Hot off the Pratt Press!!

Mid-Winter Recess No School Feb. 20-24

February 2023

Visit the BCS website at www.barkercsd.net for current news, information, events, and sports schedules.

<u>Valentine's Day</u> If you are planning on sending a treat in with your child for Valentine's Day, please only send individually wrapped, store bought treats. Handwritten Valentine's Cards are always welcome!



Barker Music Parents Club's All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast is back! February 26th at the Barker Fire Hall from 8a to 1p. There will be Musical Performances by our Music Students and also a Basket Raffle! Tickets are \$10 for Adults, \$7 for Kids ages 6-12 and Children 5 & under are free!

On Valentine's Day, Tuesday February 14th, wear **Pinks & Reds** to get into the festivities!

Then, on Friday, February 17th, Wear your (School Appropriate) Pajamas (that we didn't get to wear at Christmas Time!) Can you believe that it's already the <u>100th Day of</u> <u>School</u> on February 9th?! Celebrate and wear your class colors!

Class Colors 2022-2023 6^{th} Grade 2029 – Yellow 5^{th} Grade 2020 – Purple 4^{th} Grade 2031 – Orange 3^{rd} Grade 2032 - Blue 2^{nd} Grade 2033 – Red 1^{st} Grade 2034 – Green Kind. 2035 – Yellow Pre-K 2036 - Purple



Please show the flyer on page 5 at Panera in Lockport on February 9th from 4-8 to raise funds for our 8th grade!

Board of Education <u>Meeting</u> February 13th 7:00pm BOE Meeting Room

February 9th 100th Day of School! Wear your Class Colors!

> **February 14th** Wear Red & Pink

February 17th Pajama Day!

Mid-Winter Break February 20-24 School resumes February 27th

BMPC AYCE PANCAKE BREAKFAST February 26 8a-1p at Barker Fire Hall

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| 5 | ⁶ В | ⁷ C | ⁸ D | 9 E 100 th Day of School! Class Color Day! ^{8th} Grade Fundraiser 4-8 at Panera in Lockport. Bring the flyer on page 5! | ¹⁰ | 11 |
| 12 | 13 A Board of Education Mtg. 7:00 PM | 14 B Happy Valentine's Day Wear Red & Pink! | 15 C | 16 D | 17 E Pajama Day! | 18 |
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| BMPC All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast 8a-1p | 27 F | 28 A | | | | |

Pratt Elementary is using PickUp Patrol! www.PickUpPatrol.net

We have phased out paper notes for bus changes and early dismissals. Parents are encouraged to set up an account from the PickUp Patrol emails that were sent out in September. If you have not received an email or if the link has expired, please contact Rachel Anderson at 716-795-3237, or email her at randerson@barkercsd.net, and she will send a new email.

We do ask that you continue to provide the address to where the child will be riding the bus to in the plan change notes space, along with the phone number for the adult at that address. If you need to know a bus number, feel free to call the bus garage at 716-795-3816.

******If your child is to be excused early, please choose "Early Dismissal" from the drop down menu, and then in the next drop down menu, choose the time they are to be excused. In the notes, add why they are to be excused. That information is seen and used only by the attendance and health offices.**

The cutoff time for changes is 1:00, we will not accept changes after this time.

We will **no longer** be accepting paper notes, phone calls or emails. We will only accept phone call changes in an extreme emergency.

Thank you to everyone who has signed up!

<u>**A reminder to</u> Potential Volunteers:

All volunteers must be School Board Approved.

If you have been previously approved, you are still on the list.

For new applicants, please contact the office to receive an application. Please schedule an appointment to return your application. You will need your license or ID card in order to be Raptored in to our system.

If you would like to know more information, or to inquire if you are already on the board approved list, please call Rachel Anderson at 716-795-3237.

Morning Drop Off must be in the 1911 Building Parking Lot. Please do not park in the Elementary Lot in the morning, as we still have staff arriving at that time and the buses are pulling into and out of the bus loop.

For the Safety of our Students and Staff: All Visitors MUST report to the Pratt Elementary Main Office before going anywhere in the building. Please bring your License or Non-Driver ID card to sign in and receive a visitor pass and lanyard. Please sign out before leaving and return the lanyard and pass. Please **Check** with the Pratt Office First to make sure a Teacher is available to meet with you. **Thank You!**

Morning Drop Off

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

after <u>8:00am</u> will be marked tardy. Late arrivals must be dropped off at and enter through the Pratt Elementary Main Entrance.

<u>Afternoon Pick Up</u>

A reminder to parents that the Afternoon Pick Up time is from <u>2:35 - 2:45pm</u> in the <u>1911 Building Parking Lot</u>. Please arrive during this time

Please arrive during this time to pick your child(ren) up and have your Pick Up Tags ready. If the person that is picking your child up does not have a pickup tag, please notify us by using PickUp Patrol and make sure they bring an ID to show our Aide at dismissal. Thank you for providing transportation for your child(ren)!

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| Help support us! | on Feb.9th from 4-8pm |
| | to Lockport Panera |
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| | Grade trip to Washington |
| Panera Fundraising | Support the Barker 8th |

*Gift card and catering order placed on Panerabread.com, and delivery orders placed through third-party sites are excluded and will not count towards the event. Other restrictions apply. For complete details, visit: http://fundraising.panerabread.com/terms-contitions/.**Services vary by cafe.

December 2022 Fun! 1st & 4th Grades went on a Carriage ride for their SPARK Activity!





















































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.

January's trait is **WITTY**.

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

Witty students say quick, little funny remarks that are delivered in a playful manner. February will focus on the trait Organized

An **organized** student is able to arrange, plan and carry through with an event or activity. Organized students keep track of their belongings or materials so that they can be easily found. Students who are organized can work more effectively and are less likely to lose the materials needed to complete a task.

Honest (September)

Ambitious (October)

Reliable (November)

Dependable (December)

Witty (January)

Organized (February)

Respectful (March)

Kind (April)

Encouraging (May)

Responsible (June)



HARD WORKERS with the trait <u>WITTY</u>: Pre-K: John Schaefer Kindergarten: Lennon Flint 1st Grade: Emilia Tyson 2nd Grade: Giovanni Schifano 3rd Grade: Aleah Pendleton

The following students have been

selected as January's group of

4th Grade: Nora Gow 5th Grade: Aiden Moen 6th Grade: Liam Sherwin







John Schaefer is our Hard Worker for January. JT is always making us laugh and has the best sense of humor with his friends and his teachers. Mrs. Luckman



Giovanni Schifano is the Second Grade hard worker of the month because he is one witty kid! Gio keeps us laughing with his clever responses and his quick sense of humor! He can also bring any character to life with his actions and many voices. Congratulations Gio! Mrs. Zablocki



Lennon Flint is Kindergarten's Hard Worker of the month! Lennon makes everyone smile. She has a witty sense of humor that is well beyond her years. Her laughter and silly nature fills our classroom with happiness! Mrs. Voutour



My January Hard Worker of the month nomination is **Aleah Pendleton**. She can be very **witty** and clever in classroom discussions. I enjoy the humor she brings to various topics. Her quick wit is a joy in our day, and brings smiles to her peers and teachers. I enjoy her quiet delivery. I look forward to having conversations with her and hearing her point of view throughout the day. Aleah's personality makes our day bright! Mrs. Pavlock



Our 1st Grade Witty student of the month is Emilia Tyson. Emilia comes in each morning in a cheerful mood and brings so much positivity into our classroom. She has a fun personality and a great sense of humor. Emilia is quick to make great connections and add fun comments to our stories and activities. Emilia's kindness and positive outlook keeps everyone in our classroom smiling! ~Mrs. Gilbert



Nora Gow is our 4th grade Witty Hard Worker of the Month! Nora brings her smile every day as she dazzles us with her style and wit! Nora is a lot of fun, and her witty nature is a pleasure throughout the day! Mrs. Evans



Aiden Moen has been chosen as the Hard Worker of the Month for 5th grade! The characteristic we were looking for this month was "WITTY", having quick, inventive humor! Beyond a doubt, our friend Aiden displays this quality each and every day! He makes us smile even when we are feeling down. He makes connections to things we are working on and will say some comment, always appropriate, that makes us laugh! Sometimes he even laughs at his own jokes which makes his teachers smile. Appropriate humor in the classroom helps keep us all engaged, feeling happy and helps create a wonderful, safe, and fun learning environment. Thanks Aiden!! Your wittiness makes every day a good day! Mrs. Mocarski

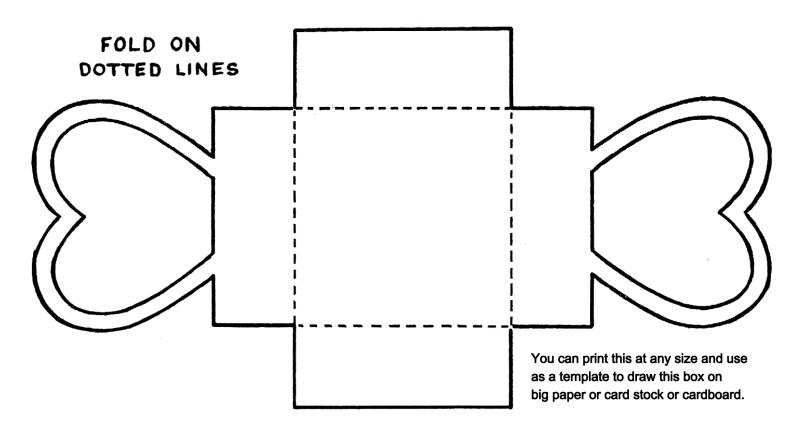




One word to describe 6th grader Liam Sherwin is witty. Liam is a person that wins over others by his charming personality. Being able to produce quick, smart comebacks that makes conversation with him fun and entertaining helps him develop friendships with classmates. His responsible, playful attitude makes him a leader in the classroom and someone his classmates can look up to daily. Keep up the good work, Liam! Mrs. Costello

L to R <u>Front Row</u>: Giovanni Schifano, Emilia Tyson, Lennon Flint, John Schafer <u>Back Row:</u> Mr. Carter, Aleah Pendleton, Nora Gow, Aiden Moen





Valentines Heart Box!

Step 1 - Print template, and then trace on to paper of your choice!
Step 2 - Cut out along the edges, and inside the hearts, if you'd like.
Step 3 - Fold along the dotted lines and tape the corners.
Step 4 - If you would like, paste a paper lace doily on the box edges.
Step 5 - Place a treat in the box and give to your friends or family!

February 2023 National Days Of.....

February 2nd National Tater Tot Day! Who doesn't like a plate of crispy tater tots?

February 7th <u>National Send a Card to a Friend Day!</u> Go the "Old School" way, and send a Valentine's day card to a friend, or family member!

February 17th <u>National Random Acts of Kindness Day!</u> Do something kind or friendly today, just because it's the nice thing to do!

February 20th <u>National Love Your Pet Day!</u> Dogs, Cats, Bunnies, Lizards, Fish, or any other pets, give those good boys & girls extra treats!

February 26th <u>National Tell a Fairy Tale Day!</u> Stick with the classics, or make up your own!