



The Barker Buzz

FIRST EDITION

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The Principal’s Post

I am thrilled to be writing a column for our very first edition of the Barker Buzz! It has been a busy and inspiring start to the school year with many more exciting events and opportunities still yet to come. This year we have been able to offer field trips to all of our students that align with curricular goals and help create lasting memories and experiences. Thank you to our PTSA and student council for supporting our trips to Nazareth College (6th grade), Camp Arrowhead (7th grade), and Roberts Wesleyan (8th grade)!



There are a couple of items that I would like to let you know about for the coming weeks. I hope to continue to use this column as a venue to share important information with our entire school community.

- BRMS Academic Honesty Policy: Our Instructional Leadership Team has approved an updated Academic Honesty Policy for all BRMS students. The policy is not a change in practice, but helps to clearly state expectations for us all in helping students to learn the importance of academic honesty. Parents will receive a copy of this policy in the beginning of January. Starting next school year, we will collect signed copies from all students and their parents.
- Illness: Please remember to wash your hands frequently as cold and flu season is upon us. Also- it is very important that students **go to the nurse** if they are ill in school. Please do not text/call your parents directly during the school day, but instead call from the nurse’s office so that we can give you the medical care that you need.
- Parking Lot Safety: Please remember to use the student drop off loop in the mornings and afternoons. There should be no students dropped off in the front loop.

My greatest point of pride comes from the numerous positive remarks I hear from staff members, parents, and substitute teachers about our wonderful students. Barker Road is a warm and caring place because of the small things that you all do every day to show that you care for each other. I am so proud to be your principal every day!

Mrs. Cutايا

Poetry Corner



Winter Sunrise

*Just a small golden dot on the edge of the horizon
That will soon become the signal of daytime.*

*Purples, pinks, blues surround you
Hundreds of unique snowflakes fall around you
As you are gazing up at the art work in the sky
That is continuously changing.*

The snow glistens, like thousands of diamonds.

*And everything is silent
Except for the faint sounds
Of a Blue Jay's conversation.
Chirp-Chirp they sing to each other.
Caught up in the delicious smell
Of your breakfast cooking
You barely realize the transformation
That the small golden dot has made.
Now an orb floating in the sky
Signaling day time.*

*By Sophia Albano
& Merin Manske*

Dazzling

Exhilarating

Cheerful

Enchanting

Mystical

Blissful

Elegant

Radiant

*Catherine Hollahan
& Maris Lindley*

*Whimsical
Icy
New World
Transforming
Ever so white
Rosy cheeks*

By Natalie Schnose



Bethany Adler

Holiday Multiple Choice

By Merin Manske and Sophia Albano

Take this quiz and enter a drawing for a prize! Cut on the line below. Drop your entry into the Barker Buzz Box in the Library.

Name: _____

- 1) What was the first Civilization to celebrate New Year's?
 - A) Mayans
 - B) Ancient China
 - C) Babylonians
 - D) All of the above
- 2) How many Christmas trees are bought per year in the USA?
 - A) 25 million
 - B) 33 million
 - C) 199 million
 - D) None of the above
- 3) The most cars are stolen on which holiday ?
 - A) Christmas
 - B) Halloween
 - C) 4th of July
 - D) New Year's Day
- 4) In what war did a Christmas truce occur?
 - A) Revolutionary War
 - B) World War I
 - C) World War II
 - D) Cold War
- 5) When was Kwanza first celebrated?
 - A) 1966
 - B) 1241
 - C) 2001
 - D) 1716
- 6) What does Hanukah mean in Hebrew?
 - A) Candle
 - B) Perseverance
 - C) Miracle
 - D) Dedication



Featuring... Ms. Wright

by Isabella He and Adeline Kaufman

Q-What do you think of your schedule? Do you like waking up early?

A-I like starting school earlier because there's more time in the day for students like you to participate in afterschool activities. What I don't like is that we start school while it's still dark. I'm worried that it's not safe for kids who have to wait in the dark for their bus to arrive.

Q-What do you like most about teaching at Barker Road?

A-I like being with my students, and I know them very well. They're always energetic and excited when it comes to participating, but every class is different!

Q-What's your favorite skill to teach?

A-I like cooperative games because then my students are able to learn how to work together and accept each other which I think is very important.

Q-Where do you see Barker Road in a few years?

A-I definitely see BRMS keeping up with the most recent technological improvements. If so, I'd definitely find it helpful if gym classes were able to give their students fitness trackers, so everyone's able to keep track of how much they've exercised and so on.

Q-Any last things you want to add?

A-I'd like to thank the custodians for the wonderful renovations in the gym. We all appreciate it very much! I also want to tell kids that it's very important to learn to try new things and enjoy being active.



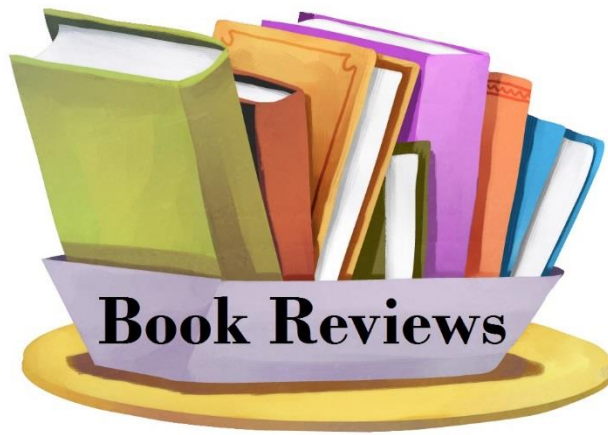
ART CLUB by Evan Michaels

If you enjoy working with clay, drawing, painting or enjoying a fun arts and crafts project, then the Art Club is for you! You will have fun with friends while you make amazing masterpieces. One of our art teachers, Mrs. Brown, has really outdone herself to make a fun after school art activity with a creative environment and cheery tone! So far, the art club has already made message mailboxes for our lockers and designed them with inspirational quotes! Everyone had a very fun time designing their mailboxes, and they all turned out great! So stop by Art Club, and have a fun time making art!!!



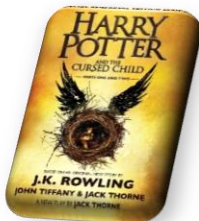
SCIENCE CLUB by Hannah Simonian, Natalie Schnose, and Tylla Allhart

Science club is a very exciting and interesting club. The club has done many fun experiments. One of the many things the science club has done was an extreme game of sink or float. The kids of science club put a pumpkin in a fish tank- you never would of think pumpkins would float! This is because the pumpkin has a lower density than the water! Another experiment that science club did was making a homemade lava lamp. What they did was mix water, oil and blue food coloring. They then put a tablet in the flask and watched it bubble. The last of the Science Club's crazy activities was the building of a tower out of paper! Science club is a fun club that you should definitely join.



On July 31st, 2016, a new book was released entitled *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child*. The aftermath of *The Battle of Hogwarts*, taking place at about *19 Years Later*, this book is about the next generation of wizards and witches. Harry's children are at Hogwarts (except for Lily) and Harry's second child, Albus Severus Potter, is about to embark on his own magical journey, to match his father's history. In the end, he and his father will have to make the right decision. Battling evil is no easy job, especially for an underage wizard. And for Harry Potter readers and fans, a major plot twist will be involved.

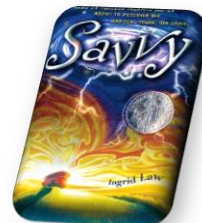
This book is actually the script for a play in Europe. J.K. Rowling did not write it. It being her first play, she didn't feel confident in her ability to write the script. Based on her ideas, Jack Thorne wrote the story. The book was approved by J.K. and the play in London is thriving, the special effects are incredible according to viewers.



By Ella Henry



Savvy takes place in the early 2000's during summer in Kanaska-Nebransas. That is a place in between Kansas and Nebraska. The story is about a girl named Mibs, who lives with a strange family, with even stranger powers. When Mib's dad gets hurt in a car accident and has to go to the hospital, Mibs longs to use her newly acquired savvy (special powers) to wake her father up from his coma. While traveling with her friends, Mibs learns that friends can be just as important as family, and both are important no matter where you are. Can Mibs get to her dad and use her savvy to wake him up? The author worked really hard to give the characters voices to help readers understand them. Although the story was a little too fast paced, it was rich with detail and portrayed a strong family theme.



By Jared Berger



SHORT STORIES



Merrin Manske

Super Smart

By Catherine Holahan & Hannah Simonian

Julia Johnson woke up ready to go to her new school, West Wood High. She rolled out of bed and put on her favorite jeans and purple Tshirt. Grabbing her shoes and backpack, Julia raced down the stairs and swiped a bagel smothered in cream cheese from the kitchen counter. Bagel in hand, she sprinted outside to get on the huge school bus that had just pulled up to the curb. With excitement, she climbed onto the bus with a smile and sat down in the front seat alone. She looked in back of her and saw girls in designer clothing, some who were wearing so much makeup they looked like clowns. The bus ride felt like ages and when it finally stopped, Julia stared at the massive building that stood before her. The school was a tall, brick building with silver letters on the front. She walked in and for just a moment she felt like a princess arriving at her castle. After finding her locker, Julia struggled to open it. The door finally obeyed after what felt like ten thousand tries and swung opened like a golf club swinging at a ball. Trying to keep her smile on, Julia noticed that the boy whose locker was next to hers was staring at her, so she said, "Hi what's your name? My name is Julia Johnson." The boy continued to look at her blankly and walked away. At the end of the hall, Julia noticed the group of girls from the bus huddled together like a football team. Giggles and laughter floated down the hall as Julia walked into homeroom. As bad as things were going, Julia's troubles were just beginning...

*To be continued...Look for Chapter 2
in the next Barker Buzz!*