

## Barkstall Elementary



**Barkstall Elementary**  
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**Hours:** 8:35 am - 3:00 pm  
**Enrollment:** 434

### *Special Features*

- Accelerated Reader Program
- Kids Plus Child Care Program
- Balanced Calendar
- Standardized Dress Code
- Experiential (Hands-on) Learning

*Barkstall Elementary is a vibrant place where students, teachers, parents, and community come together to nurture student success through integrated arts education. Our goal is to prepare each student to become a responsible contributor to our diverse and changing society. We are committed to promote student learning and academic achievement, enhance social skills, physical development and emotional well-being, encourage critical thinking and problem solving, and stimulate creativity.*

### *History*

Barkstall Elementary opened in August of 1998. The design of the school, classroom configuration, and advanced technology reflects the community's vision of education for the future. We have a commitment to an exemplary curriculum which emphasizes high expectations for all students and blends the arts with academic skills.

### *Technology*

Technology is integrated into the curriculum through the use of Internet-accessible computers in the classrooms and resource areas. Web based library programs allow access to resources from all classrooms. Mobile carts have been upgraded to multimedia capabilities.

### *School Choice Theme*

Our "Academics Through The Arts" fosters student success by meeting the learning differences (multiple intelligences, learning styles, and special needs) of students. Students are able to explore their creative and critical thinking skills. We are a community of creators. We learn through the arts.

### *Enrichment Opportunities*

There are special school events where students can display their interests and talents through art night, math night, reading night, a science fair, Fall Festival, grade level productions, grade level family projects, writing and directing a 5th grade opera and a 4th grade artist in residency program.

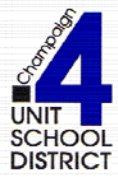
### *Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS)*

PBIS is a proactive system approach for preventing and responding to the school environment. The program is designed for all students and is based on sound research and uses effective teaching practices. PBIS fosters positive teaching and learning environments in all classrooms and enables school staff to focus on academics. Our three expectations are: Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Ready. These school expectations are taught in all classrooms through teaching (social skills lessons, skill streaming, and/or Second Step), modeling, pre-correction, and re-teaching. Social skills are reinforced daily with practice and praise and successes are celebrated regularly.

### *Mentoring and Volunteering*

Barkstall has implemented a mentoring program which services a small number of students. Currently, we are working with community agencies to expand the program. We are always looking for volunteers who can meet with students once a week during the school day to serve as role models and share experiences. Parent volunteers in and outside the classroom are an integral part of our school. Our motto is "Hand in Hand our Journey Begins".



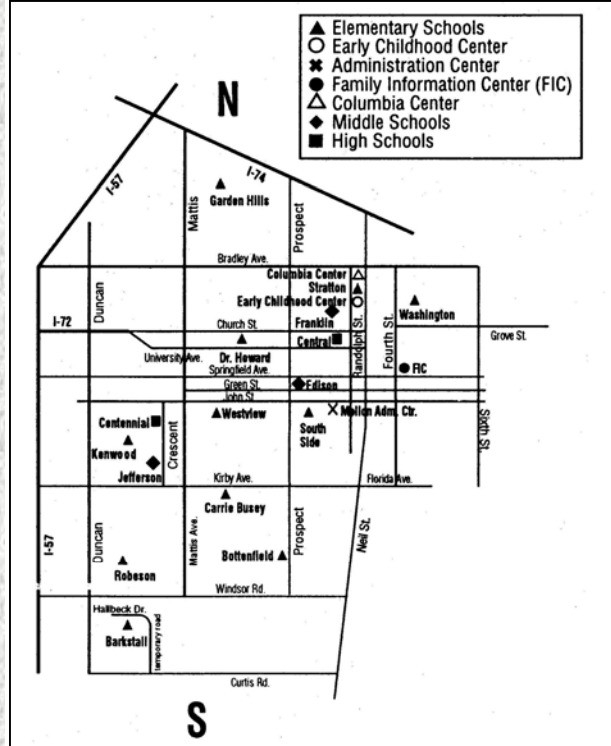


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## School Climate

Barkstall is committed to providing success for each student by integrating music, drama, visual arts, dance, and creative writing into the traditional curriculum. Thematic units are carefully planned at each level to help students become skilled in making connections between curriculum and real life. The focal point of our unique educational opportunity is to provide a rich learning environment and excellence in student education. As part of Barkstall's commitment to a safe, orderly environment, the Second Step Program and Skill Streaming are taught in each classroom.



## Support Programs

Students who need individual assistance with literacy are offered the services of a reading specialist. Support services are offered to students who may benefit from individual assistance. These services may be in the form of intense reading instruction, speech and language services, and/or special education services. A Building Support Team is in place to offer staff members and parents technical assistance.

## Standardized Dress Code and Balanced Calendar

Barkstall has adopted a standardized dress code. Students concentrate on learning, not on what others are wearing. The balanced calendar promotes a learning-rich atmosphere on a continuous academic level.

## PTSA

Parental involvement is a key to academic success and the Barkstall PTA exemplifies a strong school and family partnership. The PTA welcomes and encourages participation by all parents, guardians, and extended family members of all Barkstall Elementary students.

Parents serve as members of school communities, work as classroom volunteers, plan extracurricular functions, and work daily with the principal and staff to accomplish the goals of the school.



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