



October 2024





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This is a reminder to all parents that
Friday, October 11th is a Staff Development Day and
Monday October 14th, 2024 is Indigenous People Day.
There will be **NO SCHOOL** for students on these days.
Enjoy your extra long weekend!

Picture Make Up Day

Wednesday
October 30th
will be
Picture Make Ups
for all grades.

Red Ribbon Week October 28 to November 1 Daily Events! See Page 4!

Fire Prevention/Safety Day October 24

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



Board of Ed. Mtg Oct. 7 th at 7:00 pm	Go Home Early Drill Oct. 10 th at 2:15 pm	Staff Development Day No School October 11 th	Indigenous Peoples Day <u>No School</u> Monday, Oct. 14 th	UNITY DAY Wear Orange! October 16 th
Fire Prevention Day October 24	Red Ribbon Week October 28 th - November 1 st	LionSee Vision Screening October 29 Grades Pre-k-4	Picture Make Up October 30 th	Halloween Festivities Information to Follow

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RED RIBBON WEEK	Team Up against drugs! Wear your Bills Gear or favorite sports shirts!	29 LionSee Pre-K—2nd Red Alert! Dress in Red!	30D Picture Makeup Day Dress Up!	Say BOO to Drugs! Halloween Costume or Shirt	Nov. 1 F Put a Cap on Drugs! Wear you favorite Hat!	

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"Put a Cap	"Say BOO	"Dress Up	"Red	"Hey-EH-
11/01	10/31	10/30	10/29	10/28
Friday	Thursday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Monday

Red Ribbon Week highlights the importance of living a drug-free life. It presents an opportunity for families, educators and communities to reinforce the drug-free messages they share throughout the year.

GO HOME EARLY DRILL OCTOBER 10

A letter will be sent to parents/guardians via Blackboard roughly a week before the drill. Please be sure to read the information provided. Thank you!

Fire Safety & Prevention Day

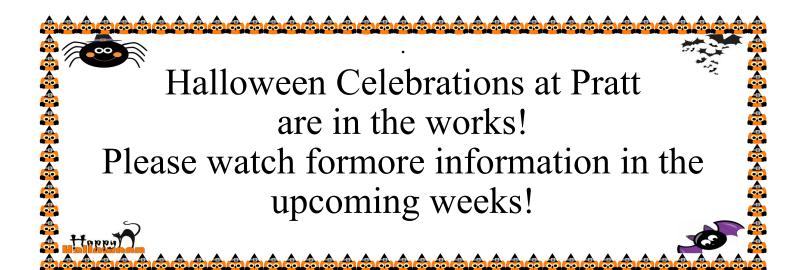
Our Barker Fire Department will be bringing their trucks and equipment to talk to our Pre-K—4th grades on October 24, 2024



LionSee Vision Screenings Grades Pre-K through 2nd Given by the Barker Lions Club







Parent Reminders

Parent-Teacher Conferences:

November 13th 12:00-7:30 and November 21st 12:00-7:45

Our annual Parent-Teacher Conference days will be November 13th & November 21st.

THESE WILL BE HALF DAYS FOR STUDENTS

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.

PickUp Patrol

We have phased out paper notes for bus changes and early dismissals. Parents are encouraged to set up an account in PickUp Patrol. Please contact Rachel Anderson at 716-795-3237, or email her at randerson@barkercsd.net, with any questions.

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.

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!

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.

Reminder to **All Drivers:**

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

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 <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.

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)!