



Top O' the Pratt Press!



Barker **Pre-K & Kindergarten Registration** **2022-2023 School Year**

It's Barker Pre-K/Kindergarten Registration time!

We are currently accepting applications for
2022-2023 Pre-K and Kindergarten programs!

Age requirements:

Kindergarten: Must be 5 years old
on or before December 1, 2022

Pre-K: Must be 4 years old
on or before December 1, 2022

For more information or for an application,
please call Rachel Anderson at
716-795-3237

As the weather
continues to be chilly
and wet, please make
sure your children
are prepared.
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.

Grades 3-8 NYS ELA
Assessment
March 29 & 30

Book Fair News

Keep watching for more
information regarding our
Spring Book Fair!
Dates are being worked
on for April.

PickUp Patrol

If you have not yet signed up, please check
your email and follow the link and
create your account.

Changes will be accepted through the app
until 1:00.

Please make sure any changes are in by
then, as we will not be accepting notes or
phone calls after the cutoff time.

Thank you for working with us to make the
PickUp Patrol easy to use!

Important March Days!

March 1st
**Crazy
Sock
Day!**

March 2nd
Twin Day!
**Be Twins
with a Friend!**

March 3rd
**Hat
Day!**

March 4th
**Pajama
Day!**
(No Slippers Please!)

March 7th
BOE Meeting
7:00^{pm}
Elem. Cafetorium

March 11th
**End of
Elementary
2nd Trimester**

March 17th
**Saint Patrick's
Day!**
Wear Green!

March 18th
**Report Cards
Mailed Home**

Dear Family,

We will be kicking off Dr. Seuss' birthday month and Read Across America with a week of fun-filled activities. Please join us for a "seusstastic" week by participating in the dress up days listed below!



March 1st- **Crazy Sock Day:** wear crazy socks!

March 2nd- **Twin Day:** be twins with a classmate!

March 3rd- **Hat Day:** bring a hat to school and wear it all day!

March 4th- **Pajama Day:** wear your favorite pjs to school!

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,
The Reading Department



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, or email her at randerson@bakercsd.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 have had many parents sign up already (Thank you!), 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!

National Days for March 2022

March 3rd - National I Want You to be Happy Day - Who doesn't like to be happy?

March 10th - National Mario Day - Letsa Go! and celebrate Mario on MAR10

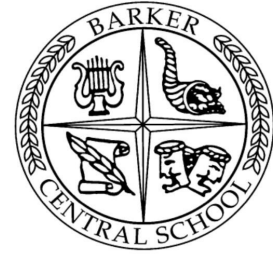
March 17th - Absolutely Incredible Kid Day - Celebrate those Incredible Kids in your life!

March 21st - World Poetry Day - Grab a notebook and let your words flow!

March 28th - Children's Picture Book Day - Curl up with some cocoa and check out a fun book!

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

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2/27/2022

Good Evening Barker Learning Community,

As you may have heard, earlier today Governor Hochul lifted the mask mandate for schools effective this coming Wednesday, March 2, 2022.

As such, students, staff, and visitors of the Barker Central School District will need to continue wearing masks this week on Monday and Tuesday. As of Wednesday masks will no longer be required.

We know that this topic continues to be divisive and there are many who will wish to continue wearing masks after the mandate is lifted. Any individual who wishes to wear a mask may continue to do so. As always, the expectation is to treat everyone with respect regardless of their desire to wear a mask or not and we will continue to follow the regulations set forth by New York State and our Code of Conduct as we maintain the best environment possible for all who enter our doors.

We would like thank everyone for your continued support and flexibility with this ever changing situation.

If you have any questions about this upcoming change, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,



Jacob L. Reimer
Superintendent

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



Dear Families,

Pratt Elementary is about to embark on a special project, a community-wide book club called One School, One Book! Every family will receive a copy of the book *Friendship According to Humphrey* by Betty G. Birney and will be asked to read it at home.

Along with the book, you will find a pacing calendar that provides a guide to complete the book. Our goal is for students to read (5) pages at home. Please notice that a parent initial is required. At the end of a month, students will be invited to turn in their completed calendar for a prize!

One Book, One School. How exciting that all of Pratt Elementary will be reading the same book at the same time! Understandably, there will be students who can read this book independently and others who will need it read to them. To help with reading aloud, we have enclosed "Read Aloud Tips for Grown Ups." Parents, we couldn't do this without you. Thank you!







To keep the excitement going during the school day, we will have trivia questions to encourage reading and attentive listening. You will soon find that your child will take pride in knowing and anticipating the details of the story. Throughout the month, everyone will be talking about Humphrey and his friends!

Reading aloud at home is extremely valuable. It is also a fun, worthwhile family activity. With this program, we aim to build a community of readers at our school. Everyone – students, parents, teachers, even administrators – will all be reading together. Enjoy this special opportunity to bond with your child through reading and help establish an importance of literacy on them.

Thank you for your support,
The Reading Department



March 2022

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6	7 <div>D</div> <div>Board Of Education Meeting 7:00 PM</div>	8 <div>E</div>	9 <div>F</div>	10 <div>A</div>	11 <div>B</div> <div>End of 2nd Trimester Elementary</div>	12
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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**.

February trait is 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.

March's trait: Respectful

Being respectful is thinking and acting in a positive way about yourself or others. Students who show respect care about other's feelings and well-being. Respectful students treat others kindly, use their manners and listen carefully to what others are saying.

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 February's group of

HARD WORKERS

with the trait

ORGANIZED:

Pre-K: Quinn Bernard

Kindergarten: Bryson Bouter

1st Grade: Amelia Ruty

2nd Grade: Elyza Wedekind

3rd Grade: Kalynn Sturtevant

4th Grade: Tierza Rose

5th Grade: Aine Davis

6th Grade: Jackson Jordan

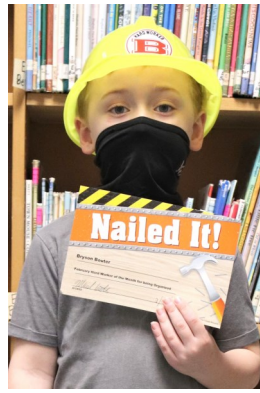




Quinn Bernard is the Pre-K February Hard Worker.

Quinn is always prepared for school and always knows where her things are. When Quinn comes in in the morning, she takes care of her coat, backpack, and boots and keeps them very **organized**. Quinn is very good at putting the toys away in their correct spot and helping others do the same.

Mrs. Luckman



Bryson Bouter is the kindergarten hard worker for the month of February.

Bryson is very well **organized** for a kindergarten student. He is always organized which assists him to carry through with an activity to completion. He groups his belongings and materials so they are easily accessed when needed. Bryson organizes his work to keep him on task and is always there to lend a helping hand to assist with other students if they need help organizing their materials as well. Congratulations Bryson!

Mrs. Weller



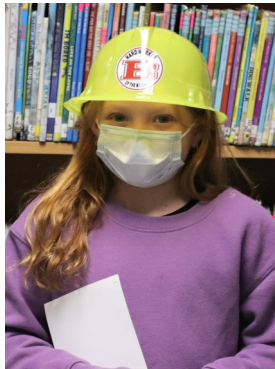
Amelia Rutty is our first grade Hard Worker of the month! Amelia is a very **organized** student and always comes to school prepared for the day. She keeps all of her belongings nice and organized so that she is ready for any activity. Amelia knows when and where she is expected to be throughout the day and always has her materials ready to go.

Keep up the great work
Amelia!
Mrs. Gilbert



I am nominating **Elyza Wedekind** to be the **Organized** Student of the Month!

Elyza is an excellent student. She has many great qualities, one of those being organized! She is always prepared to learn. She strives for success in all that she does and always works to the best of her ability! I am very proud of her! Keep up the great work, Elyza!
Miss Tabone 2nd Grade



Organization is a trait that is often difficult to find in young children, so it is a true blessing to find a student who does possess it.

Kalynn Sturtevant not only organizes her own workspace and materials, but she is also continuously lending a hand to others who have difficulty in this area. I have a feeling that her bedroom at home is probably kept neat as well!

Thank you for helping us all out on this important skill!

Mrs. Calandra 3rd Grade



The fourth-grade team chose **Tierza Rose** as the Hard Worker for the month of February.

Tierza is as **organized** as they come. Her desk is arranged so that she knows where everything is, never looking for supplies and even has her take home folder and agenda in a trapper-keeper. Tierza is able to get right to work after directions are given because she is not hunting for materials to complete a task with. Keep up the great work!!
4th Grade



5th grade would like to congratulate our very own **AINE DAVIS** for being chosen as the **HARDWORKER** of the month! To be nominated this month, students were supposed to display qualities that showed they were **ORGANIZED**.

Aine has shown this to be one of her greatest attributes! She is prepared each and every day for each and every class! She has all of her assignments written in her agenda and budgets her time to make sure all her assignments are completed on time if not early! She always knows where her materials are for class and will often help others to make sure they have everything they need as well.

She keeps track of her band schedule and has even joined the play which will require her to be even more organized!

Great job Aine!
You have made your 5th grade teachers **VERY PROUD!**



One word to describe 6th grader **Jackson Jordan** is **organized**.

He is a polite young man who works extremely hard both in and out of school to complete his assignments to the best of his ability. He displays organization by keeping his materials in order, using his agenda, and completing his work in a timely manner.

Jackson's efficient use of time and materials are helping him to have a successful school year.

Way to go Jackson!
6th Grade Team



February Hard Workers 2022

Front Row: Quinn Bernard, Bryson Bouter, Amelia Rutty
 Back Row: Aine Davis, Mr. Carter, Tierza Rose, Kalynn Sturtevant
 Lower Photo: Jackson Jordan, Mr. Carter, Elyza Wedekind

