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FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Student Author Night is a school-family event that exemplifies the very best of Barton Open School. Cross-age sharing of written work from students in their role of author apprentices, group facilitation skillfully handled by parents, and writing celebrated in small circles of interested adults and students. I am very grateful to parents Sandy Parnell, Erin Thompson and Molly Nicholson for again coordinating this year's event and to parents Heidi Rich, Bridget Murphy, Nettie Posey, Rebecca Shaw, Megan Cummings-Krueger, Byron Richard, Tracine Asberry-Lindquist, Rachel Lipkin, Rose Shetka, Laura Christensen, Andrea Breen, Kristin Thoennes, and Kathy Shipp for facilitating the circles of student authors. Each year more and more students participate as authors. What a wonderful opportunity we are giving them to nurture and celebrate their growth as writers. My sincere thanks to all members of our community who participated in last Thursday's Student Author Night.

I also want to express our school's appreciation to Sue Buettgen, to many parent volunteers, and to the members of our Students Council for organizing and managing this year's Used Book Fair. It's a wonderful complement to our Student Author Night and a great way for our community to support life long reading habits for students.

--Steven R. DeLapp, Principal (email address steven.delapp@mpls.k12.mn.us)

Uppers Debate Team

Thursday, March 19th, was the final debate tournament for the Middle School Urban Debate League. The tournament was held at Macalester College. The Barton Debate team had been working diligently throughout the year to be able to speak knowledgeably and extemporaneously about the effect of global warming, renewable sources of energy and the political complexities that surround funding allocations. Thursday was a long day – we didn't return to Barton until 8:00 pm but our students have evolved into formidable debaters and we left Macalester with a number of awards. Many of the eighth graders are thinking about pursuing

debate in high school and our seventh graders are already wondering about next year's topic.

Our debate pairings who participated in the final tournament were: Arafa Alam/Maddie Colbert, Grant Auerbach (won a speaker award)/Jake Tank, CeCe Barajas/Anna Schwartz (team won an award for undefeated that day), Eamon Brodek/Christina Houston, Noah Posey (won a speaker award)/Sebastian Ritacco, Addis Dessalegne/Karen Raghurir, Zoe Matticks/Kia Okuma, Sowda Mohamed/Leah Thornquist, Marie Nicholas/Kaiti Sjostrom (team won an award for being undefeated that day), Connor Sullivan (won speaker award)/Will Tipping, and Xavi Vasquez/Ty

Calendar 2009

April

- 2 Barton School Talent Show 8:45 AM
- 3 No Classes K-8: Record Keeping Day
- 6-10 Week of Spring Break
- 13 Classes Resume Following Break
- 15 MCA II's in Mathematics (grades 3-8)
- 16 MCA II's in Mathematics (grades 3-8)
- 16 Leadership Council 4:30-6:30 PM
- 21 MCA II's in Reading (grades 3-8)
- 22 MCA II's in Reading (grades 3-8)
- 30 Leadership Council Meeting (6-8 PM)

May

- 1 Barton "Walk/Bike to School" Day
- 4 No Classes K-8: Reclassification Day
- 4-8 Kindergarten Registration Week
- 7 Kindergarten Round-Up
- 8 Plant Sale Pick-Up 2-7 PM
- 9 Plant Sale Pick-Up 9 AM-3 PM
- 14 Leadership Council (4:30-6:30 PM)
- 25 No Classes K-8: Memorial Day
- 28 Leadership Council Meeting (6-8 PM)

June

- 5 Lake Day Awards Program/Picnic
- 8 Eighth Grade Graduation Program 4 PM
- 9 Last Day for Students K-8
- 10 Last Day for Teaching Staff

July

- 7 First Week Summer School Classes (T-F)
- 13 Second Week Summer School (M-Th)
- 20 Third Week Summer School (M-Th)
- 27 Fourth Week Summer School (M-Th)

From the Leadership Council...

Every Wednesday morning, running through May 6, parents on the Leadership Council will offer a time for informal conversation among Barton parents regarding the Changing School Options. We will meet at 7:45 AM on Wednesday mornings at Java Jack's (818 W. 46th Street). If you are wanting updates on the process or want to connect with other concerned parents, please join us.

Rehm Holden (represented us in the championship).

--Flory Sommers Debate Coach

Uppers Attend Model United Nations Conference

On Monday, March 16th, 47 students from Barton went to the Model UN Conference at Augsburg College. Previously, the students had researched the countries they were representing in the UN simulation as well as the issues they would be discussing: ending the global food crisis, eradicating poverty and stopping the genocide in Darfur. The Model UN conference was attended by “delegates” from other schools in the metro area as well.

During the conference, delegates can proceed to the microphone to address the U.N. assembly and sponsor a resolution. Although this was our first year and the students had been nervous about speaking to an entire assembly, once the conference was underway, Barton students were not reticent about stepping up to the mike to sponsor resolutions, pose questions and respond to queries. Nine awards were given to middle school delegations and Barton won six of them, including First Place delegation to the General Assembly. Award winners: General Assembly First Place – a tie (both awards went to Barton delegations): Scout Peterson/ Maya Lassiter representing Australia and Haley Richter/Sarah Flores representing Honduras; Honorable Mention – General Assembly: Sirine Benjaafar/Donnie Wood representing Germany and Tyanna Gross/Zoe Matticks representing Malawi; Security Council: Honorable Mention: Sowda Mohamed/Milliecia Lacy representing China; Social and Economic Council – Honorable Mention: Maya Christensen/Firdaws Traore representing Germany.

All our delegates became involved because they care about making the world a better place. They researched on their own and gave up their lunch hours to prepare for the conference. They are a credit to the Barton

Community. Participants were Arafa Alam, Chloe Anderson, Grant Auerbach, CeCe Barajas, Berit Bassinger, Sirine Benjaafar, Lillie Benowitz, Eamon Brodek, Micah Burkhardt, Maya Christensen, Maddie Colbert, Shana Crawford, Addis Dessalegne, Robin Fassett-Carman, Sarah Flores, Tyanna Gross, Calloway Holt, Christina Houston, Khadija Isse, Samie Johnson, Avery Katz, Sabrina Keefe, Haley King, Ky Koepke, Milliecia Lacy, Bella Larson, Gabe Markworth, Zoe Matticks, Jack McCrery, Karleton Moeller-Reed, Sowda Mohamed, Olivia Mosconi, Marie Nicholas, Kia Okuma, Genesis Perez, Scout Peterson, Sophie Pratt, April Prinsen, Karen Raghubir, Ty Rehm Holden, Haley Richter, Nicki Saari, Lauren Salgado, Nadia Spock, Firdaws Traore, Donnie Wood and Ramaj Young.

From the School Nurse... Strep Alert

Many students at Barton have had strep over the past few weeks, so everyone should be alert to the following symptoms: fever, red sore throat, and swollen glands. Headache and stomach upset or vomiting also sometimes occur. If anyone in your family has these symptoms call your health care provider for a throat culture and possible antibiotics. Also, reminding your children to use good hand washing and avoid sharing food and drinks will go a long way toward keeping everyone healthy.

Congrats to Barton 6th Grade Math Masters

On March 14, eight Barton 6th graders gave up a sunny Saturday morning to represent our school in the district-wide Math Masters competition at North High School. A big congratulations goes out to students Dominica Asberry-Lindquist, Page Bennett, Nico Briggs, Lily

Eggers, Raamie Ebrahim, Conor McClun, Luke Parker and Oskar Soderberg. The team of Dominica, Page, Lily and Oskar received two honorable mentions (4th place): one in the team competition, and one for collective individual scores.

Six different schools participated in the event, with a total of 13 teams. The tests are written by a retired MPS teacher, then checked by MPS math consultants before they are typed and printed. It is very difficult math, and Barton is extremely proud of these students for choosing to stay after school to practice and participate in this competition!

The 5th grade Math Masters competition is April 18th, and so far there are 22 schools registered. The Barton contact for both the 5th and 6th grade events is Katrina Belding.

SPRING COMMUNITY EDUCATION

The spring brochure went home in mid March. Spring classes begin the week of April 13. If you did not receive one you can find the brochure on the Barton website www.barton.mpls.k12.mn.us

The Community Education office will be open during spring break so if you have a question or want to register you can call 668-3585 or email cindy.smedberg@mpls.k12.mn.us

Some new after school classes are Hula Hooping, Fairy Houses, Beading, May Baskets, Spring Book Art and more. Check it out.

Family Classes are Yoga, Karate and Irish Dance. There are a variety of yoga classes for adults. New this spring is Vinyasa 1 Flow, a workshop for beginners on Thursday evenings @ 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. This class is taught by a Barton Dad trained at Core Power Yoga! Do yoga with other Barton parents and end your day peacefully.