



Dear Baltic Families,

Thank you to all our families who helped make our Pepperoni Roller sale such a success. Our 1st grade class was our top-selling group this year. We have many activities going on this month.

First, we have Parent Teacher Conferences coming up next Thursday, October 12th. Teachers have sent home invitations for these conferences. A strong connection between home and school is vital to our students' success. Our next conference date is November 16th. Just a reminder that on **October 12th we will have a 2-hour Early Dismissal.**

October 12th also marks the end of the 1st Quarter of the school year. Report cards will be sent home with students the following Friday, October 20th. Please let us know if you do not get your student's report card that day.

Shorts are permitted to be worn through the month of October and then again starting April 1st. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately as we will still go outside for recess when temperatures are 32 degrees or higher.

We want to say thank you to the Baltic Fire Department for hosting a Fire Prevention assembly for us on October 10th. They have volunteered their time to teach and interact with our students about fire safety. Students will get hands-on experience with our fire department's turn-out gear and trucks.

Our PTO is once again sponsoring our annual Book Fair which will run from October 31 to November 2nd. Students will get a preview day on Monday, October 30th, and have a chance to buy books Tuesday through Thursday. We will also be having our Grandparents breakfast on Tuesday and Wednesday of that week. We will be sending home a flyer for this event in the coming weeks.

Our initiative to encourage students to read outside of the classroom has had a good start. We are asking our parents to continue encouraging their children to read at home. We have partnered with the Tuscarawas County Library that allows students to select

books to check out, as well as updating our library to include more popular titles. Research shows that students who read for pleasure have higher academic achievement and have better mental health. We have set up an incentive program to encourage students to read more each month through the AR (Accelerated Reading) Program. You can help your child find AR books at [www.arbookfind.com](http://www.arbookfind.com). Students are encouraged to read inside and outside of the classroom but can only take the quizzes while at school.

This month we will be focusing on the word Accountable in our CARE acronym (Courteous, Accountable, Respectful, and Effort). Teachers will be handing out rewards for students who exemplify being accountable. Their name will then go in a drawing for a t-shirt at the end of the month. Thank you for your support and Go Pirates!

Yours in Education,



Sedric Gerber  
Principal Baltic Elementary

### **October Events**

- October 9 PTO Meeting at 7:00
- October 12 2 Hour Early Dismissal
- October 12 Parent Teacher Conferences by invitation
- October 12 End of 1st Quarter
- October 13 No School-Teacher Inservice
- **10/14 Share a Christmas Applications Due (Forms in the Office)**
- October 20 Grade Cards go home
- October 24-25 3rd Grade Fall State Reading Test
- October 31-November 2 Book Fair

### **September Students of the Month**

- K - Aryah Snyder**
- 1 - Tessa Larrick**
- 2 - Emma Coleman**
- 3 - Paisley Miller**
- 4 - Keegan Rhodes**
- 5 - Braxton Stahl**
- 6 - Audrea Everhart**

## **October Staff Spotlights**

### **Kenna Swarny**

Mrs. Swarny has been teaching for the past six years and this is her first year at Garaway. Mrs. Swarny loves watching students achieve their full potential, seeing students believe in themselves, and feel success is worth every challenging moment. Outside of school Mrs. Swarny enjoys gardening, reading, hiking, and kayaking with her husband and parrot. She believes that Garaway is special because we CARE about every person as an individual and work as a team.

### **Gabi Stark**

Mrs. Stark has taught the last five years but this is her first year at Garaway. Mrs. Stark enjoys her students and seeing them wanting to learn more. Outside of the classroom, Mrs. Stark enjoys her family, her seven-month-old daughter, being outside, jet skiing, and exploring new places. Mrs. Stark believes that Garaway is special because of the love and support from the community, and how welcoming the staff at Baltic have been to her.