



BART-COLERAIN ELEMENTARY

APRIL 2025

Dear Bart-Colerain Families,

It's hard to believe we are entering the final marking period of the school year! While summer may be on the horizon, there is still so much important learning happening in our classrooms every day. This time of year is when we see tremendous growth in our learners, and we encourage families to help reinforce positive habits by maintaining strong attendance and engagement.

Report cards will be sent home on **April 4th**, and we are incredibly proud of the progress our students have made. Their hard work and perseverance are truly paying off!

We love having families involved at Bart Colerain! If you are interested in **volunteering**, we would love to welcome you into our classrooms. Clearances are required, and details on how to obtain them can be found under the Parents tab on our website. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to the office.

Another great way to be involved is through our **PTO**! This dedicated group meets monthly and plays a huge role in supporting our school community. **The contact person for PTO is Jess Denver—please refer to her section of this newsletter for more specific information.** We would love for you to join us!

A big **thank you** to everyone who participated in our **One School, One Book** celebration in March! It was wonderful to see our school community come together to share the joy of reading.

Let's make this final stretch of the school year a great one! **Have a fantastic April!**

Mrs. Sara Parrish
Principal, Bart Colerain Elementary School



PSSA TESTING

Our State Testing (PSSA) for Grades 3, 4, 5 will be held in April and May.

ELA (English Language Arts) - April 23-25, 2025

Math – April 29-30, 2025

Science - Grade 5 only – May 1, 2025

These tests are important to both your child and our school. Please make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats breakfast. To ensure your child has adequate time to complete the testing, your child will need to be at school on time – by 9:00am. We start testing at 9:15am.

Please do not schedule any family trips during this period. Please check your calendar for any scheduled appointments that may conflict with these dates and times and see if they can be rescheduled. Make ups are difficult for our students during this period. We appreciate your support with this important testing.

NO SCHOOL

Friday, April 18

Monday, April 21

SCHOOL IN SESSION

Thursday, April 17

Friday, May 2

Nurse Notes

The mobile dentist will be at school April 15-17. They provide cleanings, fluoride, x-rays, sealants, and are able to fill most cavities. If your child is covered by Medicaid or CHIP, this service is free (as long as they haven't been to the dentist in the past six months). Everyone else is welcome to apply as well, as they will work with your dental insurance or permit you to pay a discounted rate or request donated care. Please send any questions to Mrs. Bender!



LOST AND FOUND

- If your child is missing a coat, sweatshirt, water bottle, lunch box, hat, or gloves, please have them check the lost and found bin. The bin is located in the hallway by the cafeteria.

TEACHER WISH LIST

- If you are able, please support the Bart-Colerain teachers and staff by donating items from the Wish list. The link is below.

■ https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1_tXHRd pYzLcxHURJEcfPgGu2BapoPzTid0UU6hZmOCg/edit?usp=sharing

- All items donated are very much appreciated. The district budget has been cut and miscellaneous / extra supplies are needed throughout the year.
- Thank you for supporting Bart-Colerain teachers and staff.



PTO NEWS



PTO MEETING

Don't forget to join us on Monday, April 7, at 6:00pm

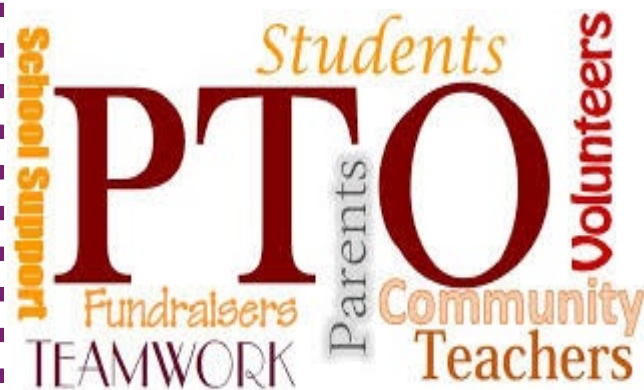
for the PTO meeting. The meeting will be held at Bart in the office. Everyone is welcome!

Hope to see you there!

BART PTO ON FACEBOOK

Please "like" and follow the Bart PTO on Facebook – link below. All PTO events, activities, and information will be posted there.

<https://www.facebook.com/BARTPTO>



Our Grandparents' Day will be held on

April 8 for Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade students. 8:15 - 9:45am.

April 10 for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students. 8:15 – 9:45am.

There will be donuts available from 8:15 – 9:00am, and the book fair will also be open during that time. Classroom visitation will be from 9:00 – 9:45am.

Registration is required for all grandparents attending. **Registration is due no later than April 2.**

<https://forms.gle/CPGW7jqYndtsQUY68>

Volunteers Needed



Volunteers are needed to help with the SWEEP Food Bag Program. This is a once-a-week responsibility. Volunteers will pick up the filled food bags at the Food Bank in Quarryville, and then deliver them to Bart Colerain. If you are interested, please use the sign-up link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B48AA29A1F85-sweep?useFullSite=true#/>

or contact Jessica Denver, at: 717-808-5612, or email denverj3@gmail.com



Join us on April 23, from 4:00 – 8:00pm at Burger King in Quarryville for our fundraiser. 20% of all sales will be donated to the Bart PTO. Please show the attached flyer when placing your order.



BOX TOPS INFORMATION



Moe's Southwest Grill Fundraiser. PTO will be having a Moe's Fajita Kit fundraiser on May 13. Pick up will be at school at 4:30pm. More information will be coming home soon.



PTO is always looking for volunteers to help with various events and programs. If you would like to volunteer, please be sure you have your clearances on file with Mrs. Erb. Clearance information can be found on the Solanco website, or from Mrs. Erb.

PTO is looking for someone to take over scheduling Spirit Nights and to promote the Box Tops program.

If you would be interested in helping with any PTO events, please contact Jess Denver, 717-808-5612, or email denverj3@gmail.com.

1. Download the Box Top App (use our referral code K8767LMW for bonus box tops).
2. [Buy Box Tops products](#) and scan your receipt with the Box Tops app within 14 days of purchase.
3. After scanning your receipt, make sure **BART COLERAIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** is your selected school in the app.
4. Tap on **Give Credit** to select your child's grade level. You can scroll down to add a note with your child's name, teacher's name, or additional information on who should get the credit.



APRIL EVENTS

- April 2 **ADOPT-A-DAY Fundraiser calendar and money due!**
- April 2 **Last Day to sign up for Grandparent Event**
- April 4 Students will be able to shop the book fair during their library time.
- April 7 PTO Meeting. 6:00pm
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- April 7 Book Fair will be open for parents/families from 4:00 – 8:00pm
- April 8 Grandparent Event for K, 1, 2 grades
Registration was required to attend.
Book Fair will be open to visit from 8:15 – 10:00am
- April 8 Book Fair will be open for parents/families from 4:00 – 8:00pm
- April 9 Book Fair will be open for parents/families from 4:00 – 8:00pm
- April 10 Grandparent Event for 3, 4, 5 grades
Registration was required to attend.
Book Fair will be open to visit from 8:15 – 10:00am.
- April 10 Book Fair will be open for parents/families from 4:00 – 8:00pm
- April 15-17 Mobile Dentist
- April 17** **SCHOOL IN SESSION. Weather Make up Day**
- April 17 Talent Show Practice. 2:30pm
- April 18** **NO SCHOOL**
- April 21** **NO SCHOOL**
- April 23 Burger King Fundraiser. 4:00 - 8:00pm
- April 24 1st Grade field trip
- April 23-25** **ELA - PSSA testing (Grades 3, 4, 5)**
- April 28 Kindergarten - Hands on House inhouse field trip
- April 29-30** **MATH – PSSA testing (Grades 3, 4, 5)**

MAY EVENTS

May 1	<u>SCIENCE – PSSA testing (Grade 5 only)</u>
<u>May 2</u>	<u>SCHOOL IN SESSION – Weather make up day</u>
May 5	PTO Meeting. 6:00pm
May 13	Moe’s Southwest Grill Fundraiser. More information coming soon.
May 13	2 nd Grade field trip
May 14	5 th Grade Chorus to HS. 2:15 - 4:30pm
May 15	3, 4, 5 Grades to HS to see Concert
May 16	5 th Graders to visit middle schools
May 23	5 th Grade Talent Show
<u>May 26</u>	<u>NO SCHOOL</u>
May 28	Ophelia Day at the HS
May 29	End of Year Party

JUNE EVENTS

June 5	Volunteer Picnic
June 5	5 th grade recognition
June 9	LAST DAY



Bart's Spring Book Fair is coming up **April 4-10**.

As we did last year, all students will receive a **\$15 voucher** for book purchases at the fair!

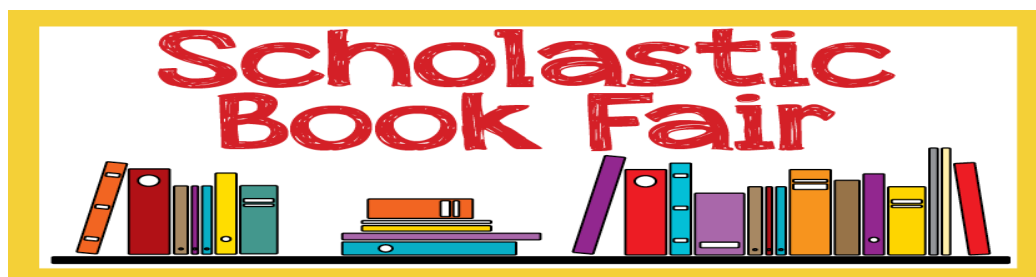
The book fair will be open on the following days and times:

Friday, April 4 – Students will shop during their library times.

Monday April 7 – Students will shop during their library times.

- Monday, April 7, 4:00-8:00pm. Open for parents and families.
- Tuesday, April 8, 8:15-10:00am (open during K, 1, 2 Grandparents Event)
- Tuesday, April 8, 4:00-8:00pm. Open for parents and families.
- Wednesday, April 9, 4:00-8:00pm. Open for parents and families.
- Thursday, April 10, 8:15-10:00am (open during 3, 4, 5 Grandparents' Event)
- Thursday, April 10, 4:00-8:00pm. Open for parents and families.

You can preview books that will be available on our book fair homepage: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/bart>





FUNdRAISING NIGHT!

50 Townsedge Avenue, Quarryville

Benefiting



Wednesday, April 23rd

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

20% of sales will be donated to
Bart-Colerain Elementary.

This flyer must be redeemed with purchase.
It should be given to the cashier.

Character Counts- April

For April, we will be focusing on **PERSEVERANCE**- what it means, why it matters, and how we can practice it at school and at home.

Below are some discussion questions you can use to talk about perseverance with your child:

- What do you think perseverance means?
- Can you think of a time when something was really hard for you? What did you do?
- Why do you think it's important to keep trying even when something is difficult?
- What can you say to yourself when you feel like giving up?
- How can asking for help show perseverance instead of giving up?
- What are some things you can do to stay positive when you're struggling with something?

Below are a few read-alouds you can use to practice perseverance:

- The Most Magnificent Thing: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TmWzt4uf-oE>
- Jabari Jumps: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hcy4CLxN2eQ>
- The Dot: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sg-aGFsOk1I>
- The Girl Who Never Made Mistakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cS4XEIhIswA>
- Flight School: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jcHy4RSAkbM>

Character Counts Breakfast

Each month, classroom teachers nominate a student in their class who exemplifies that monthly character trait. The nominees will be celebrated at a bi-monthly 'Pancakes with the Principal' breakfast. If your child brings home an invitation, please make sure to rsvp via the QR code. The breakfast in April will celebrate the March and April nominees!

Classroom Counseling Lessons- April

Below are the lessons/topics we will be covering in April:

Kindergarten, 1st grade, and 2nd grade students will be learning about careers!

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