
BARGER ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS

ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE THROUGH ARTS - BASED LEARNING

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Barger Academy is a Title I School

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Barger Academy families,

The week before fall break is benchmark testing for grades one through five. These tests are extremely important and given to assist the teachers with planning strategies to prepare the students for the TCAP assessments in April/May. In order to give our students the best opportunity to be successful on these assessments, we need them to be at school on time and stay at school for the duration of the day. When they are tardy or leave early, they miss valuable instruction which can cause them to fall behind. Let's work together to help our students be the best they can be.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Johnson

Before and After School Care

School aged child care is available on site at Barger. At this time students may enroll but will be placed on a wait list and notified when they may attend.

Dates to remember

Sept. 10-27 Coupon Book Sale

20 - Urban League Starts

Fall Break - No School

October 11-18

Students return to school on

Tuesday, October 19th.

There will be no afterschool programs during Fall Break.

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on October 28.

Please watch for more information from your child's teacher.



We would like to thank the following people for supporting the students and staff of Barger Academy.

Thank you to East Brainerd Church of Christ for weekly snack packs for students.

Thank you Panera Bread for providing a meal for teachers and incentives for students.



**PICTURE
DAY**

**IS COMING ON
NOVEMBER 2ND.**

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Tips to help your children with Self-Control

Parents: As we continue our new normal during this pandemic, how we teach our children to handle big emotions like anger, frustration, and disappointment is so important. In helping our little ones to increase self-control, these tips will help them learn how to think before they act.

Tip #1. Talk it out. Give your child words to use when they are upset. For example, if you can't find your glasses, you might say, "I feel so frustrated! Where did I last have them?" Then, when he/she is aggravated (say, they misplaced their favorite book), encourage them to use similar words. He/she will learn to talk through their problems and be less likely to cry or whine.

Tip #2. Think ahead. Prepare for situations where self-control comes in handy. You could say, "We're going to your cousin's house. Let's think about what you can do if he/she's playing with a toy you want." They may ask to join them, or they could ask to play with another toy until he/she's finished. Having a plan can help them avoid grabbing the toy or yelling at their cousin.

Tip #3. Calm down. When your child begins to get upset, help them find ways to keep their cool. For example, he/she might take a deep breath, count to five, or draw a picture of how he/she is feeling. The distraction may be enough to settle them down. Once they've used these techniques, they should be able to do them without a reminder from you.♥

Our first "Coffee with the Counselor" is scheduled for Wednesday, September 29, 2021, via zoom. The time: 8:00-8:15 a.m., This 15-minute session will be very engaging and informative and it will give each parent an opportunity to earn one (1) Parent Volunteer Hour. The zoom link will be sent out very soon. We can't wait to see you!

Mrs. McCray, School Counselor

Mondays-Fridays, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; (423) 493-0348, email mccray_c@hcde.org.



HCS EdConnect Program

Free high-speed internet service for students in qualifying schools. All students attending Barger Academy qualify for this service. This is fast, at-home EPB WIFI. If you aren't already enrolled you can contact Mrs. Knox for information on how to get signed up.

All families who began actively receiving free EPB WIFI during the 2020-2021 school year automatically continued receiving the service this year and do not need to re-enroll or re-qualify.

You can reach Mrs. Knox by calling 493-0348 and choosing option 4, or by email at knox_sandy@hcde.org.

Volunteer Hours

Our magnet families are expected to complete two parent-teacher conferences this year and 18 hours of volunteer service. We will offer opportunities during the school year to help you earn your volunteer hours. We will be holding informal sessions with our Counselor, Mrs. McCray, that you can earn time by participating. You had an opportunity to earn an hour by completing the parent survey. You may also earn some of your time by donating specific items to the school. Please watch the newsletter for details.

Currently we are accepting donations of: bottled water for students and individually wrapped snacks for our Hump Day Cart for teachers and staff. Donations are 1 hour for \$10 worth of supplies. You are required to show your receipt to receive credit. You may only earn a total of 6 hours, for the year, through donations.

Please remember that only parents, step-parents, grandparents and guardians may earn time towards volunteer hours. If you wish to volunteer in the building you must make an appointment so that we can plan appropriately.

Volunteer hours are due by April 29, 2022.

RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

FOOD FOR QUARENTINED STUDENTS

Students who are at home, due to COVID or for being a close contact, may receive food from the cafeteria. They request that you give them 24 hours to prepare the food. You may contact the cafeteria for a pick up time. You will receive breakfast and lunch for five days. If a student must be home for longer than five days you may contact the cafeteria for an additional 5 days of food.

To reach the cafeteria please call the main office at 493-0348 and select 3 for the cafeteria.

Please remember that students who bring their lunch must pay 50¢ for milk or juice.



SNACK PACK INFORMATION

Snack packs are being given out each week through a partnership with East Brainerd Church of Christ. Students must have a signed permission slip on file to receive one. If your student is not receiving one, and you would like for them to, please ask for a permission slip.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT DISMISSAL

Transportation changes should be texted to 423-254-0634, no later than 3:15 p.m. You will need your name, your student's name, teacher, and how they are to get home that day.

Please note that early dismissal will end at 3:15 p.m.

If your student is a car rider, please be sure to have your car rider tag visible. Car tags are available in the front office. STUDENTS SHOULD BE PICKED UP BEFORE 4:20 P.M.

Urban League & Barger Choraleers

Dear Parents,

Barger Academy together with the Chattanooga Urban League began tutoring on Monday, September 20, 2021 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Applications for the tutoring program were sent home. Tutoring is open to students in grades 2nd-5th. (space is limited). You will be notified if your child is put on the waiting list.

There will be an enrichment program offered to all students K-5 on Mondays from 4:00 to 5:00 pm (The Barger Choraleers) as soon as we receive approval. Applications for the Barger Choraleers will be sent home. Space is limited. You will be notified if your child is put on the waiting list.

Thank you,

Mrs. Wilson-Roberts
423/493-0348 ext. 30622

Food City School Bucks Sign up began Sept. 1st.



Please sign up to support Barger Academy by linking your ValuCard. Visit www.foodcity.com/schoolbucks and select Barger Academy (60182). You do have to sign up each year.

Thank you for your support!

CHOOSING THE RIGHT BOOKS

When reading with your child you want to find the “Goldilocks” of books. You want a book that’s not too hard, not too easy but one that is just right. Use these tips to find a book that is just right for your child.

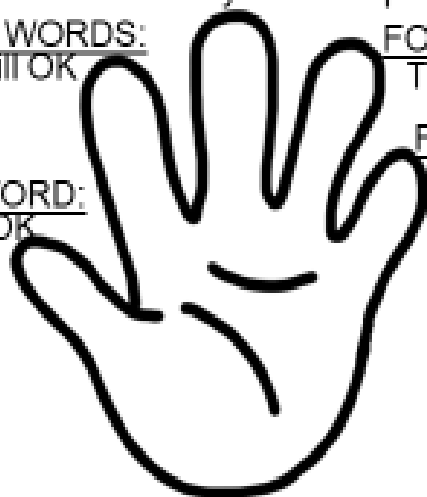
THREE WORDS:
You may need help

TWO WORDS:
Still OK

FOUR WORDS:
Tough to read

ONE WORD:
OK

FIVE WORDS:
Too hard



The RULE of FIVE

1. Open the book to any page.
2. Read the words on that page.
3. Count the number of words that you cannot read.
4. Use your fingers to help you decide if this a good book to read.

WHAT IS FAMILY LITERACY?

Family literacy is how a family interacts with literacy materials (text, words, illustrations, etc.). Family literacy can be practiced by reading books before bedtime, writing each other letters, playing word games, singing songs or cooking together while following a recipe. Below are ten ways to improve family literacy.



1. Read, read, read! Read books, magazines, newspapers and digital print!
2. Ask your child about what they're reading. Ask questions before, during and after reading.
3. Write notes, e-mails, texts or letters to each other each day.
4. Sing songs together. Make up new songs too! The sillier the better!
5. Cook together. Teach your child how to follow a recipe.
6. Tell family jokes.
7. Play board games and word games together. Have a family game night.
8. Keep a family calendar. Make family to-do lists, and grocery lists. Write down wishes/goals for each season.
9. Visit the library or bookstore together. Check your local library for weekly read aloud classes.
10. Create art projects together. Display family artwork.