

Hot Off the Pratt Press!



NO SCHOOL
Veteran's Day - November 10th
Thanksgiving Holiday
November 22nd - 24th



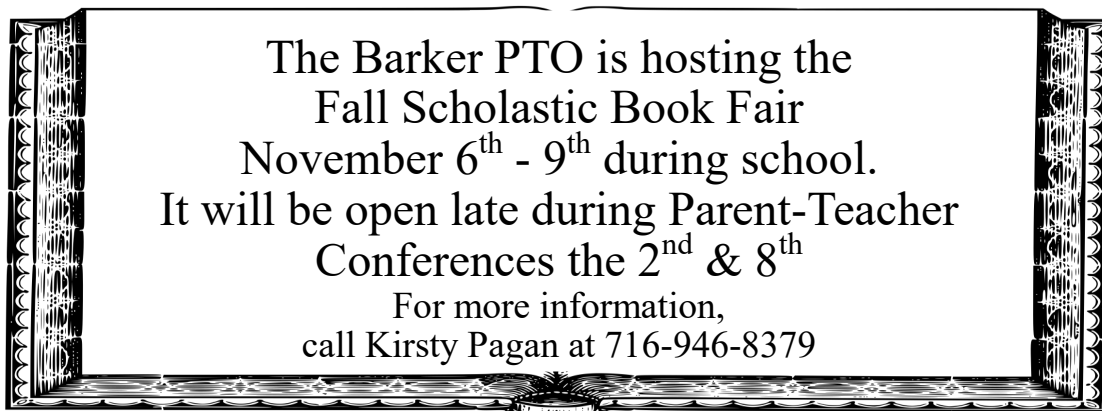
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**Parent Teacher
 Conferences:**
November 2nd
12:00 - 7:30



November 8th
12:00 - 7:45

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Parent Reminders

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Parent-Teacher Conferences: November 2ND 12:00 - 7:30 and November 8th 12:00 - 7:45

Our annual Parent-Teacher Conference evenings will be November 2nd & November 8th.

Meetings will be 15 minutes each.

Parent-Teacher Conferences will operate as follows and will be held either in-person or by phone.

Elementary PreK-6: Please work directly with your child's teacher to set up times.

In your communication, please ensure to include the following:

1. Student(s) names(s) (first & last)
2. Which teacher(s) you would like to meet.
3. If you would like to have the meeting in-person or by phone.
4. The evening & time frame.
5. A valid, working contact phone number.

*Please note that if a parent chooses to join via a phone call, know that the teacher will phone the parent at the scheduled time.

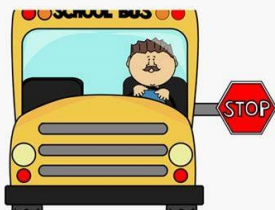
Please be on time for your conference so the evening keeps moving and use only your allotted time.

If more time is needed, parents can schedule this separately with the teacher.

Also, please do not hesitate in any way to contact your child's teachers at any time by phone, e-mail or other means the teacher has set up.

Reminder to Parents:

It is **illegal** to pass a stopped school bus with its lights on **EVEN** in the school bus loop.



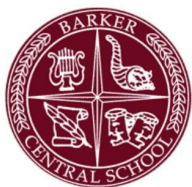
Parent Volunteer Forms

If you are interested in being a parent volunteer, or attending field trips with your child, you need to be approved by the Barker Board of Education.

When you have completed the application, we need you to bring it to the Elementary Office, with your Photo License/ID Card, so that we can Raptor you in and have your photo on the application.

Everyone that was previously approved is already on the list and will remain on the list until your child(ren) graduate.

You do not need to fill out another application. Any questions, please call 716-795-3237 or email Rachel Anderson at randerson@barkercsd.net.



BARKER CENTRAL SCHOOL

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November 2023

Dear Pratt Elementary Families,

Happy November! Our Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, November 2nd, and Wednesday, November 8th. Please make sure you have connected with your child's teacher to schedule your conference. There will be a ½ day of school on both of the conference days. Students in grades PK through 6 will be dismissed at 11:30 AM. Please fill out the Pick-up Patrol accordingly. The cafeteria will not be serving lunches on those days.

In order to best support you during the upcoming parent-teacher conferences, please refer to these tips and tricks to help foster a positive and productive conference with your child's teacher:

1. **Recognize the Team Effort:** Collaboration is key! Recognize that all conference participants are gathered to help support the student in the best way possible. We are all on the same team!
2. **Remain Positive and Constructive:** Celebrate the successes and remain constructive when having those often necessary, difficult discussion regarding improvement. Keep a growth mindset at the forefront of the conversation.
3. **Resolve to Be Solution-Oriented:** Work together to find appropriate solutions that will help best support the student's needs.
4. **Remember the Goal:** Keep your eyes on the prize - helping students be academically, socially, emotionally, and behaviorally successful in the classroom and beyond.
5. **Respect Time:** Be respectful of the time allotted. Stay on topic and be aware of the time needed for other students and their families.

[\(https://home.classtag.com/blog/parent-teacher-conference-guide/\)](https://home.classtag.com/blog/parent-teacher-conference-guide/)

The Book Fair will also be taking place beginning November 2nd through November 9th, and will be open late on the conference days. There will be a Spaghetti Dinner held in the High School cafeteria on Thursday, November 2nd to support the Golf Team. Please contact Rob Mucha (rmucha@barkerbsd.net) if you would like to purchase tickets. As always - thank you for all that you do to support our learning community.

Sincerely,

Micaela Maria Love

Mrs. Micaela M. Love

PK-12 Principal

mlove@barkerbsd.net



You're invited to our Paws~itively great Book Fair!

Evening Hours will be held during the Parent/Teacher
Conferences on November 2nd and November 8th

We are in need of volunteers!
Please contact
Lori Donner at (716) 628-0944

To order books online, add
money or transfer funds to an
e-wallet go to:
<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/barkercsd>

Bring your pop tabs in to benefit
Ronald McDonald House!
Any student that brings in a pop tab
donation will be entered in to win a
McDonald's gift card!



Anyone that would like to make a donation to the
Barker PTO to purchase books for students is welcome
to send in cash or checks.
You can also donate online by scanning our QR code.



SCAN ME

New this year!
Students that donate \$1 will receive
1 Free Spin
on our new prize wheel!
There will be lots of fun prizes, including
free books, posters, bookmarks,
and other fun prizes!
All proceeds will go towards our
Holiday Book Fund!

Mon. Nov. 6	Tues. Nov. 7	Wed. Nov 8	Thurs. Nov 9
Evans (4 th)	Calandra (3 rd)	Donovan (PK)	Norris (4 th)
Pavlock (3 rd)	Dissek (4 th)	Gilbert (1 st)	Tabone (3 rd)
Weller (K)	Luckman (PK)	Nobles (1 st)	5 th & 6 th Grade
5 th & 6 th Grade	Nestoros (2 nd)	Parent/Teacher Conferences Visit with your family until 7pm	Absentee student shopping time
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	Zablocki (2 nd)		
	5 th & 6 th Grade		

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
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

2:35 - 2:45pm in the
1911 Building Parking Lot.

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)!

Pratt Elementary

BOAT LOAD OF GOOD CLASSROOM CONTEST



Help Fill the Boat for
Those in Need

Contest is for
One Week ONLY!

Held during the week of November 13th - 17th

A daily prize will be awarded to the classroom that brings in
the most designated goods each day.

MONDAY: Break for Breakfast: Bring in non-perishable breakfast items

TUESDAY: Taco Tuesday: Bring in non-perishable items used for Tacos

WEDNESDAY: Whatever You Want Wednesday: Bring in any
non-perishable food items of your choice

THURSDAY: Lots-a-Pasta: Bring in non perishable pasta or sauce items

FRIDAY: "Can" it be the Weekend: Bring in canned goods of your choice

Students take all donations to your classroom to be tallied each day!

Students in Grades 5 and 6 will help collect, tally up the donations, and
deliver to the boat. Prizes will be awarded once tallies are completed!

The winners of the Jr. High Student Council
Pumpkin Coloring Contest are:

Cole Cogar - Pre-K Mrs. Donovan
Lydia Gabrys - Kindergarten Mrs. Voutour
Hank Williams - 1st Grade Mrs. Gilbert
Finleigh Wendler - 2nd Grade Mrs. Zablocki
Cora Trakas - 3rd Grade Mrs. Calandra
Teagan Costello - 4th Grade Mrs. Evans
Kian Baker - 5th Grade Mrs. Mocarski
Kasey Thering - 6th Grade Mrs. Costello

Congratulations to our winners and everyone who entered!



Left to Right:

C. Cogar, H. Williams, F. Wendler, C. Trakas, T. Costello, K. Baker, K. Thering

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**.

October's trait is **AMBITIOUS**.

November will focus on the trait of **RELIABLE**.

A reliable person is someone who you can trust to behave well, work hard, or do what you expect them to do.
Let's all work towards being Reliable!

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 October's group of
HARD WORKERS
with the trait
AMBITIOUS:

Pre-K: Lincoln Page

Kindergarten: Olivia Clyde

1st Grade: Ava Fuerch

2nd Grade: Arabella Zastrow

3rd Grade: Aubree McMaster

4th Grade: Avery Snell

5th Grade: Max Liuzzi

6th Grade: Chris Martin





Lincoln Page is our hard worker for October.

Lincoln always tries his best to reach his goals. He never gives up and always has a big smile.

We are so proud of him!

Great job Lincoln!

Mrs. Luckman &
Mrs. Niethe



Olivia Clyde

is the kindergarten hard worker for the month of October.

Olivia is an **ambitious** student, and she is always ready to learn. I can rely on her to work hard and to always do her best to reach a goal. She doesn't give up when faced with a challenging situation and is determined to succeed. She is ambitious to help others and is there for her classmates when needed.

Great job Olivia!

Mrs. Weller



Ava Fuerch

is the first grader who displays the trait of **ambitious** for the month of October!

Ava is always working hard in the classroom to complete activities and assignments. She never gives up and always works with a smile on her face, even when tasks are difficult.

I am so happy to have her in my classroom to model what it means to be ambitious!

Ms. Nobles



The second grade student of the month is **Arabella Zastrow!**

Arabella is a very hard worker that always puts forth her very best effort! She is eager to go above and beyond what is asked of her and is also willing to help any of her peers. Arabella is quick to follow directions and sets a great example for everyone else in the classroom.

Congratulations Bella!

Mrs. Zablocki



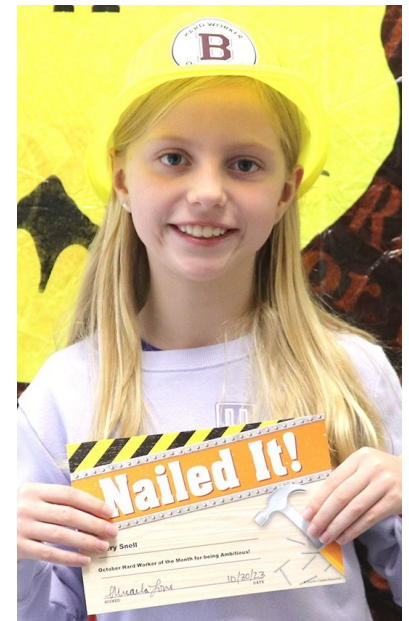
I nominate **Aubree McMaster** as the hard worker of the month.

Aubree is always striving to reach her goals. She always tries her best. She is someone who perseveres through challenging work. She is someone her classmates can rely on to be a role model.

Aubree is a great example of an **ambitious** student!

Keep up the great work, Aubree!

Miss Tabone



Avery Snell

exemplifies the word **ambitious**.

She works hard on a daily basis to be the best she can be.

Avery strives to improve herself in all areas in school, including being a positive role model in the classroom and unstructured areas. Great job Avery!

Mr. Norris



Max Liuzzi has had an amazing start to 5th grade! He has impressed all of his teachers with his ability to continually challenge himself in many different areas. He is self-motivated to continue learning about topics by himself once we have finished a unit of study. He goes above and beyond everyday soaking up as much knowledge as he can! This internal drive is really going to take him places! Congratulations Max! Your extraordinary effort has been noticed!
Team 5/6



Chris Martin exhibits a determination to succeed! Since the start of this school year, Chris has consistently come to school each day eager to learn and improve his skills. He is an energetic student that his teachers can rely on and his friends value as a classmate. We are proud to announce him as the 6th grade Hard Worker for October! Keep up the great work, Chris!
Team 5/6

