

# Edgewood Jr High School would like to introduce you to....

## Barley Mae Straw



## EJHS Therapy Dog Program Information

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

I am excited to be introducing you to Barley, our very first therapy dog at Edgewood Jr. High School. Barley is a 1 year old old F1b Bernedoodle who is 8lbs and considered full grown!

- F1B Bernedoodles will have a higher success rate for non-shedding and are recommended for families with moderate to severe allergies.
- The F1B Bernedoodle is 75% Poodle which makes this generation very hypo-allergenic

### Ways Barley is integrated at EJHS (so far!)

- Welcomes students to school each morning in front hallway
- Reading with students of all reading levels
- Student lead training and grooming sessions through FLEX
- Individual student support for emotional regulation
- Small Groups
- Regulation Break: Barley has free play with students outside each day for 15 minutes
- Science Fair: Students studied the effects on dogs and how they can impact a persons blood pressure and heart rate
- Geometry Class: Planned, designed, presented, and developed student made obstacle course through our EJHS Design Lab
- Entrepreneurship Class: Designing Barley Merch to sell
- Works with English Language Learners on English speaking
- Works with students in Speech Services improve speaking and communication

## At A Glance:

We respect all opinions about dogs and do not require anyone to have interactions with Barley

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Parent & Guardian's can give or deny permission through the 24-25 Harmony Enrollment Process

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Barley is up to date on all shots and has a clean bill of health

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**We have a Cuddly Colt Club!**

**This group meets Every other Thursday at EJHS. Interest form for 2024-2025 can be found [HERE](#)**



# How can my student visit with Barley?



Students are able to interact with Barley during unstructured times such as arrival, regulation break, passing period, and dismissal

Mrs. Straw will host FLEX sessions and small groups for students to have opportunities to work with Barley in different ways and on various skills

Additionally, teachers are able to request for Barley to take part in their classrooms!

Examples work Barley can do in a class setting: small group work, individual/group reading time, support during a test, to aid in a presentation or lesson, participate in classroom projects, support struggling student(s) and much much more!

## A Message from Mrs. Straw, School Counselor, LMHC

Thank you for trusting Barley and me to provide our school community with an opportunity that has many research and evidence based benefits.

Please help me in thanking the following people for approving this idea and supporting us from the start

- Dr. Sanders jsanders@rbbschools.net
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- Mr. Siegelin jsiegelin@rbbschools.net
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- Madalyn McKenney mad4mydog@gmail.com

.....& last but not least.... Mr. Straw & Family!



## We welcome your feedback!

While this is the beginning phase of a long process, my hope is we will learn and grow together as a community.

Please scan the QR code to provide your feedback on our new EJHS Therapy Dog Program

Reach out to me with questions, concerns, wonders, and ideas. bnstraw@rbbschools.net

