grade has nominated Melodi Murphy as our **dependable** student! Melodi Murphy is without a doubt a very dependable student! She comes in each morning, completes her morning tasks without being reminded and then offers to help the teacher with her tasks! She checks over lunch count, fills in the agenda board, takes care of the class pet and even works with other students to help them catch up or understand new concepts! I can depend on her to complete her assignments, know the routines or changes in our schedule and help to keep us on track for the day! Thanks Melodi for being a student that teachers and friends can DEPEND on! Great job!
- 5th Grade Team

“Kaya Lloyd is a responsible student who is **dependable** in all areas. Her contagious smile and quiet mannerisms are representative of her positive attitude, conscientious work ethic, and pure willingness to assist both peers and adults alike. Kaya’s trustworthy and gentle nature make her a dependable role-model and exemplary student. She takes pride in all she does and consistently engages herself with productive choices. In school, she is a member of the band and outside of school her passion shines in her numerous dance classes.”
- Mrs. Briggs 6th Grade

