

February 2022

**Mid-Winter Recess
No School
Feb. 21-25**

Hot off the Pratt Press!!

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

Valentine's Day

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!



As the weather begins to turn colder and wetter, please make sure your children are prepared for it.
Winter coats, boots, hats & mittens.
If the weather isn't too cold or wet, gym classes or walks may be taken outside throughout the day.

Please see **page 3** of this newsletter for information regarding our new dismissal program!



Class Colors

Pre-K is **Yellow**
Kindergarten is **Green**
Grade 1 is **Red**
Grade 2 is **Blue**
Grade 3 is **Orange**
Grade 4 is **Purple**
Grade 5 is **Yellow**
Grade 6 is **Green**

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

Then, on Friday, February
18th, show your school
spirit and wear your class
colors!

Board of Education Meeting

**February 7th
7:00pm**

Elementary Cafétorium

**February 14th
Wear Red & Pink**

**February 18th
Class Color Day!**

Mid-Winter Break

February 21-25
School resumes
February 28th

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)!

YOUR CHILD CAN EARN A FREE MEDIUM PIZZA!

All you need to do is participate in Mark's Pizzeria "Book-Mark's" program!

It's easy! Help your child meet their reading goal each month.

You can read to them or they can read to you. Keep track of your reading on the calendar or form that was sent home with your child.

Parents need to sign the calendar/form before returning it to school each month by the assigned due date. As soon as we receive your child's coupon from Mark's Pizzeria, we will send it home for you to redeem.

Happy Reading!!

Sincerely, Pratt Teachers

All students and faculty are required to wear a face mask throughout the day.

The masks should cover your mouth and nose.

Mask breaks will be worked into the day, when it is safe to do so.

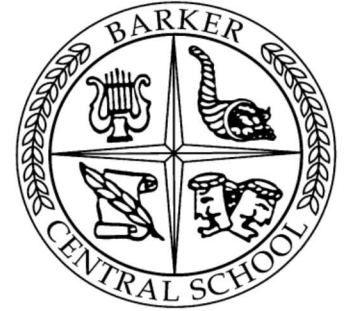
Students will also remove their mask when they are eating lunch.

Please understand that **all** students and staff will have masks on for the vast majority of the day, due to the guidelines.

Remember to wash/change your mask daily.

Barker Central School

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January 2022

To Pratt Elementary Parents and Guardians:

Starting Monday, January 31, Pratt Elementary will be using Pickup Patrol (PUP) for student dismissal plans and absence information. Pickup Patrol will save us a great deal of time here in the office and will reduce interruptions in our classrooms—while also providing you with a convenient and secure way to make changes to your children's dismissal plans. Most importantly, it will help us ensure that our students are safely dismissed to their correct after-school destinations.

Use the PUP web app for:

ATTENDANCE: Notify the school office when your child will be absent, arriving late or leaving early (this will take the place of notes).

DISMISSAL CHANGES: Submit changes to your child's regular dismissal plans. For example:

- *A student normally rides the bus, but is getting picked up today.*
- *A student usually goes to a babysitter, but is leaving early for an appointment.*

How it works:

Your child is assigned a dismissal plan when you set up the app. This is the plan they will regularly follow on normal days. We call this the Default Plan.

Whenever you have a change to the Default Plan, you'll submit a change through the PUP app. When the plan is submitted, the school will be notified and your child's teacher will relay the change to them.

All plan changes should be entered in Pickup Patrol. Notes, emails or phone calls will not be accepted for changes after **March 11, 2022.**

Getting started with PUP:

1. **REGISTER:** You will receive a registration email from Pickup Patrol on **Wednesday, January 12** with a link to set up your account. It is incredibly important that the district has a valid working email for a parent of each child. We have emails for all families but a few and we will be contacting them directly. The PUP web app is free to parents and you can use it from your smartphone or computer. PUP is not accessed through the app stores. Instead, for easy access, follow the instructions in your registration email for how to add it to your phone's home screen.

2. ENTER DEFAULT PLANS: Once you register, **log into your PickUp Patrol account by January 21** to confirm your child's default dismissal plan. **It's important that you complete this step so that we can accurately dismiss your children.**

We understand this is a new process mid-year, but we have decided to implement this program to ensure students are being dismissed correctly and that the school has the most accurate information possible from families. Thank you for using PUP to make safety a priority and to ensure our dismissal process is efficient for all our students.

If you have any questions, please first check the [PUP FAQ](#) page. If you still need help, contact our Pickup Patrol coordinator, Rachel Anderson, at 716-795-3237 or at randerson@barkerbsd.net.

Sincerely,

Michael Carter
District Principal

Pratt Elementary is now using PickUp Patrol!

We are in the process of phasing 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.

If you have not received an email, or if the link has expired, please contact Rachel Anderson at 716-795-3237, 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 have had many parents sign up already, and are hoping to have everyone signed up and using PickUp Patrol by **March 11**, as 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!

February 2022 National Days Of.....

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

February 7th National Send a Card to a Friend Day!

Go the "Old School" way, and send a Valentine's day card to a friend, or family member!

February 17th National Random Acts of Kindness Day!

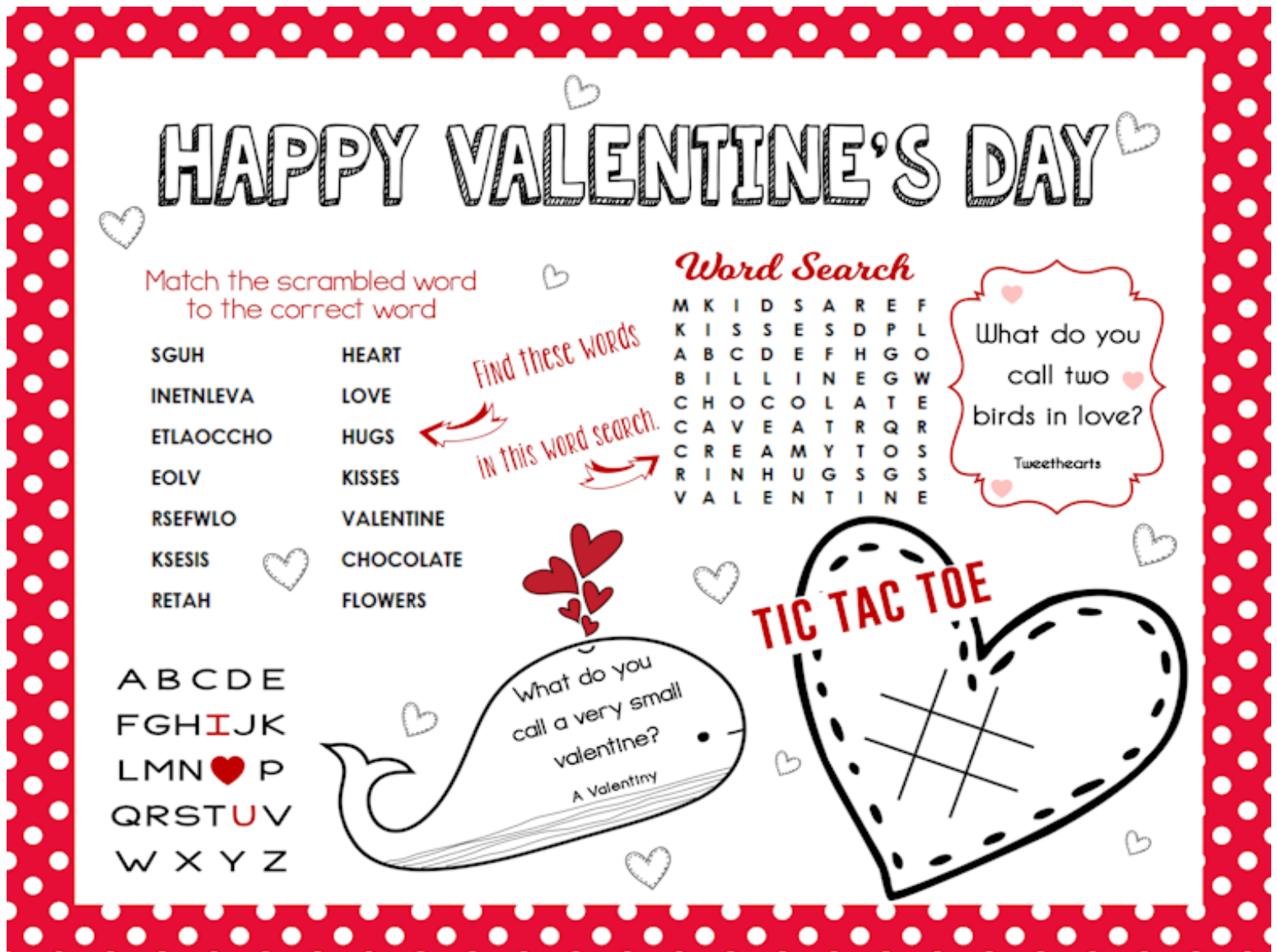
Do something kind or friendly today, just because it's the nice thing to do!

February 20th National Love Your Pet Day!



Dogs, Cats, Bunnies, Lizards, Fish, or any other pets, give those good boys & girls extra treats!

February 26th National Tell a Fairy Tale Day!

Stick with the classics, or make up your own!



February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7 <i>A</i> <small>Board of Education Mtg. 7:00 PM</small>	8 <i>B</i>	9 <i>C</i>	10 <i>D</i>	11 <i>E</i>	12
13	14 <i>F</i> <small>Happy Valentine's Day Wear Red & Pink!</small>	15 <i>A</i>	16 <i>B</i>	17 <i>C</i>	18 <i>D</i> <small>Class Color Day!</small>	19
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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)

The following students have been selected as January's group of

HARD WORKERS

with the trait

WITTY:

Pre-K: Griffin Harvey

Kindergarten: Major Demonico

1st Grade: Carter Annecharico

2nd Grade: Owen Phillips

3rd Grade: Cerenity Street

4th Grade: Kyle Rounds

5th Grade: Cooper Schumacher

6th Grade: Autumn Draper

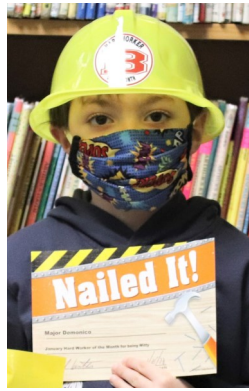




“**Griffin Harvey** is the Pre-K **Witty Hard Worker** for January!

Griffin always comes to school with a smile on his face. Griffin has great little jokes and stories to keep us smiling all day!”

Mrs. Luckman



“**Major Demonico** is Kindergarten's **Witty Hard Worker** of the month.

We can always count on Major to entertain us with a funny story. His lighthearted demeanor is something we appreciate every day in our classroom. Major's wit has helped him to make many friends and I am sure it will continue to do so in the future!”

Mrs. Voutour



The first grade January hard worker of the month who displays the trait of **witty** is **Carter Annecharico**.

Carter always has a fun comment or response when we are doing read-alouds or brainstorming ideas for writing. He makes me and his classmates laugh regularly, Carter is a witty student, and he adds so much to my first-grade classroom!

Ms. Nobles

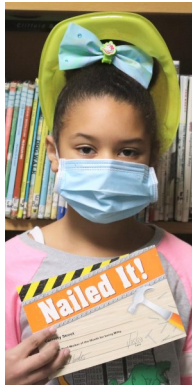


“The grade 2 Hard Worker of the Month for January is **Owen Phillips!**

Owen is one **witty** student! He has a wonderful sense of humor and often offers a unique perspective. He keeps us all laughing and thinking!

Congratulations Owen!”

Mrs. Zablocki



The third grade Hard Worker of the month is **Cerenity Street!**

Cerenity has a fun personality and great sense of humor. Her laugh is contagious! Her quick **wit** and positive outlook are greatly appreciated in the classroom. She is a great peer to her classmates and keeps us all smiling. Cerenity is a joy to teach!

Mrs. Pavlock



January's Hard Worker of the Month is **Kyle Rounds!**

Kyle is a **witty** young 4th grader!

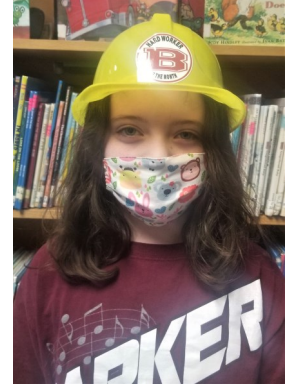
Throughout the day, he can be "caught" saying something witty. It is fun to be around Kyle and we all enjoy his humor and witty personality!

Mrs. Evans



“The 5th grade team is excited to have **Cooper Schumacher** as their January "**Witty**" Hard Worker! Cooper's quips make everyone around him smile! Having a conversation with him will instantly cheer you up or lift your spirits! The best part of Cooper's witty personality is that often it shines without intention. He has a cheerful nature and a tremendous sense of humor. 2, 4, 6, 8, Cooper "Schu" is GREAT! Congratulations Cooper!

5th Grade Team



January's 6th Grade **Witty Hard Worker** is **Autumn Draper.**

One word to describe 6th grader Autumn Draper is witty! Autumn is able to produce quick, smart comebacks that make conversation with her fun and entertaining and helps her develop friendships with classmates. Her responsible, playful attitude enhances her unique personality and positively contributes to our classrooms.

Way to go, Autumn!

6th Grade Team



Left to Right:

Front Row: Owen Phillips, Griffin Harvey, Major Demonico

Back Row: Kyle Rounds, Cerenity Street, Mr. Carter,

Cooper Schumacher, Carter Annecharico

Mr. Carter &
Autumn Draper

