B4 April 30, 2025 THE BARREN PROGRESS progress@jpinews.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mary Wood Weldon Memorial Library

THURSDAY, MAY 1

Chair Yoga: Noon

Beshka Moore will be our instructor for this chair yoga series. Perfect for beginners, those with mobility issues, and anyone looking for a gentle exercise program. Register at the library or online. This class fills up quickly!

Gogh with the Flow: 4:30 PM

"Gogh with the Flow" is an ongoing art club designed for children ages 5 to 10. Every month, young artists will create a project using various art mediums. This month we will create a night sky painting using acrylic paint on round canvases. Each participant will choose a constellation to add to their painting using gems. See our website for details. Registration is required to attend.

Red Ink Writers' Circle: 6:00 PM

Meet together with other local writers for manuscript critique and for support. Each writer will have a chance to read a five-minute section of a manuscript, then receive comments from group members with the aim of strengthening your writing. Please bring copies of your selected pages for group members (copies can also be made at the library for \$.15 per page). Open to adult authors of all genres.

FRIDAY, MAY 2

Raising Readers: 10:00 AM

Raising Readers is a story time program designed for preschool-age children. Every week a new letter of the alphabet will be presented, accompanied by stories, movement, and an activity. Please register online.

MONDAY, MAY 5

AniMay Trivia Challenge: 5:00 PM

Calling all anime fans! Come celebrate Ani-May with us at the library! Test your knowledge and compete with friends at our Anime Trivia Challenge! Whether you're a die-hard anime aficionado or just starting your journey, this fun and exciting event will have something for everyone. Answer questions about your favorite anime series, characters, and iconic moments. The winner will receive a Demon Slayer LED Light, and everyone will leave with new anime facts to impress your friends. Grab your fellow anime lovers, and join us for a night of fun, laughs, and all things anime!

Alterknit Yarn Tales: 5:30 PM

Join fellow yarn enthusiasts for an evening of knitting and crocheting. This group is for fellowship and support. A starter kit may be made available for interested beginners in either craft.

TUESDAY, MAY 6

Toddler Tuesday: 10:00 AM

Toddler Tuesday is a story time program designed for 6 months to 2 years old. Every week features a new theme accompanied by stories, music, movement, and play. Please register online.

Tween Tuesdays: Among Us: 4:00 PM

Get ready for an out-of-this-world adventure at Among Us Game Night! Join us for a fun, interactive evening of teamwork, deception, and mystery. Play the popular game Among Us with fellow tweens and work together to complete tasks—or try to outsmart your friends as the Imposter! Whether you're a seasoned player or new to the game, this night promises lots of laughs, suspense, and fun! Online registration is required. Snacks provided! We'll have laptops available, but we encourage you to bring your own device and charger for the best experience.

THURSDAY, MAY 8

Mother's Day Trivia: 6:00 PM

Celebrate moms with us at this special trivia night. Show us what you know about literary moms, TV & movie moms, famous moms, common mom quotes, and more. Bring your family, have a girls' night, or just treat yourself. Sign up at the library or online.

Notification of FERPA Rights

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and "eligible students" (students 18 years of age or older or students who are attending a postsecondary institution) certain rights with respect to the student's education records. They are:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within forty-five (45) days of the day the District receives a request for access.

Parents or eligible students should submit to the school Principal/designee a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The Principal will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the record(s) may be inspected.

2. The right to inspect and review logs documenting disclosures of the student's education records.

Except for disclosure to school officials, disclosures related to some judicial orders or lawfully issued subpoenas, disclosures of directory information, and disclosure to the parent or eligible student, FERPA regulations require the District to record the disclosure.

3. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the student's privacy or other rights.

Parents or eligible students may ask the District to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of privacy or other rights. They should write the school Principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of their privacy or other If the District decides not to amend the record as re-

will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise him\her of the right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to

quested by the parent or eligible student, the District

4. The right to provide written consent prior to disclosure of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

Exceptions that permit disclosure without consent in-

a. Disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A "school official" is a person employed by the District as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the school Board; a volunteer, or an outside person or company with whom the District has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his/her

if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his/her professional responsibility to

A school official has a legitimate educational interest

This may include contractors, consultants, volunteers, and other parties to whom the District has outsourced services or functions.

- Upon request, disclosure of education records without parent/eligible student notice or consent to officials of another school district or post-secondary institution in which a student seeks or intends to enroll or is already enrolled or to other entities authoized by law so long as the disclosure is for purposes related to the student's enrollment or transfer.
- c. Disclosure of information to those whose knowledge of such information is necessary to respond to an actual, impending, or imminent articulable and significant health/safety threat.
- Disclosure to state and local educational authorities and accrediting organizations, subject to requirements of FERPA regulations.

Designated Kentucky State agencies may be permitted access to student record information, which will depend on the authority granted to their particular

5. The right to notify the District in writing to withhold information the Board has designated as directory information as listed in the annual directory information notice the District provides to parents/eligible

To exercise this right, parents/eligible students shall notify the District by the deadline designated by the Dis-

6. The right to prohibit the disclosure of personally identifiable information concerning the student to recruiting representatives of the U. S. Armed Forces and its service academies, the Kentucky Air National Guard, the Kentucky Army National Guard and institutions of higher education.

Unless the parent or student who has reached age 18 requests in writing that the District not release information, the student's name, address, and telephone number (if listed) shall be released to Armed Forces recruiters and institutions of higher education upon their request.

7. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the District to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA

> Family Policy Compliance Office U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20202-4605

Child Find for Children with Disabilities in Need of **Special Education or 504 Services**

The Barren County School District keeps educational records in a secure location in each school and Board office.

The Barren County School District obtains written consent from a parent or eligible student (age 18 or who is attending a postsecondary institution), before disclosing personally identifiable information to an entity or indi-

vidual not authorized to receive it under FERPA.

For students who have been determined eligible for Special Education, educational records will be destroyed at the request of the parents when they are no longer needed to provide educational programs or services. The Barren School District may destroy the educational records of a child without parent request three (3) years after they are no longer needed to provide educational programs or services. Parents are advised that data contained in the records may later be needed for Social Security benefits or other purposes. The Barren County School District may retain, for an indefinite period of time, a record of the student's name, address, telephone number, grades, attendance records, classes attended, grade level completed, and year completed.

Children eligible for Special Education include those children with disabilities who have autism, deaf-blindness, developmental delay, emotional-behavior disability, hearing impairment, mental disability, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, specific learning disability, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, or visual impairment and who because of such an impairment need Special Education services.

Children eligible for 504 services include those children in a public elementary and secondary education program who have a current physical or mental impairment that currently substantially limits some major life activity which causes the student's ability to access the school environment or school activities to be substantially limited.

Children eligible for the State-Funded Preschool program include three- and four-year-old children identified with disabilities and four-year-old children who are at-risk, as defined by federal poverty levels up to 160%. Preschool children eligible for special education must have an Individual Education Plan (IEP) instead of a 504 plan to receive State-Funded Preschool program services.

The Barren County School District has an ongoing "Child Find" system, which is designed to locate, identify and evaluate any child residing in a home, facility, or residence within its geographical boundaries, age three (3) to twenty-one (21) years, who may have a disability and be in need of Special Education or 504 services. This includes children who are not in school; those who are in public, private, or home school; those who are highly mobile such as children who are migrant or homeless; and those who are advancing from grade to grade, who may need but are not receiving Special Education or 504 services

disabilities attending private or home schools within the school district boundaries who may need special educa-The Barren County School District will make sure any child

The district's "Child Find" system includes children with

enrolled in its district who qualifies for Special Education or 504 services, regardless of how severe the disability, is provided appropriate Special Education or 504 services at no cost to the parents of the child.

Parents, relatives, public and private agency employees, and concerned citizens are urged to help the Barren County School District find any child who may have a disability and need Special Education or 504 services. The District needs to know the name and age, or date of birth of the child; the name, address, and phone number(s) of the parents or guardian; the possible disability; and other information to determine if Special Education or 504 services are needed.

Letters and phone calls are some of the ways the Barren County School District collects the information needed. The information the school district collects will be used to contact the parents of the child and find out if the child needs to be evaluated or referred for Special Education or

If you know of a child who lives within the boundaries of the Barren County School District, who may have a disability, and may need but is not receiving Special Education or 504 services, please call 270-651-3787 or send the information to:

Christa Middleton Director of Special Education Section 504 Coordinator Barren County Schools 600 Trojan Way Ph. 270-651-3787

If you know of a child who attends a private or homeschool within the boundaries of the Barren County School District, who may have a disability, and may need but is not receiving Special Education services, please call 270-651-3787 or send the information to:

Christa Middleton **Director of Special Education Barren County Schools** 600 Trojan Way Glasgow, KY 42141 Ph. 270-651-3787

"Child Find" activities will continue throughout the school year. As part of these efforts the Barren County School District will use screening information, student records, and basic assessment information it collects on all children in the District to help locate those children who have a disability and need Special Education or 504 services. Any information the District collects through "Child Find" is maintained confidentially.

Written Policies and Procedures have been developed which describe the District's requirements regarding the confidentiality of personally identifiable information and "Child Find" activities. There are copies in the Principal's office of each school, and in the Board of Education office. Copies of these Policies and Procedures may be obtained by contacting:

Anthony Frazier Director of Pupil Personnel **Barren County Schools** 600 Troian Wav Glasgow, KY 42141 Ph. 270-651-3787

The District office is open Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Barren County School District provides a public notice in the native language or other mode of communication of the various populations in the geographical boundaries of the District to the extent feasible. If you know of someone who may need this notice translated to another language, given orally, or delivered in some other manner or mode of communication, please contact the Director of Pupil Personnel, the Director of Special Education or the Section 504 Coordinator at the address or phone number listed above for the Barren County Schools.