Our Mission:

To prepare all students for college, Barrick Elementary educates PK-5 students through rigorous academics, data driven instruction, and a culture of excellence.
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MISSION STATEMENT
To prepare all students for college, Barrick Elementary educates PK-5 students through rigorous academics, data-driven instruction, and a culture of excellence.

STUDENT PLEDGE
I will learn, I will grow, I will move forward toward college every day.

School Colors: Navy Blue and Gold
School Mascot: The Bulldog “Rocky”

DAILY SCHEDULE
7:00 a.m. School Doors Open
7:20 a.m. Students Enter their Hallway
7:30 a.m. Students Enter Classrooms, Instruction and Breakfast Begin
7:40 a.m. Announcements Begin
7:45 a.m. Students are Tardy
9:30 a.m. Attendance Time
3:00 p.m. Dismissal

- Students must arrive by 9:30 a.m. to be marked present.
- Students who are picked up to go home for an appointment before 9:30 a.m. will be marked absent. This includes going home due to illness.

To receive full benefit of quality instruction, students are expected to arrive at school no later than 7:30 a.m. Parents must leave their homes in a reasonable time to make sure their child is in school by 7:30 a.m.

For safety reasons, students are not to be dropped off at the school before 7:00 a.m. as we have no staff on duty for supervision.

If students arrive at 7:45 or after, they are considered tardy. For safety reasons, parents must park and walk their child to the building. Please do your best to avoid having your child arrive late. They are missing procedures and instruction that begins at 7:30 a.m.

Students are not allowed to be picked up early after 2:00 p.m.
It is during this time that teachers are bringing closure to lessons, reviewing homework assignments and students are organizing themselves for the end of the day. Early release of students is strongly discouraged.
HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

2022-2023 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

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Holidays

- September 5, 2022: Labor Day
- October 10, 2022: Fall Holiday
- November 21-25, 2022: Thanksgiving Break
- December 22-January 4, 2023: Winter Break for Teachers
- December 22-January 6, 2023: Winter Break for Students
- January 16, 2023: MLK Day
- March 13-17, 2023: Spring Break
- March 31, 2023: Chavez-Huerta Day
- April 7, 2023: Spring Holiday
- April 21, 2023: Spring Holiday
- May 29, 2023: Memorial Day

School Day Start and End Times

- 7:30-3:00: Elementary School
- 8:30-4:00: K-8 and Middle School
- 8:30-4:10: High School

Significant Dates

- August 8, 2022: Teachers report to work
- August 22, 2022: First day of school
- December 21, 2022: Last day of first semester
- January 9, 2023: First day of second semester
- May 31, 2023: Last day of school for students
- June 1, 2023: Last day for teachers

Grading Periods

- Aug. 22-Sept. 30: Report Card Dates
- Oct. 3-Nov. 4: Report Card Dates
- Nov. 7-Dec. 21: Report Card Dates
- Feb. 27-Apr. 14: Report Card Dates
- Apr. 17-May 31: Report Card Dates

Report Card Dates

- October 7, 2022
- November 11, 2022
- January 13, 2023
- March 3, 2023
- April 20, 2023
- May 31, 2023 (ES, K-8, MS)
- June 7, 2023 (HS)

Last Updated 02/15/22
# 2022-2023 Calendar of Events at Barrick

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<td>STAAR Math – 3rd, 4th, 5th</td>
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Many other activities will occur during the 2022-2023 school year. Please be sure to read our monthly calendars. Activities will include:

- Coffee with the Principal
- Book Fairs • Open House
- Family Literacy Night Sleepover
- Veterans Day Parade • Art Bike Parade
- Parent Learning Classes
- Family Science Night • Career Day
- PTO Membership • Movie Nights
- Spaghetti Supper & Carnival, and Health Fair
- Picture Days • Science Fair
- Free Dress Days • Field Days

**Perfect Attendance rewards will be provided monthly for students who miss 0 days in the month and do not have more than 3 tardies.**
ATTENDANCE POLICY

Students are expected to be on time and present in school every day. The reason for an excused absence must be stated in writing and be signed by the parent/guardian of the student. The written excuse must be received by the school within 3 days after the absence, otherwise it is considered unexcused. The campus attendance specialist and/or Truancy Officer may investigate any absence. If a student is absent, he/she may not participate in extracurricular activities on the day of the absence.

Excused Absences

The only acceptable excuses for tardies and absences are:

- Personal illness
- Sickness or death in the immediate family
- Quarantine
- Severe weather conditions making travel dangerous
- Emergencies or unusual circumstances recognized by the principal or designated person
- Participation in school activities with permission of the principal

According to the Texas Compulsory School Attendance Law (TEC.Sec.25.085) if a student is absent without an excuse for 10 days or parts of days in a six month period; or 3 or more days or parts of days in a four-week period, the student’s parent/guardian is subject to prosecution under Section 25.093. This is classified as a Class C Misdemeanor and is subject to a fine of up to $500 for each day of unexcused absence after the warning letter is issued. Also, students with 18 or more unexcused absences will be automatically retained, and summer school will be required.

Students with monthly perfect attendance will be allowed to participate in a special event at the end of each month. However, students with 3 OR MORE TARDIES IN A MONTH will not be allowed to participate.

All students with perfect attendance for the entire year will receive a trophy during the Awards Ceremony at the end of the school year.

TARDY POLICY

Students are released to their hallway starting at 7:20 a.m. Students will wait in line by their classroom door with social distancing. The bell rings at 7:30 a.m. for students to enter the classroom, and instruction begins. The tardy bell rings at 7:45 a.m. School officials understand that occasionally traffic, weather, or oversleeping may cause a student to be late. However, persistent tardiness will not be tolerated. Students with 3 tardies WILL NOT be allowed to participate in monthly perfect attendance incentives.
Parents who are late dropping off their child after the gate is closed, must get out of the car and walk the student into the building to sign them in for a tardy slip. It is not safe to drop off your child at the street gate to walk in on their own.

Students who are tardy are missing a very important part of instruction and this may cause them to fall behind or not understand the expectations. It is in the best interest of the students that they are present and on time every day.

**STUDENT DRESS CODE**

A school uniform can improve learning by reducing distraction, sharpening focus on schoolwork and making the classroom a more serious environment, allowing students to perform better academically. Perhaps most importantly, a uniform means that students don’t have to worry about peer pressure when it comes to their clothes. When everyone is dressed the same, worrying about what you look like isn’t so important. We also have a uniform policy for safety reasons.

While we respect each child’s individuality, our dress code is a requirement for all students.

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<tr>
<td>Gold Polo Shirt OR Navy Polo Shirt</td>
<td>Solid color only</td>
<td>Plain khaki or navy-blue uniform style</td>
<td>Sneakers or closed shoes; No sandals</td>
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<td>Spirit shirts (Barrick t-shirt, college) on FRIDAYS only.</td>
<td>Must be open in the front with buttons or zipper; No pullovers</td>
<td>No decorations, tears, or rips</td>
<td>Toes cannot be exposed</td>
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<td>No advertisements</td>
<td>Must fit appropriately</td>
<td>No blue jeans</td>
<td>Socks must be worn</td>
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<td>Shirts must be tucked in</td>
<td>No advertisements</td>
<td>No cargo pants (pants with several pockets)</td>
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*PreK students are asked to wear shoes with Velcro straps.*

- **Jewelry**
  - Chain/necklace is limited to one small or medium in size.
  - Girls- no large hoop earrings (must be smaller than a quarter).
  - Boys – no earrings at all.

- **Hair**
  - Must be neat, clean and well-groomed. Hairstyle must not disrupt the view of the child.
  - No shaved hair designs are allowed.
Extreme hair styles are not allowed including unnatural colors (green, orange, blue, purple, etc.).

Shaved Mohawks are not permitted.

**Backpacks**
- Backpacks with positive designs are acceptable
- No rolling backpacks are allowed for safety reasons.

**Other**
- Make-up may not be worn or brought to school.
- Nail polish or fake nails are not allowed.
- Shorts, jumpers, and skirts must be at least fingertip length.
- Caps and head coverings may not be worn inside the building.

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

For a child to be registered for school it is necessary to provide the following items:

- Proof of residence, such as a utility bill or rent receipt with the correct name and address.
- A certified copy of birth certificate or birth registration card.
- Proof of immunization record/shot records.
- A report card of last school attended.
- If enrolled during the current school year, a withdrawal form from the previous school.
- Guardianship papers if the student is residing with someone other than the parent.
- Social Security number.
- Proof of income (PreK students only)

WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURES

Advance notification (24 hours) is needed to complete the check-out forms and determine if fines and textbooks, or any school property have been cleared. Please inform the school of the student’s last day of attendance, new address, and the name of the new school the student will attend. The parent must come and officially withdraw the student. The complete check-out form must be taken to the new school with a copy of the last report card attached, if available.

PARENT COMMUNICATION

The primary mode of parent communication is through the app ClassDojo. Parents are encouraged to join their child’s teacher account for messages, announcements, and assignments. Parents may also call the school and leave a message for the teacher or email the teacher directly. All email addresses are in the back of this handbook.
PARENT ENGAGEMENT

Your engagement with your child’s school increases their success!
That’s how important you are!

Required Activities:
➢ Attend Open House
➢ Communicate with teacher via ClassDojo
➢ Attend conferences called upon by the teacher
➢ Ensure your child arrives to school on time
➢ Ensure your child completes all assignments

Other Opportunities:
➢ Coffee with the Principal
➢ PTO Meetings
➢ Learning Activities Classes
➢ Health/Guidance Meetings
➢ Academic Nights – Reading, Math/Science
➢ School Programs

VIPS, Volunteers In Public Schools: (See Ms. Carbajal to sign up)
Parents must register to become a VIPS. Please refer to the HISD website for more information on how to become a VIPS. https://www.houstonisd.org/vips#calendar347170/20220728/month.
You may also call the school for help.

Only if you are a registered and approved VIPS can you be able to participate in the following:
➢ Help with campus events
➢ Making materials for Teachers
➢ Assist with field trips and field day
➢ Become a Room Parent
➢ Become a member of our Beautification Committee

PTO, Parent Teacher Organization: (See Ms. Solis to sign up)
➢ Become a member of PTO.
➢ Your membership fee helps supplement the educational experience and achieve curricular and fundraising goals.

Please keep good communication with your child’s teacher for any activities that pertain to his/her class or grade level.

PLAN FOR COLD, RAINY, OR INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS

An “Emergency Contact Form” will be sent home with each student so that the parents/guardians may advise the school of who will pick up his/her child at the end of the school day during inclement weather. If it is raining at the end of the day, walkers will be dismissed from the cafeteria.
Emergency contacts must be 18 yrs. of age and have a current government picture ID. For example, Driver’s License, State ID, or Passport.

EARLY PICKUP OF STUDENTS

Students are not permitted to leave school after they arrive unless certain procedures are followed. Only the persons listed on the Emergency Contact Form will be allowed to take a child from school during regular school hours. A current government issued picture ID is required, such as a driver’s license or passport. After signing out the child, the student will be called to the office. Teachers are not permitted to release students unless this procedure has been followed. Releasing of students after 2:00 p.m. is not allowed. It is during this time that teachers are bringing closure to lessons, reviewing homework assignments and students are organizing themselves for the end of the day. Early pickup of students is strongly discouraged. Students with 3 or more Early Pickups will not be allowed to participate in the monthly Perfect Attendance rewards. They are missing out on the closure activities for the day.

In the event that your child needs to miss instruction for a medical appointment or an emergency that involves your child, a parent or guardian must submit a written note to the Office the morning of the appointment. Please include the reason you will check your child out, a contact number, the time you will check him/her out and the signature of the parent/guardian.

CAFETERIA

Lunch is a time for students to enjoy each other’s company while having lunch and using moderate voices. To avoid overcrowding, parents wishing to eat lunch with their child must reserve a spot by calling the office at least 24 hours in advance. No more than 2 parents per class will be allowed to eat with their child. Parents will sign in at the office and pick up a “Visitors Pass”. This pass must always be worn on the chest/shoulder and visible while in the building. At the end of the lunch period, parents must sign out in the Main Office and return their Visitors Pass. All Barrick students qualify for free lunch. Lunch will not be delivered to classrooms. Please make sure your child has his lunch at the start of the instructional day if he/she does not want to eat the food served in the cafeteria.

BIRTHDAY TREATS

Students celebrating birthdays may treat their classmates immediately after the lunch period. Store bought treats are limited to single servings of fruit, cookies, cupcakes, or pre-cut cakes. Ice cream, sodas, and party favors are not acceptable. Teachers must be notified 1 week in advance to avoid conflicts. It may be necessary for the classroom teacher to request that treats be delayed or advanced if other events occur within a given period. Treats arriving at school after the child’s assigned lunch period will be held until the next day.
CLASS PARTIES

By school board policy, only 2 class parties may be held. At Barrick, these parties may be held on the day before the winter holiday break and during the last week of school. At his or her discretion, a teacher may choose to invite up to 2 parents to assist at these celebrations. No additional siblings (older or younger) are allowed to attend. Parents must be approved registered VIPS in order to participate.

FIELD DAYS *

Field day is an outdoor event considered a reward for students. Teachers may choose to invite up to 2 parents to assist during these events. No additional siblings (older or younger) are allowed to attend. Parents must be approved registered VIPS in order to participate.

FIELD TRIPS *

Classroom teachers will choose to invite up to 2 parents to assist during these trips. No additional siblings (older or younger) are allowed to attend. Parents must be approved registered VIPS in order to participate. Each student participating must have a completely filled out and signed permission slip. Parents who are chosen as a chaperone are not to take their own child home early.

* As we would like all students to participate in Field Days and Field Trips, students are not required to participate in those events. Therefore, students who have had behavior problems, or consistently miss work assignments may not be allowed to participate. The teacher will notify the parent in advance if a student will not be allowed to participate in the event.

BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT

Parents and students will receive a form to request the 2022-2023 HISD Code of Student Conduct or be able to access it online. This book details the expectations for student behavior and the consequences for misbehavior. Below you will find the school commitments we hold at Barrick Elementary which are aligned with the HISD code. The rules of conduct are established to achieve and maintain an orderly environment conducive to learning.

School Commitments:

- I will be prepared for all my tasks.
- I will be polite to everyone.
- I will be positive in my words and actions.
- I will produce quality work.
Class Expectations

Each teacher will develop their own list of Class Expectations. That information will be sent home to parents during the first week of school.

Teachers will use their discretion to determine consequences for low level infractions. Some examples are: Sit a “time out” chair for one class period, assign the student to another teacher in their grade for a class period, have student write what they did and how they will improve. Teachers may contact you to inform you of the incident or request a conference with you.

SEVERE CASE CLAUSE

Severe cases will be referred to the office immediately. Examples are:

1. Fighting
2. Weapons (including real or toy guns, pocket knives and laser pointers)
3. Drugs (including cigarettes)
4. Obscene materials
5. Defacing school property
6. Any gang related behavior
7. Any other condition that could prove detrimental to other Students.

When a student is referred to the office, the following actions may occur:

- Parent/Student/Principal Conference
- Assign student to detention
- Referral to Counselor
- Removal from school-wide activities (field day, parties, programs, field lessons, etc.)
- Community Service
- Suspension

Disruptive Items:

No electronic devices (laser pointers, smart watches, other hand-held device, etc.) toys, basketballs, or games are permitted at school. Any violation will result in confiscation of the disruptive item whereupon it becomes the property of the school district.

CELL PHONES/SMART WATCHES

Cell phones are discouraged to be brought to school. However, if students bring a cell phone to school, they must abide by following rules:

1) Must be kept in their **backpack only** during the school day.
2) It must be **turned off** during the school day.
3) It must be turned in to the test administrator during STAAR testing.
4) Smart watches are **not** allowed in school.

Failure to comply with these restrictions will result in confiscation of the electronic device. The cell phone/device will be confiscated, and it can only be collected by a parent or guardian with a $15.00 fee. ➔A student can only use their cell phone after being dismissed from school and is outside the building. Parents assume responsibility for any lost or damaged cell phones.
HISD TECHNOLOGY DEVICES

- Technology equipment (iPads, Chromebooks or Laptops) are on loan to the student and may only be used for educational purposes. Any other use may result in the loss of loan privileges.

- Technology devices are property of HISD and students are required to surrender their device to teachers, administrators, and other authorized HISD personnel when asked. Students should not alter, modify, or cosmetically change the device for any reason this including but is not limited to stickers, apps, writing, or damage to the device in any manner.

- Generally, devices will remain in school. In the event teachers give an assignment that requires the student to take their device home, parents are responsible for the care of the device and must promptly report to school if the device is lost, stolen, or damaged.

- All equipment must be returned to the school if the student withdraws from school or at the end of the school year.

TEXTBOOKS

Students are responsible for textbooks issued at the beginning of the school year or checked out from the library. Books that are lost and/or damaged must be paid for by the student’s parents/guardian. Books not returned or paid for will result in the loss of privileges for the student (i.e., field day, field trip, or end of year class celebration). If the book is paid for and later found in good condition, the money will be returned to the parent/guardian.

HOMEWORK

Regularly assigned homework assists students in achieving satisfactory school progress and developing good study habits. Homework is assigned daily Monday – Thursday and should last approximately 45 minutes. It is each student’s responsibility to complete homework assignments and meet all deadlines. All students are encouraged to read or be read to at least 15 minutes each night. Consistent failure to complete homework will result in a parent- teacher conference.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES AT HOME

It is not our place to tell parents how to run their household. We respect all of our families. We strongly urge parents to limit the amount of technology students are using at home especially when it is not educational. Our suggestions are:

✓ Allow your child no more than 30 minutes of time on electronic devices.
✓ If a teacher contacts you of an issue in school, remove your child’s privileges for using electronic devices for 1 week.
Monitor what your child is viewing. We know that many of our students have been watching inappropriate content and they bring that information and share it with their friends. We need your child focused on learning at school.

CLASSROOM VISITORS

Parents are welcome at all times. However, HISD policy requires all visitors to sign in at the school office with a government issue pictured ID. This is for the protection and safety of all students. Because instruction and student learning are the main focus, teachers are never free to leave their classes unsupervised to speak to parents. Parents wishing to observe their child in his/her classroom are welcome. To avoid interruptions of instructional time, visits to the classrooms shall be restricted to 30 minutes. Arrangements should be made in advance by contacting Ms. Garcia, Asst. Principal, at least 24 hours before your visit.

MEDIA RELEASE FORMS

For different reasons, your child may be photographed or video-recorded for events happening in the school or the district. Your approval allows us to post these photographs or recordings on our website or on our school’s social media platforms such as Facebook and Twitter. Please be sure to complete this form so that we know who may participate.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parents may request a parent-teacher conference to discuss a variety of issues. It is recommended that parents contact the teacher the day before through ClassDojo or email to schedule the conferences. In order to meet the needs of the students and not interrupt instructional time, all conferences will be held before school, during the teacher’s conference period, or after school.

EYEGLASSES

If your child requires eyeglasses, it is imperative that they wear them daily. This will impact their learning. Vision screenings will be conducted by Nurse Randall and you will be notified if he recommends your child see an optometrist.

HEALTH

Medication: HISD Board Policy prohibits school personnel from administering any medication, including aspirin, during school hours. If a child must take long-term medication, the school will provide parents with a form to be signed by a physician. Upon receipt of the signed form, medications will be administered in the clinic under Nurse Randall's supervision.
Immunizations:
All students are required to have current and updated immunizations as required by law. It is the responsibility of the parent to provide the school with an accurate immunization record. A student may not be allowed to attend school without these state-mandated immunizations. Exclusions from compliance are allowed on an individual basis for medical contradictions and religious conflicts. Students falling into these categories must submit affidavits as specified by law.

Lice:
Students who have lice must be properly cleaned and return to school within 24 hours. Absences beyond this will not be excused. All students will be checked by Nurse Randall upon his/her return

PROMOTION STANDARDS
These standards are subject to change. If this occurs, parents will be notified.

Kindergarten
Students may not be retained in Kindergarten unless requested by the parent in writing and approved by the Grade Placement Committee.

Grades 1-2
- Overall yearly average of 70 or above
- Average of 70 or above for Reading/ELA, Math, and either Science or Social Studies
- Sufficient attendance
- Passing score on the High Frequency Word evaluation

Grades 3-5
- Overall yearly average of 70 or above
- Average of 70 or above for Reading/ELA, Math, and either Science or Social Studies
- Sufficient attendance
- Passing score on the Reading and Math STAAR test

Assistance:
As soon as a student’s performance indicates he/she is struggling or failing, the classroom teacher and administrators will take steps to help the student. Different support options will be put in place. If a student continues to struggle, some options may require parent approval. If that is the case, we need the parent’s support in leading your child to be more successful.

If the student still fails to demonstrate achievement of one of the standards at the end of the school year, the student would be required to attend summer school in order to be reconsidered for promotion. Attending summer school does not guarantee that the student will be promoted. He/she must demonstrate achievement, if not, he or she will be retained for the next school year.
REPORT CARDS AND PROGRESS REPORTS

Students will receive a report card every 6 weeks. The district calendar on page 4 will provide you the dates so that you can expect your child to bring home their report card. We also send home a Progress Report at the end of the three weeks of each cycle. If you have concerns with your child’s grade on the Progress Report, there is still time for your child to improve their grade for their Report Card. Please follow the recommendations of your child’s teacher.

SCHOOL SAFETY PLAN

The community of Barrick is totally committed to our #1 Core Value: Safety Above All Else. Several safety measures have been put in place to ensure the safety and security of all the students, faculty and staff at Barrick Elementary.

Drills: Monthly drills are administered as required by state law to practice procedures in case of a fire, disaster, or intruder in the building.

ID Badges: All students will be photographed for an ID badge. Upon receipt, the ID badge must be worn at all times while in school. It will be used as their identification badge, their lunch card, and their library card. If an ID badge is lost, it is the student’s responsibility to pay $5 for a replacement. The ID badges will come with a lanyard.

Securing School Property: Barrick Elementary relies heavily on friends and neighbors in the area to report to the HISD Police Department, 713-892-7777, if you see or hear of suspicious activity in the neighborhood during the day; also, please call the school, 281-405-2500. HISD police officers are on patrol duty at night and on the weekend so if you are aware of any unusual or suspicious activity after school hours, please call them. Please assist us in securing our school and property so that our children can continue to enjoy a healthy and safe school.

Dismissal Tag Numbers: Students will be dismissed using a number system. Each family will be assigned a number. All students are required to have a Dismissal Tag number including car riders, walkers, and bus riders. If an additional tag is needed or misplaced, please contact the school. Only a parent or guardian can come and get a Dismissal Tag with a government issue photo ID.

NEW! 

Arrival: All PK-5th grade morning arrival will be through the cafeteria doors.
Dismissal: All PK-5th grade dismissal will be through car, bus, or walker.
Note: PK and siblings may be dismissed by car or bus. No walkers.
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