



# News You Can Use

March 27, 2023

## School Information:

Barstow Elementary School  
295 J W Williams Rd  
Prince Frederick, MD 20678  
443-550-9510  
410-286-4010 (fax)  
[BaES Website](#)

Principal: Michelle Ward  
Assistant Principal: Regina Barnes  
Dean: Shelly Briscoe  
School Counselor: Natalie Washington  
Nurse: Michelle Parrott  
Secretaries: Melissa Stuart  
Mary Totaro  
Cafeteria: Yolanda Garner  
Childcare: Joan Hurley  
PTO President: Kellie Corrao

Student Hours: 9:25am-4:10pm  
Arrival: 9:15-9:25am  
Dismissal: 4:10-4:20pm

## Lunch Times:

K: 10:40am-11:10am  
1<sup>st</sup>: 12:25pm- 12:55pm  
2<sup>nd</sup>: 11:50am-12:20pm  
3<sup>rd</sup>: 1:35pm-2:05pm  
4<sup>th</sup>: 1:00pm-1:30pm  
5<sup>th</sup>: 11:15am-11:45am

## Calendar Updates:

**March 27-31:** Week of the Young Child

**March 31:** 2hr Early Dismissal

### Upcoming Calendar Events:

**April 1-10:** No School (Spring Break)

**\*Snow Make Up Days: April 3-4-5\***

**April 11:** 2hr Delayed Opening

**April 24-28:** PTO Book Fair

**April 26:** 2hr Delayed Opening

**April 27 & 28:** Drama Performance

**April 28:** VIP Day

**April 29:** PTO Spring Fling

**May 29:** No School

**May 30:** Spring Concert @CHS

**May 31:** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade West River Trip

**June 1:** Equity Family Night

**June 2:** Field Day

**June 7:** 2hr Early Dismissal

**June 8:** 2hr Early Dismissal

**June 12:** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Recognition 10:00am BaES Gym (limited seating)

**June 13:** 2hr Early Dismissal (Last Day!)

## Greetings from the Principal:

This week is the Week of the Young Child and Barstow is excited to celebrate it with almost 700 of them. Here is the flyer of this week's activities: [WOYC Flyer 23 FINAL.docx](#)

Please participate in as many as possible.

Parents of Young Children Event: [Basics of Math flyer.pdf](#) on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

## General Information:

**MESA Competition Results:** [Calvert 2023 MESA Competition Results .docx](#)

Thank you to Ms. Short and Ms. Washington for coaching our MESA team. They did GREAT in the competition this week!

**Easter Party March 29<sup>th</sup>:** [Easter GNC Party.pdf](#)

**Yearbooks are on sale: Deadline to order is APRIL 14**



<http://yearbooks.classic-photo.com/Barstow/home3/Bookstore.jsp>

Hello 5th grade families!

WOW! We cannot believe this year is flying by so fast! Please [click HERE](#) to submit your child's FREE shout out for the yearbook. This shout out will go next to your child's yearbook picture. If choose not to submit a shout out, your child will receive a generic shout out that says "Congratulations on finishing 5th grade!" Thank you so much in advance for

participating in this 2-minute survey by Friday, March 31st.

Have a great day! BaES Yearbook Team

## Community Events:

### Calvert County Community Events & Activities

For information about family events and youth activities taking place in our community, visit [calvertnet.k12.md.us/flyers](http://calvertnet.k12.md.us/flyers). Please note: These events and activities are not sponsored by the Calvert County Board of Education or Calvert County Public Schools. We provide equal opportunities to outside agencies to distribute materials that offer opportunities to students and/or their parents, but that permission should not be considered a recommendation or endorsement by the school district.

**Anonymous Reporting Hotline:** [SSMDflyer.pdf](#)

**Food Pantry:** Below is a list of local food pantries available to support this year.

[Food Pantry List SY23.docx](#)

**CCPS Mobile App:** [CCPS Mobile App Signage.pdf](#)

## Health & Wellness:

### Hot Topics Section:

**Important!!!! I need hearing and vision reports back ASAP. If you have reached out to me with a date for your child's evaluation, I have initiated a waiver for them. If I do not have those completed forms, I will have to turn that information over to the State of Maryland as failures without follow up.**

**Kinsa Program:** If any family has not received their free kinsa thermometer and would like one, please email me and I will send one home with your child. To those families that have received them this year, please activate them and sync them with the kinsa app.

**24-Hr Policy:** With an uptick in stomach virus cases, please remember that students must be kept home until they have been vomit or diarrhea free for 24 hours without any medication. Also, I want to let parents know that if any students report to me that they threw up in the bathroom unwitnessed and they have no other symptoms, I typically allow them to rest in the health room for 30 minutes and if no further vomiting or other symptoms develop, I have them attempt to return to class. I also make sure they know if symptoms do not improve, they change, or they worsen they should let their teacher know so that I can re-evaluate them. Witnessed vomiting cases go home immediately.

**Allergy Meds:** The time is now if you have not already started allergy meds for those who suffer with spring allergies. The pollen counts are already registering off the charts. We are seeing itchy watery eyes, runny noses, sore throats from post-nasal drainage. If your son/daughter suffers from allergies please start their medication and please see that it is given every day. To be effective, this medication needs to be given every day and not just during the times of symptoms. The purpose is to stop the symptoms before they start! Please speak with your pediatrician if you suspect your child suffers from seasonal allergies.

**Policy Clarification: Cough drops:** Students may no longer transport cough drops to and from school. They are considered an over-the-counter medication. An adult must bring them in with a note stating that it is ok for the student to have them throughout the day based on dosing instructions (Max 3 days). Cough drops must be in the original packaging. Please check to be sure that the cough drops you bring are age appropriate for your child. This information will be found on the packaging.

### What's Hot at Barstow this week?

- Strep
- Stomach Bug

**Reminder: CCPS has a 30-minute pick up window once you have been notified of an ill or injured student. Please talk with neighbors, family and friends and make sure you have those emergency contacts on file in the front office if you are not able to meet that time frame.**

As always, if you are not sure of the current *dos and don'ts* as it pertains to Covid, please email me.

**Clothes: No matter the grade, please put a change of clothes in your students' backpack. A lot of calls are going home due to a lack of clothes. Students have to wait in the health room or office for clothes to be brought to school and therefore, they are missing valuable class time.**

- My primary form of contact is via email so please check your email regularly when school starts. I may email about a health room visit or anything that your child may need while here at school. My email is [parrottm@calvertnet.k12.md.us](mailto:parrottm@calvertnet.k12.md.us)

## Testing:

Grades	Test	Start Date	End Date	Training Dates
K	KRA	8/30/22	10/10/22	8/24/22 PD
2 <sup>nd</sup> grade and new 3&4 grade students	CoGat	2/21/23	3/3/23	Feb 6 and 7 <sup>th</sup> PLC
5 <sup>th</sup>	MCAP MISA	3/13/23	3/17/23	Feb 20 and 21 PLC
3 <sup>rd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup>	MCAP ELA	5/1/23	5/5/23	April 18 <sup>th</sup> staff meeting
3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	MCAP Math	5/8/23/	5/12/23	April 18 <sup>th</sup> staff meeting

## Special Education:

SECAC Award Nominations: We are excited to announce that the following staff have been nominated by a family for this year's Staff Appreciation Awards.

- Melissa Bronson, Teacher
- Lori Lodge, Spec Ed Teacher
- April Lyons, Spec Ed Teacher
- Michelle Parrott, Nurse
- Amanda Reynolds Spec Ed Instructional assistant
- Lanie Wells, Spec Ed Teacher
- Diana Wojcieszek, Gen Ed Teacher

## PTO:

President: Kellie Corrao

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**Open Positions 2023-24:** We need your help to have a full and functioning PTO next school year! Check out the attachment to see what positions are open and a description of the duties. Please contact us if you are interested or have any questions!

[Open Officer and Committee Positions 2023-2024 PTO Board.pdf](#)

**Fundraiser:** Our Little Caesars fundraiser is March 27th through April 19th! You can submit order forms and payment to school by April 19th or order online by visiting this link: <https://tinyurl.com/5n7ctnxf>

Attached is an information sheet! Orders will be shipped to school the week of May 8th. We will let you know when we have an exact day and time. Please contact us with any questions you may have. Thank you for your support!

[Little Caesars Fundraiser.pdf](#)

**Book Fair:** April 24-29th

**Spring Fling:** April 29th, 11am-2pm

Mark your calendars! The Spring Fling is back! More info will come home in the coming weeks! We are looking for vendors - if you are interested, please email us at [barstowelementarypto@gmail.com](mailto:barstowelementarypto@gmail.com).

**Birthday Grams:** Attached is the order form if you are interested in sending your student one.

[Birthday Gram 2022-23.pdf](#)