



This is a reminder to all parents that
Monday October 10th, 2022 is Columbus Day.
There will be **no school** for students on this day.
Enjoy your long weekend!

Fire Prevention/Safety Day October 14th

Members of our Barker
Volunteer Fire Department
will be here at Pratt
Elementary to visit with our
Pre-K to 4th Grade Students.



Picture Make Up Day

Wednesday
October 27th
will be
Picture Make Ups
for all grades.



October 2022 Events

Columbus Day— No School Monday, Oct. 11 th	Fire Prevention/ Safety October 14 th	Board of Ed. Mtg Oct. 17 th at 7:00 pm	Picture Make Up Thursday October 27 th	Halloween Festivities Information to Follow
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Parent Reminders

Parent-Teacher Conferences:

November 3rd 4:00-7:30 and November 9th 4:00-7:45

Our annual Parent-Teacher Conference evenings will be November 3rd & November 9th.

Meetings will be 15 minutes each.

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

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@barkerbsd.net.

Reminder to Parents:

It is **illegal** to pass a stopped school bus with its lights on **EVEN** in the school bus loop. Please park in the parking lot between 10:15-10:35 to avoid being stuck behind the Pre-K bus at drop off and pick up times.

Halloween
at Pratt will be
celebrated on
Friday, October 28!
Music & Trick or
Treating will
be in our Elementary
Bus Loop.

Happy Halloween

Pratt Elementary is now using PickUp Patrol!

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 by September 6th, 2022, or if the link has expired, please contact Rachel Anderson at 716-795-3237, or email her at randerson@barkerccsd.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 Elementary Office.

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!

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
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.**

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)!

Barker Central School

1628 Quaker Road, Barker, New York 14012-0328



9/6/2022

Pratt Elementary Families:

This letter is meant to remind parents of the morning drop off and afternoon pick up procedure. Please use the map on the back of this letter as a reference.

We will still be utilizing the District Office parking lot. Parents will drop their students off and pick them up at the designated location.

Morning drop off begins at 7:50 am. Afternoon pickup begins at 2:35. We will have school personnel at the designated location and along the bus loop to help students who need it. Our School Resource Officers will also be present.

Half-day Pre-kindergarten students will also drop off here in the morning. However, if parents are picking them up mid-day, they can do so at the Pratt main entrance.

Also, we ask that parents do not "skip" the line by dropping their child(ren) off somewhere other than the designated area. This causes safety issues. Also, please do not pull the car out of the line and drive to the front. This slows down the process and causes an unneeded safety issue. It could also result in a ticket from Somerset Police.

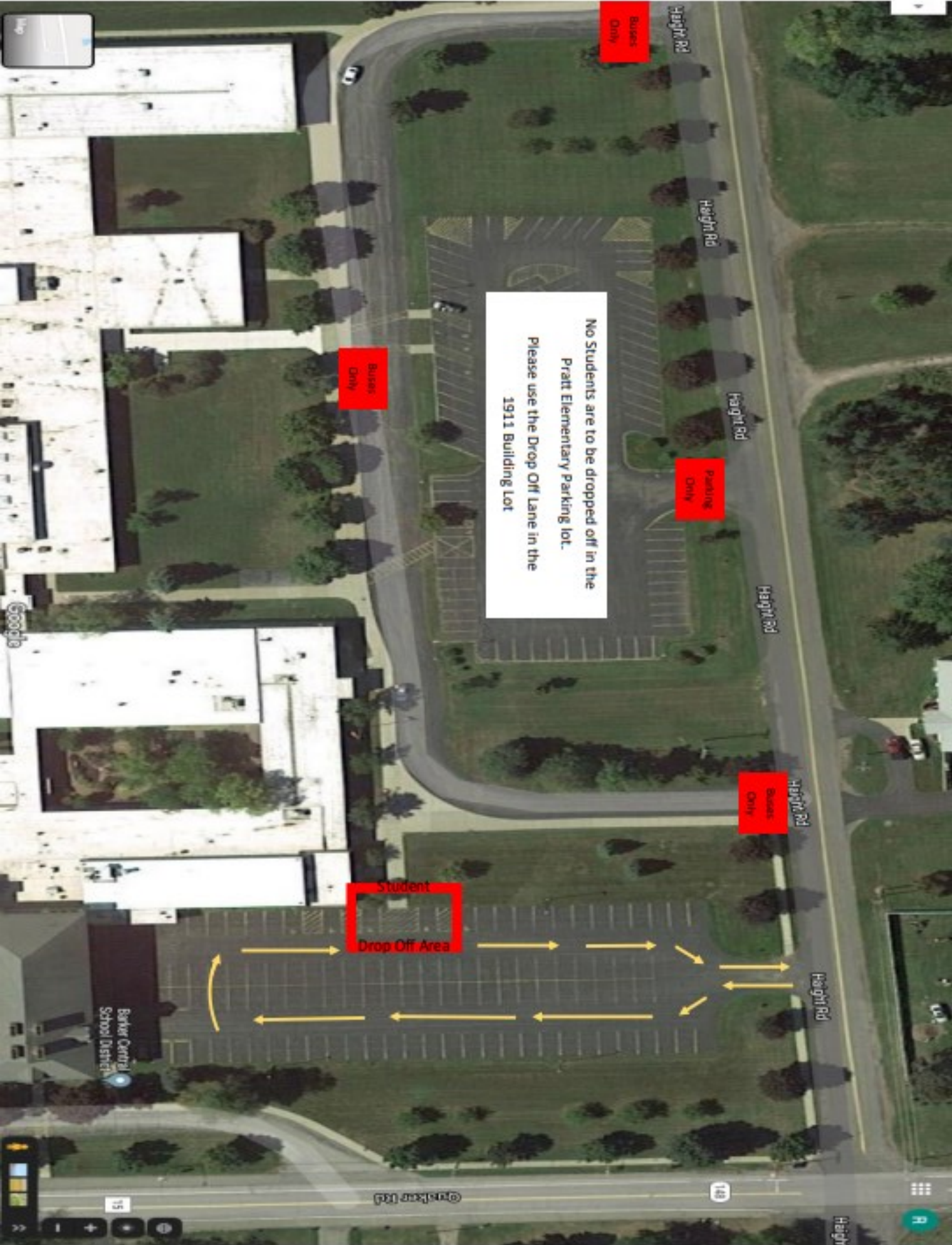
Please understand we cannot permit parents into the building during drop-off/pickup times due to safety and security.

A visual of the plan is on the next page.

Thank you all for your help and patience. I hope the school year is starting great for all of you.

Sincerely,

Michael Carter
District Principal, PreK-12



No Students are to be dropped off in the
Pratt Elementary Parking lot.
Please use the Drop Off Lane in the
1911 Building Lot

Student
Drop Off Area

Buses
Only

Haigh Rd

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Parking
Only

Haigh Rd

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Haigh Rd

Buses
Only



Barker Central
School District

Oriskany Rd

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October 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3 B	4 C	5 D	6 E	7 F	8
9	10  Columbus Day NO SCHOOL	11 A	12 B	13 C	14 D BVFD Fire Prevention Day PK-4 th Grade	15
16	17 E Board of Education Meeting 7:00 pm	18 F	19 A	20 B	21 C	22
23 30	24 D C 31 	25 E	26 F	27 A	28 B	29

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**.

September's trait is **HONEST**.

An honest person speaks the truth, admits to wrong doings, even if they'll get into trouble, and explains how a situation really happened.

October will focus on the trait of **AMBITIOUS**.

An ambitious person is someone always striving to reach a goal. Through hard work, dedication and perseverance, an ambitious person does not give up. He or she pushes forward and is determined to succeed.

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 for our first group of
HARD WORKERS
with the trait
HONEST:

Pre-K: Felicity Hames

Kindergarten: Tyler Meehan

1st Grade: Blaise Janese

2nd Grade: Fiona McEachern

3rd Grade: Kaleb Gargano

4th Grade: Atticus Janese

5th Grade: Baylee Atwater

6th Grade: Javion Peterkin





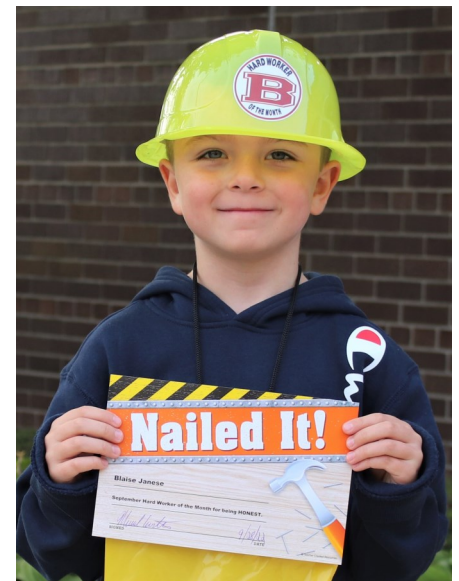
Felicity Hames is a very hard worker, she is **honest**, loyal and sincere to her Pre-K friends. We are so proud of how she helps others with her honesty.

Mrs. Donovan and
Mrs. Schwab



Tyler Meehan is the kindergarten **hard worker** of the month. He is always honest and speaks the truth. We can count on Tyler to help others stay accountable.

Mrs. Atwater



Our first grade **HARD WORKER** of the month is **Blaise Janese**. We can always count on Blaise to tell the truth and set a good example for his friends. Blaise follows the classroom rules, works hard to complete his activities, and is a great friend to everyone. Blaise is very honest and a great role model in our classroom.

Mrs. Gilbert



Congratulations to the Grade 2 student of the month,
Fiona McEachern.

Fiona is always very honest when I have a question or talk to her.

Being honest is an admirable trait, and Fiona sets a wonderful example for her friends.

Great job Fiona!

-Mrs. Zablocki



3rd grade is nominating
Kaleb Gargano for
September!

Kaleb is working hard to adjust to 3rd grade expectations.

He owns his behavior without trying to make excuses and he accepts rewards and consequences without argument.

Kaleb is good at being **honest**.

Mrs. Calandra



Atticus Janese is an example of an **honest** student. He is a role model to his classmates by showing the importance of being truthful in all situations.

Keep up the good work!!

Mr. Norris



Fifth grade would like to recognize **Baylee Atwater** for demonstrating what "HONESTY" means and looks like in the classroom. We have only known Bailey for such a short time, yet she has shown herself to be **HONEST** on several occasions! When asked about tasks she needs to complete, if things seem challenging/easy, things she feels confident about and things she thinks she needs extra practice on, she has responded with total honesty! She has proven to be someone we can respect and count on when we need someone to be truthful in the classroom!

Great way to start the year Baylee!
 Congratulations!
 5th Grade Team



Jaivion Peterkin represents all the best qualities of an outstanding student. He is responsible, kind and especially **honest**. Jaivion is helpful to those around him, and he works well both independently and in a group. He embodies the trait of honesty because he is trustworthy and sincere to all. We know we can look to Jaivion to do what is right, even if it is hard. He is truly a role model and a leader within our classrooms and here at Pratt Elementary.

Way to go Jaivion!
 Team 6

