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Dear Barker Families,

Our character word for May is **“Fairness.”** As we head into the last few weeks of school a reminder about how to play fair seems like it might be appropriate. It’s been a long time since our rules assembly in September. Fairness at Barker means the following: Playing by the rules; taking turns and sharing; being open minded and listening to others; not taking advantage of others; and not blaming others carelessly. On any given day on the Barker playground you will see students playing together with respect and kindness. I commend our teachers and noon duty supervisors for taking time to acknowledge students for playing fairly and for assisting students when the rules get broken. We strive to help our students become people of good character through teaching, modeling, and recognizing the traits we want them to embrace. I commend our parents for also being excellent role models and supporting the character development in their children. Together we make a difference!



May happenings at Barker:

- May 4 – 14 Standardized Testing for students in grades 2 – 6. Students should be reminded to get plenty of rest, eat a good breakfast, have a positive attitude, and to do their best! We can reach our goal of 930!
- 6 1st Grade Field Trip to El Dorado Nature Center
Panoramic Picture for 6th Grade Students 11:00
- 7 4th Grade Field Trip to Knott’s Berry Farm to learn about the Gold Rush
- 12 Day of the Teacher – I know that you will join me in appreciation for our awesome staff of teachers! Thank you teachers for the work that you do!
- 13 5th Grade Camp Meeting 6:00 – This will be an informational meeting to get our 5th grade families prepared for the camp experience to come in 6th grade.
- 17 Classified Employee Recognition Week – Thank you to our support staff for their outstanding contributions to Barker students, team and community!
- 19 Parent Education Opportunity at Barker 6:00 – Bullying
Join us to learn about “Bullying” behaviors and to learn strategies to combat this potential problem in our youth. (See flyer)
- 20 School Site Council/English Language Advisory Committee Meeting 3:00
- 21 2nd Grade Field Trip to the Kellogg House/Heritage Museum
3rd Grade Field Trip to the Long Beach Aquarium
PTA Association Meeting 2:40 – Everyone is welcome to vote in our new PTA Board for the 2010/2011 school year.
- 27 Kindergarten Field Trip to the Farm
- 28 School Spirit Day to Celebrate the end of Testing – Students should wear Red, White, and Blue. We will be eating picnic style on the lawn. Student Council will organize games and provide a fun snack during lunch.

Jog-a-thon – Support our school by participating in our Jog-a-thon to earn money for school programs. PTA will be providing participation awards and popsicles. (Look for more information to come.)
- 31 Memorial Day Holiday