



October 2023

This is a reminder to all parents that
Monday October 9th, 2023 is Indigenous People Day.
There will be **NO SCHOOL** for students on this day.
Enjoy your long weekend!

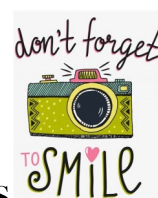
Fire Prevention/Safety Day October 20th

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.



Picture Make Up Day

Tuesday
October 24th
will be
Picture Make Ups
for all grades.



Red Ribbon Week
Daily Events!
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HOMECOMING
Events
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October 2023 Events

Columbus Day— No School Monday, Oct. 9 th	Board of Ed. Mtg Oct. 16 th at 7:00 pm	Fire Prevention/ Safety October 20 th	Picture Make Up Tuesday October 24 th	Halloween Festivities Information to Follow
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OCTOBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 A	3 B	4 C	5 D	6 E	7
8	9  Indigenous People Day NO SCHOOL	10 F	11 A	12 B	13 C HOMECOMING PARADE	14
HOMECOMING October 10-October 14						
15	16 D Board of Education Meeting 7:00 pm	17 E	18 F	19 A	20 B BVFD Fire Prevention Day PK-4 th Grade	21
22 RED RIBBON WEEK	23 C Red Alert! Dress in Red!	24 D Picture Makeup Day Dress Up!	25 E Give Drugs the Boot! Western Wear & Boots	26 F Put a Cap on Drugs! Wear you favorite Hat!	27 A Team Up against drugs! Wear you favorite Sports shirts!	28
29	30 B	31 C				

Pratt Homecoming 2023

Tuesday, October 10–Friday, October 13

SPIRIT NIGHT

FRIDAY

Homecoming Parade
starts @ 5:15
Field Hockey Game
starts @ 6:45 pm

Tuesday 10/10

Time Out for
CarTunes”
Watch
Looney Tunes during
Lunch

Wednesday 10/11

Wear Your
Favorite Cartoon
Inspired Outfit

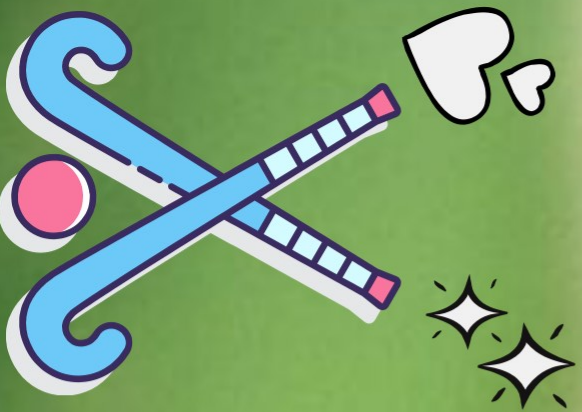
Thursday 10/12

Test Your Cartoon
Knowledge
with Toon Trivia
Prek-2 @ 8:30
Grades 3-6 @ 8:50

Friday 10/13

Class Color Day! Yay!
Prek: Orange 3rd: Red
K: Purple 4th: Blue
1st: Yellow 5th: Orange
2nd: Green 6th: Purple

See you at the
PARADE and
GAME!



RED RIBBON WEEK

Monday 10/23	Tuesday 10/24	Wednesday 10/25	Thursday 10/26	Friday 10/27
<p>“Red Alert!”</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Dress in as much RED as you can!</p>	<p>“Dress Up to Be Bully Free”</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Wear your nicest outfit</p>	<p>“Give Drugs the Boot!”</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Wear boots or western wear</p>	<p>“Put a Cap on Drugs!”</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Wear your favorite hat</p>	<p>“Team Up Against Drugs!”</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Wear your favorite sports shirt or jersey</p>

Parent Reminders

Parent-Teacher Conferences:

November 2nd 4:00-7:30 and November 8th 4:00-7:45

Our annual Parent-Teacher Conference evenings will be November 2nd & November 8th.

Meetings will be 15 minutes each.

Parent-Teacher Conferences will operate as follows and will be held either in-person or by phone.

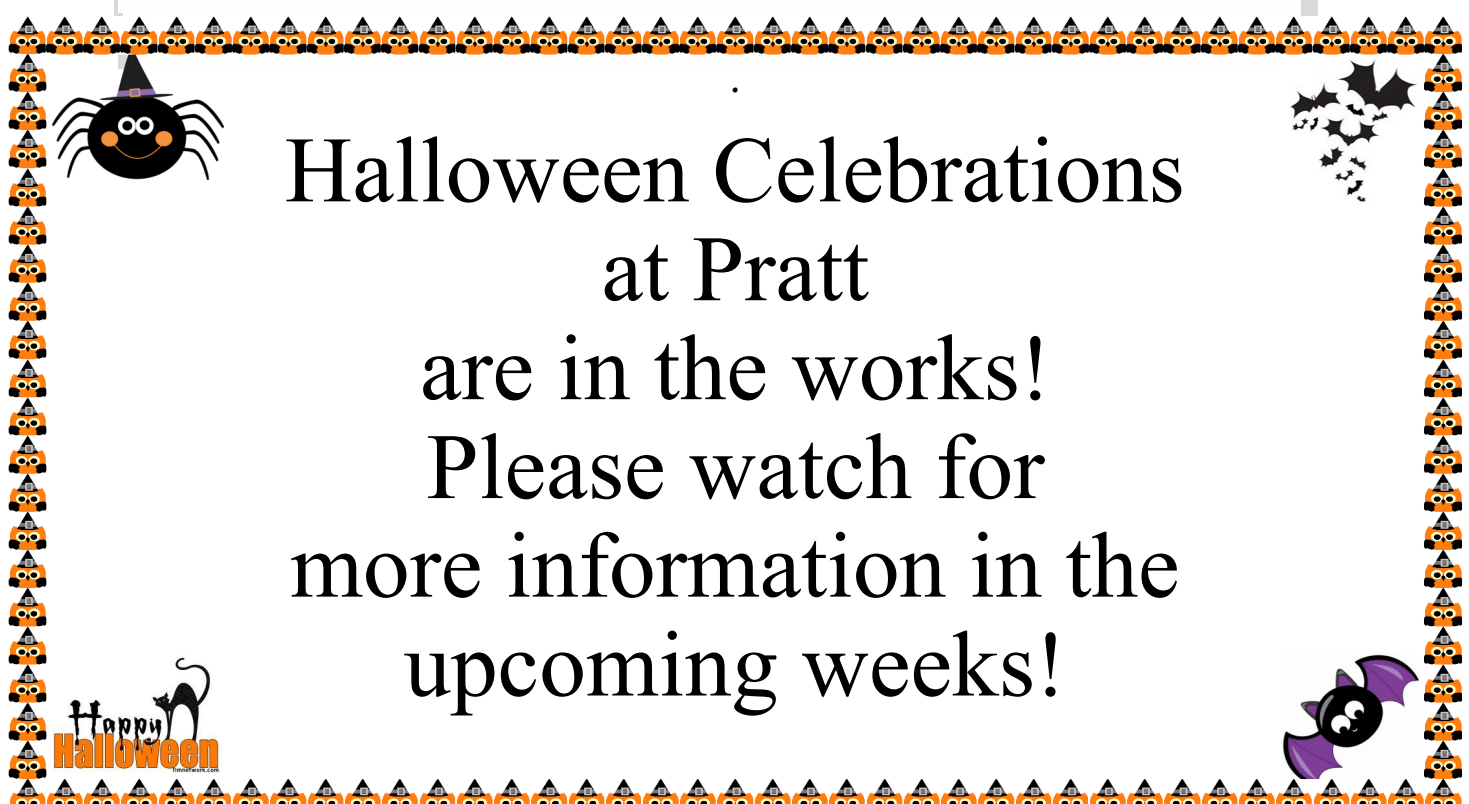
Elementary PreK-6: Please work directly with your child's teacher to set up times.

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.



Halloween Celebrations
at Pratt
are in the works!
Please watch for
more information in the
upcoming weeks!

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@barkerbsd.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@barkerbsd.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 **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)!

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**.

September's trait is **HONEST**.

An honest person speaks the truth, admits to wrong doings, even if they'll get into trouble, and explains how a situation really happened.

October will focus on the trait of **AMBITIOUS**.

An ambitious person is someone always striving to reach a goal. Through hard work, dedication and perseverance, an ambitious person does not give up. He or she pushes forward and is determined to succeed.

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 for our first group of **HARD WORKERS** with the trait **HONEST**:

Pre-K: Allegra Schmitt

Kindergarten: Ronan Lehner

1st Grade: Blake Snyder

2nd Grade: Trey Kropp

3rd Grade: Oliva Alvord

4th Grade: George Schaner Jr.

5th Grade: Reagan Lunde

6th Grade: Brayden Lacharite





Allegra Schmitt
is our hard worker for the
month of September.
She is very **honest** with her
teachers and her friends. She
is genuine and sincere when
it comes to her feelings and
actions Allegra shows
honesty throughout the day,
especially to her others.
We are so proud of you
Allegra!
Mrs. Donovan & Mrs. Schwab



Kindergarten's Hard Worker
of the Month is
Ronan Lehner.
Ronan can be relied
on to tell the truth.
His **honesty** is an
example for all
of his friends.
I am so proud of him!
Mrs. Voutour



Our first grade
HARDWORKER of the month is
Blake Snyder.
We can always count on Blake to tell
the truth and set a good example for his
friends. Blake works hard to complete
his work, follows the classroom rules,
and is a great friend to everyone.
Blake is a great role model and
will stand up to tell the truth
whenever necessary.
Keep up the great work, Blake!
Mrs. Gilbert



I chose **Trey Kropp** for
Hard Worker for the
month of September for
the trait **honest**.
Trey is a sweet boy.
He is a good friend and a
hardworking student.
He often helps a friend
having trouble on the
playground and isn't
afraid to approach
teachers with a
question or concern.
Mrs. Nestoros



I nominate
Olivia Alvord
as the Hard Worker of the
month for September.
She demonstrates
honesty in many ways.
I know I can rely on her
to be trustworthy and
straightforward.
Her consistent
responsible attitude is
appreciated. Olivia stays
true to her words and follows
through with her
actions. She is a star
student and her honesty
is appreciated.
Keep being amazing Olivia!
Mrs. Pavlock



Our Hardworker
of the month is
George Schaner, Jr!
George has shown us his
honesty in many ways
already this year!
He continues to work
towards doing his best and
he is honest when he
makes a mistake.
We are super proud of George
and applaud his honesty,
even when it is not easy!
Mrs. Evans



Reagan Lunde

is an amazing young lady!
She has quickly become a role model to everyone in the class.
You can always count on her very best effort! She is a friend to all and always willing to help someone in need. Reagan participates regularly and shares her wonderful insights with her classmates. Although she is a new student to Barker, you would believe she has always been a part of the student community as her peers look to her as a leader.

Congrats Reagan on a well-deserved honor, 5th grade Hardworker for September!!

-Team 5/6



Brayden Lacharite represents all the best qualities of an outstanding student.

He is responsible, kind and especially **honest**.

Brayden is helpful to those around him, and he works well both independently and in a group.

Brayden is new to our Barker Family, but we already know that we can look to him to do what is right, even if it is hard. He is a role model and a leader within our classrooms and here at Pratt Elementary.

Way to go, Brayden!

-Team 5/6



Front Row: Ronan Lehner, Trey Kropp, Allegra Schmitt
Back Row: Mrs. Love, George Schaner, Jr, Reagan Lunde, Brayden Lacharite & Olivia Alvord



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Dear Pratt Elementary Families,

Happy October! October is Fire Safety Month! The students at Pratt Elementary will be learning some fire safety tips to practice at home. There will also be a visit from some members of our local fire department to teach our students how to be safe at home. We are so lucky to have them join us and we are grateful for all they do to keep our community safe! Here are some important fire safety tips to talk about at home:

1. **Establish an Emergency Plan:** Create a clear and concise plan that outlines escape routes and meeting points in case of a fire. Ensure that every family member understands and practices this plan regularly. Make sure your children know how to dial 911 only in case of an emergency. Make sure that your children know your phone number and address.
2. **Install Smoke Alarms:** Make sure your home is equipped with working smoke alarms on every level, including inside and outside of sleeping areas. Test them monthly and change the batteries annually.
3. **Teach Stop, Drop, and Roll (and Cover):** Reinforce the importance of this simple yet effective technique for extinguishing flames on clothing. Practice it with your children so they know what to do in case of a fire-related emergency. Remind family members to also cover their faces with their hands while they roll if at all possible.
4. **Practice Good Fire Safety Habits:** Encourage responsible behavior with fire-related items such as matches and lighters. Keep them out of reach of children, and teach them that they are tools, not toys. Check electrical cords and outlets to make sure they are in good condition. Discourage overloading sockets and teach your children about the dangers of playing with electrical devices. Emphasize the importance of never leaving candles, stoves, or any open flame unattended. Keep flammable objects away from heat sources, and teach your children how to safely use the kitchen. This is also applicable for hair straightening/curling devices, irons, etc.
5. **Know How to Use a Fire Extinguisher:** If you have a fire extinguisher at home, educate your family on how to properly use it. This knowledge can be invaluable in containing small fires.
6. **Regular Fire Drills:** Conduct fire drills at home, just as we do at school. Practice different scenarios to ensure that every family member knows what to do in case of an emergency.

Following these tips and having conversations with your family about fire safety can help to keep us safe at home and at school. I have included my favorite fire safety songs for you to listen to together. Hopefully, they get stuck in your head so you can remember what to do in case of a fire!

- [Fire Safety Video for Kids with SteveSongs & Sparky the Fire Dog](#)
- [Fire Safety Rap! - Harry Kindergarten Music](#)

Sincerely,

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