

District News & Notes



March 2016 was the first ever Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month. In support of a classmate that lives with hemophilia, the fifth grade students participated in the Red Tie Challenge. The hope of this movement was to encourage individuals and groups to start conversations about inheritable bleeding disorders and show their support for the community. For more pictures please visit the BCS home page and click on the link for this story under the Headlines & Features section.

From March 11th-13th approximately 70 students, 15 staff, and many community volunteers participated in the Barker Musical Theater production of Oklahoma! More than 900 people attended the performance throughout the weekend. The cast will perform at the Kenny Awards ceremony at Shea's Performing Arts Center on Saturday, May 14th at 6:00 PM. Congratulations to all who were involved in the show.



CAMP HOPE

The Barker Teachers Union will dust off the bats and gloves to play in a charity softball tournament on Sunday, June 5th at Fairmount Park in the Town of Wheatfield. The tournament benefits Camp Hope of Niagara Hospice. A schedule is not yet available, but games usually begin around 8:30 AM. This will be the 5th year of the event and for the BTU as a participant. The rain date for the tournament is Sunday, June 12th. If interested in supporting this cause please contact Mrs. Melissa Bundrock at 716-795-3201 x5224 or mbundrock@barkercsd.net.

Pratt Elementary has been a participant in the Box Tops for Education program for several years. Recently, it was reported that over 13,300 box tops were counted over the course of a weekend. Box tops were brought in for a "Snowball Fight" contest. For every 10 box tops brought in by each classroom the class received a paper snowball to then hang on another classroom door in their grade level. The classroom at each grade level with the least number of snowballs on their door won a popcorn party.



Pratt Elementary was ranked #1 in the area (out of 145), #6 in New York State (out of 4,673) and #127 in the nation (out of 95,368). Thank you to Mrs. Lori Niethe for providing these impressive numbers. "We appreciate their (students) contributions and it's amazing what a small town school like ours can accomplish when we work together," said Mrs. Niethe.



D.A.R.E. graduation took place in fifth grade on Thursday, March 10th. Sean Higgins opened the ceremony with the Pledge of Allegiance, while JP Mason, Lucy Ingro and Mia Herman all read their essays. The Niagara Country Sheriff's Office was well represented as D.A.R.E. Officer Erin Hotaling, D.A.R.E. Coordinator and Officer Robert Richards, and Sheriff James Voutour all were in attendance for the event. Students were treated to a reception with guests after they received their certificates. Turn to page 17 to view a picture of the students with Officer Hotaling and Sheriff Voutour.

Winter Hi-lites Through Pictures

We take a look back, through images, at some of the news and activities that have taken place at BCS since our last Banner issue. All images on this page are from the BCS Musical Theater production of *Oklahoma!*

