

Hot Off the Pratt Press!



October, 2018

Box Top Contest October 15th—October 19

Bus Note Reminder:
 When sending in notes from home, please remember to include your child's first and last name along with your first and last name so there is no confusion. If it is a bus note, please include the name, address and telephone number of the adult at that address.
 Thank you!

Lions Halloween Party
 The Barker Lions Club will be having its annual Halloween party on October 31 from 7 - 8:30 pm (following trick or treating in the village). Children from infant up through 6th grade are invited to attend. Cider, donuts and apples will be available. There will be a costume parade and prizes!

Barker Central's PTO News
 Barker's PTO has a busy year planned with lots of up-coming events!
Please consider joining! Membership forms are available in the elementary office or on the Barker Central website. Membership prices for the 1st family member is \$5.00, additional family members are \$4.00 each.
Up-coming Events:
 "Enchanted Forrest" Book Fair
 November 5-9
 Times to be Determined
 Family Night: Nov. 8th
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Meltdown
 will be available for purchase, no pre-orders necessary!!

Friendly Reminder for Parents:

Please have students walk to their classrooms **on their own**.

If a **teacher** needs to meet with you, please get a **visitors pass** in the Main Office.

If you are picking your child up, please **sign them out** in the office before leaving.

Thank you!

Homecoming Festivities!
 On Friday, October 12, Barker High School will host it's annual **Homecoming Parade**. It will start at 5:30 and will take the regular route. After the parade, there will be a Tailgate Party hosted by the Barker Lions Club.
 On Saturday, October 13 at 10am, our Varsity Girls Soccer team will take on CSAT while our Modified Girls play Medina, both on home turf. At 12pm, our Field Hockey teams will take on Sacred Heart here at Barker as well.
 Come on our and support our home teams while you cheer them on to victory!

October 2018 Events

<p>Class Color Day & Homecoming Parade Friday, Oct. 12 at 5:30</p>	<p>Fire Prevention Day TBD</p>	<p>Columbus Day—No School Monday, Oct. 8</p>	<p>Board of Ed. Mtg Oct. 15 at 7:00 pm</p>
<p>Picture Day re-take Wednesday, Oct. 17</p>	<p>LionSEE Pre-K, K & 2nd October 23rd</p>	<p>Halloween Parade Oct. 31 at 1:30 pm</p>	<p>Lions Club Halloween Party Oct. 31 at 7:00- 8:30pm</p>

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
	1 Wear Blue against Bullying	2	3	4 4th Grade field trip to Ft. Niagara	5	6	
7	8 Columbus Day NO SCHOOL	9	Homecoming Week			12 Wear your class color day Homecoming Parade 5:30 pm Tailgate Party after Parade	13 Homecoming Soccer & Field Hockey Games 10:00 am & 12:00 pm
14	15 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 pm	16	17 Re-Take Picture Day for Grades Pre K-6	18	19	20	
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Niagara Power Vista "Spooktacular" 10am-4pm	
28	29	30	31 Halloween Parade 1:20 pm Barker Lions Halloween Party 7-8:30				

Pratt's Parent Page

By Mr. Hoar

October, 2018

Going into the fourth week of school it is my hope that all my students are settling into the new routine of coming to school every day. The routine of coming to school every day is a learned habit and gets easier every day if consistency can be established. The following is a paragraph from a study done by our State Education Department.

“As a nation, we must acknowledge that frequent absences from school can be devastating to a child's future. For example, children who are chronically absent in preschool, kindergarten, and first grade are much less likely to read at grade level by the third grade. Students who cannot read at grade level by the end of third grade are four times more likely than proficient readers to drop out of high school. By high school, irregular attendance is a better predictor of school dropout than test scores.”

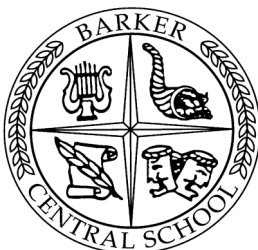
More observations of my own after having been a school principal for nearly 15 years are the following:

The benefits of daily attendance go far beyond the obvious academic world. What I have found more and more is that students who are frequently absent, suffer from a great deal of anxiety. Whether it be the anxiety of missing work or the anxiety of wondering what they missed and/or whether their friends will still be friends with them when they return? When a child is absent, it is normal for their friends to gravitate to other friends due to their absence. That all contributes to making a return to school all that much more difficult. I know some mornings can be tough for a variety of reasons, but the more consistent we can be at establishing routines for our children, the happier they will be.

We are here to help you and your child establish a good routine coming to school every day. Please call me or Mr. Rogers if you are in need of assistance.

Please don't think I am suggesting you send your child to school when they are sick. Clearly though, practicing proper sleep, exercise and nutrition will allow all students (and adults) the ability to show up every day and learn to the best of our ability.

Thank you for sharing your children with us! (Every day!)



John P. Hoar