

John Barry Elementary School

Student/Parent Handbook

2017 - 2018

Mission Statement

The mission of John Barry Elementary school is to view each child holistically; providing students with the necessary skills for academic success through active engagement; encouraging students to think critically, being reflective and taking ownership of their learning experiences.

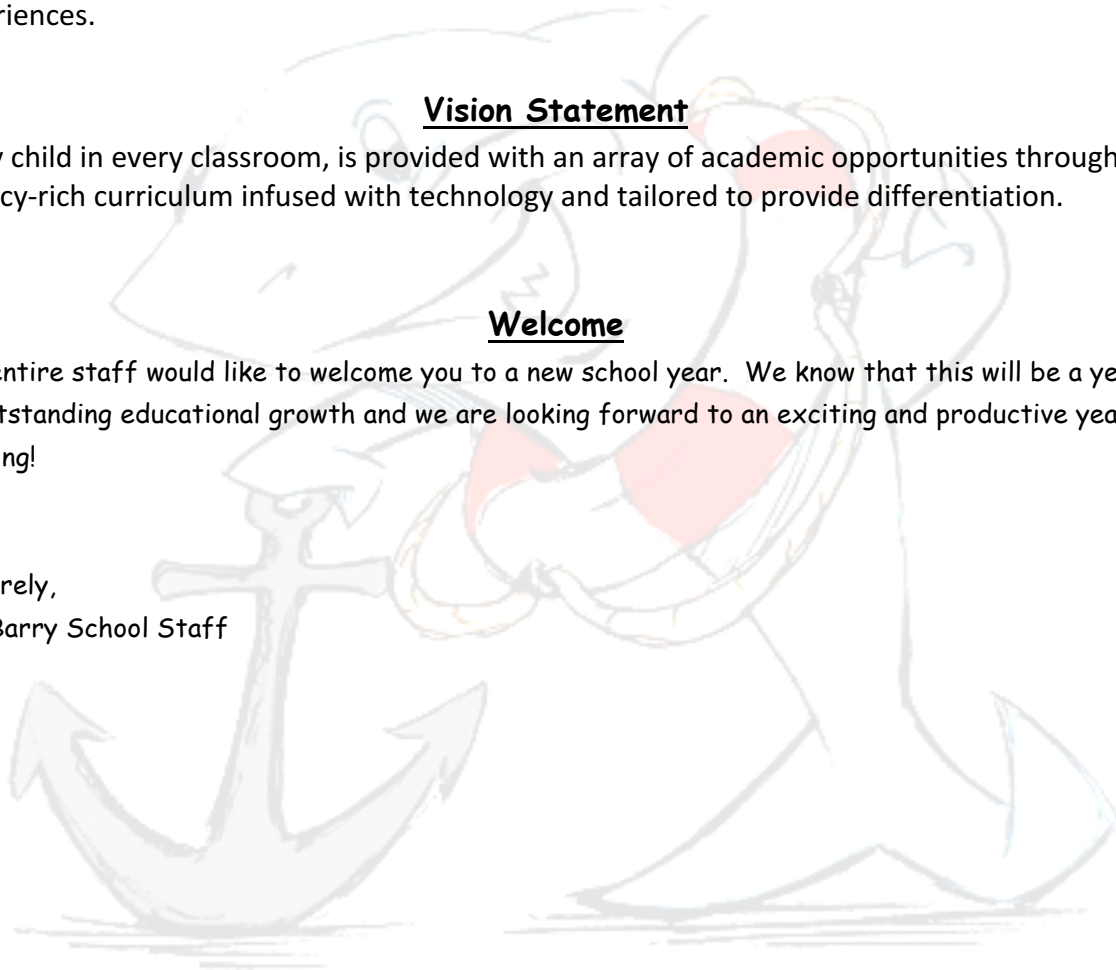
Vision Statement

Every child in every classroom, is provided with an array of academic opportunities through a literacy-rich curriculum infused with technology and tailored to provide differentiation.

Welcome

The entire staff would like to welcome you to a new school year. We know that this will be a year of outstanding educational growth and we are looking forward to an exciting and productive year of learning!

Sincerely,
The Barry School Staff



Progress Report Distribution Days:

October 6, 2017

January 8, 2018

March 9, 2018

May 18, 2018

Report Card Pick-Up

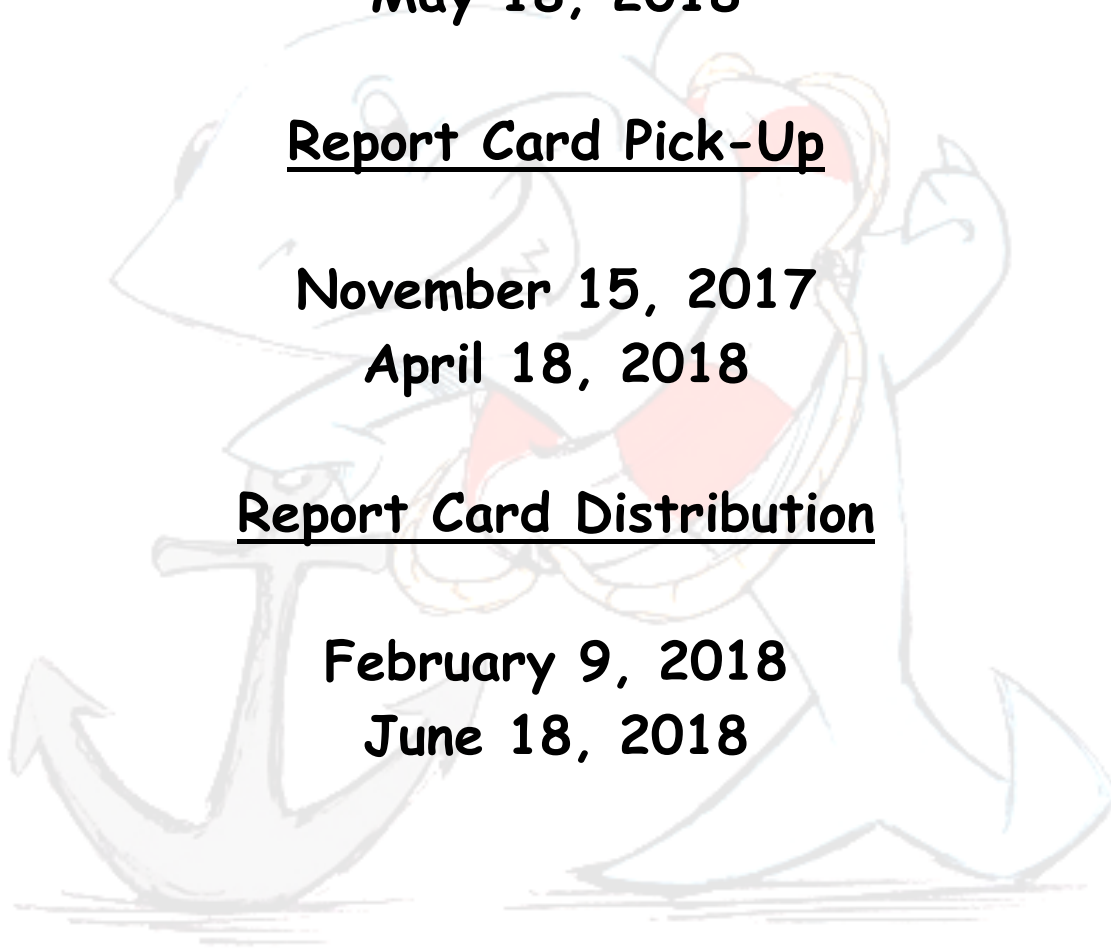
November 15, 2017

April 18, 2018

Report Card Distribution

February 9, 2018

June 18, 2018



Emergency Information

It is important that an Emergency Form is on file for each child in the office. These forms are issued in the first week of school and should be filled out promptly and returned to the classroom teacher. Please fill out the entire form including additional friends/relatives in the event that you cannot be reached. IF ANY OF THIS INFORMATION CHANGES DURING THE SCHOOLYEAR, PLEASE UPDATE THE OFFICE IMMEDIATELY WITH THE NEW INFORMATION!

Tardiness

It is important that your child comes to school ON TIME each day! If your child comes in tardy it is extremely disruptive to the learning process of the classroom. Repeated and excessive tardiness will result in a misconduct report and possible further disciplinary action.

Attendance

If a child is not in school they cannot learn! Please be sure that your child is in school every day unless he/she is ill or in the event of a family emergency. There are six excusable reasons of absence from school:

- Student illness
- Death in the immediate family
- Observance of a religious holiday
- Family emergency

A written note is required from the student upon return to school stating the cause of absence. If the student has more than 9 unexcused absences it may result in the student being retained or having to attend summer school.

A student who is repeatedly absent from school without a valid excuse is considered truant. A notice is sent home after 5 unexcused absences, and again after 10 unexcused absences. If your child misses more than 10 days of school an official may be sent to the home to investigate.

Dual Language Program

Barry offers a Dual Language Program option for students starting in Kindergarten. Our students in our Dual Language One-Way Strand will be exposed to instruction in both Spanish and English in order to create Biliteracy and promote Biculturalism.

Early Dismissal

Whenever possible, doctor and dentist appointments should be scheduled outside of school hours. If a student is ill or must leave early, the parent must report to the main office to sign them out. To ensure the safety of the students the parent/guardian may be asked to show identification before the student is released to them. Only those listed on the child's emergency form are authorized to sign students out of school.

Emergency School Closings

When there is extreme or dangerous weather conditions please contact the CPS main number at 773-553-1000 to find out about school closings. Local news stations will also announce any emergency CPS closings.

Cell Phones and Electronic Devices

Students must sign the Cell Phone and Electronics Contract if they bring a cell phone to school. All cell phones should remain off and in the students backpack. If the cell phone is seen during school hours it will be confiscated and kept in the main office until a parent or guardian picks it up. If this happens more than twice, the student will not be allowed to bring the phone to school at all and further disciplinary action may be taken. **All other electronic devices are to remain at home; the school assumes no responsibility for lost or stolen electronic devices.**

Visiting Our School

Visitors are always welcome in the school. However, to avoid interrupting the educational program, we ask that you sign-in at the main office to obtain a visitor's pass. If you would like to meet with your child's teacher, please schedule a meeting time and date beforehand. You may leave a message in the main office at 773-534-3455 and the teacher will contact you at his/her earliest convenience. Any visitor in the building is required to have a visible visitor's pass.

Safety

Safety is our first priority so please adhere to the following rules during arrival/dismissal times:

- Traffic horses are there for a reason and must not be moved
- Any double parking of cars is strictly prohibited
- Dogs are not allowed on School Property
- Bikes, scooters, and skateboards are not allowed on school property
- Smoking is prohibited anywhere on the school grounds

Homework Policy

Homework is an important component in your child's education:

- It provides reinforcement, practice, application, and enrichment of what is learned in class
- It helps to develop students independent work and study habits
- It fosters a home/school connection

In addition to classroom assignments every child should be reading a minimum of 20 minutes per day!

Grading Scale

93-100% = A

92-87% = B

86-78% = C

77- 70% = D

69% and below = F

Barry School Uniform

Girls: Navy blue, black or Khaki skirts, jumpers, pants- NO STRETCH PANTS ARE PERMITTED, or longer style shorts (no shorter than 4 inches above the knee), are permitted. Dark blue jeans without holes accepted. NO JEGGINS

Boys: Navy blue, black or Khaki pants or long shorts. Pants must fit at the waist!

- All students are to wear white, light or navy blue shirts with sleeves. Shirts must be long enough to tuck in.
- In cooler weather students may wear solid white, navy blue, or light blue sweaters, sweatshirts, or vests.

Spirit Day Friday's

Students may wear blue jeans (no holes, tears, or graphics) with a Barry School T-Shirt or Sweatshirt only on Fridays.