

Barton Elementary

Newsletter

March 2019

Box Tops for Education:

Barton Elementary School will be participating in the General Mills Box Tops for Education program again this year. The Box Tops Labels can be turned into the homeroom teachers throughout the year. The homeroom that collects the most throughout the year will receive an ice cream party at the end of the school year.

Ready to learn

Setting up routines

Bruce and John are close friends with similar abilities. Bruce does well in school, but John struggles. He often seems tired and misses assignments. Why the difference? One reason is that Bruce's family establishes daily routines to help him do his best. Consider the routines below to make your child feel more:

Relaxed. Music can help your child avoid the morning rush. Play a soothing tape and ask her to be dressed and ready by the time it's over. Tip: On Sundays, have her put each day's outfit for the coming week on hangers labeled Monday through Friday.

Energized. A good breakfast increases concentration. Offer your youngster healthy choices. Examples: a whole-wheat bagel with peanut butter; orange juice blended with fruit and yogurt; instant oatmeal.

Connected. Talking about the school day lets your child know you care. Ask him to share two good things that happened during the day. Also ask specific questions, such as “Which multiplication tables did you practice?”

Prepared. Studying a little every day is the best way to learn new material. Help your youngster choose a time for homework when she is most alert—and try not to change it.

Rested. A set bedtime helps kids fall asleep more quickly. Suggest your child get in bed 15 minutes early to read, make up stories, or talk quietly with you.

A place for homework

Working in the same spot is important for an effective study routine. Help your child pick a place that offers the features below:

- The right furniture can make a big difference. When your youngster sits in a chair, her feet should touch the floor. When she writes at a table, her shoulders should be relaxed.
- With enough light, your child can strain his eyes. Experiment with windows, lamps, and overhead lights until he finds the right combination.
- Distractions cause a lack of focus. Look for an area away from the TV, the phone, and family traffic.

Physical Health

Don't overlook checkups. Fluoride treatments and early detection cavities or gum problems can save your children toothaches and other dental problems. The same goes for doctor's appointments – an ounce of prevention really is a pound of cure. A national program is in place to help families who can't afford medical insurance for their children. See your school nurse or state health agency for details.

There's so much to worry about when you have children at home. But remember this: Keeping them healthy – both mentally and physically – is your most important job.

March Calendar:

March 9th Move clocks forward one hour before you go to bed for daylight savings time

March 11th School Board Meeting

March 13th End of 3rd Quarter

March 14th Parent Teacher Conferences

March 18th –22rd Spring Break No Classes

March 25th Classes Resume

March 26th Kindergarten Round-up 4:00-5:00

March 1st, 5th, 25th, and 26th Lady Bears Softball Home Games (4:30 start times)

March 5th, 12th, and 26th Barton Bears Baseball Home Games (4:30 start times)

Student of the Month

February 2019

<u>Pre K - Camp</u>	<u>1st Grade - House</u>	<u>3rd Grade – Dunigan</u>	<u>5th Grade - Davis</u>
Lucy O'Briant	Hunter Nichols	Jenesis Randall	Tyasia Otey
<u>K - Fennell</u>	<u>1st Grade - Kitchens</u>	<u>3rd Grade - Harman</u>	<u>5th Grade - King</u>
Kaylin Roddy	Matthew Jones	Cassie St. John	Keshawn Ross
<u>K - Jaco</u>	<u>1st Grade – Smith</u>	<u>3rd Grade - Nichols</u>	<u>5th Grade - Nichols</u>
Curtis Hairl	Cailor Williams	Dylan Hicks	Chyanne Gentry
<u>K - Lederman</u>	<u>2nd Grade - Files</u>	<u>4th Grade - Palmer</u>	<u>6th Grade - Gibbs</u>
Kinzley Coleman	Tobi Yates	Kayleigh Hadder	Acacia Perry
<u>K - Russell</u>	<u>2nd Grade – Jacobs</u>	<u>4th Grade -Sanders</u>	<u>6th Grade - Green</u>
SkyAnn Bolden	Logen King	Kassie Tipton	Makinlea Burgess
<u>1st Grade - Hogan</u>	<u>2nd Grade -Rutland</u>	<u>4th Grade- Williams</u>	<u>6th Grade - Kern</u>
Eli Crisp	Cheyenne Banks	Dylan Stokes	Deonna Williams

Thank you for sharing your children with us. Barton Elementary is a special place and it is “truly the place to be”.

Your Principal,

Bernie Winkel