

# Barton Bugle



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

My sincere thanks to the entire Barton community for supporting last week's Silent Auction/Marketplace Family Night. I also want to recognize the musicians, dancers, singers, poets, scientists, environmentalists and naturalists who participated in the evening's program. It's this kind of authentic student involvement that makes me very grateful to be a part of the Barton learning community.

The team of Karen Casanova, Karla Hill Donisch, Mary Parker and Brenda Johnson was extraordinary in organizing this year's Silent Auction. And, Laurie Foster again provided the inspiration and energy for the Marketplace. Please note the article below that recognizes many of the parents who helped these coordinators make this event such a successful one. We are a very lucky community to have the wonderful family involvement we do!

My best wishes to everyone for a renewing winter break from our school routines (and the early start time). We look forward to seeing you when classes resume on January 5, 2009.

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

## Silent Auction/Marketplace Great Event!!

Thank you to the many volunteers who participated in last week's Barton Bazaar, from everyone who contributed their special talents to the auction and the marketplace...art work, handmade items and good food...to the many parents who helped plan, teach classes, and fill specific roles that evening. A huge thanks to Brenda Zehnder, Deb Reuter, Megan Oberle, Terrell Daniels, Megan Cummings-Krueger, Jennifer Bennett, Alison Demir, Pam Hockenberry, Mary Parker, Victoria Lauing, Eleanore Balbach, Joe Burkhardt, Kate Krueger, Heather Doyle, Sandy Parnell, Karla Hill-Donisch, Jane Hamilton, Erin Thompson, Simone Richard, Sandy Parnell, Barry Epstein, the Donisch

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## Calendar 2008-2009

### December

- 19 Last Day for Food/Clothing Drive
- 22 Winter Break Begins

### January

- 5 Classes Resume Following Break
- 10 K-8 School Information Fair at the Hyatt Regency 9 AM-2 PM
- 15 Leadership Council 4:30-6:30 PM
- 19 No Classes K-8: Martin Luther King Day
- 22 Area C Parent Council at Armatage 6:30
- 23 No Classes K-8: Record Keeping Day
- 26 Uppers Exhibition Night 5:30-7:30 PM
- 29 Leadership Council Meeting 6-8 PM
- 31 High School Choice Deadline

### February

- 5 Barton Family Roller Skating 6-8 PM
- 9 National African American Parent Involvement Day
- 16 No Classes K-8: Presidents' Day
- 19 Leadership Council 4:30-6:30 PM
- 26 Area C Parent Council at Lyndale 6:30
- 27 No Classes K-8: Staff Development Day
- 28 K-8 School Choice Deadline

### March

- 6 No Classes K-8: Staff Development Day
- 19 Leadership Council Meeting 6-8 PM

### April

- 3 No Classes K-8: Recording Keeping Day
- 6-10 Spring Break
- 13 Classes Resume Following Break
- 15-16 MCA's in Mathematics (grades 3-8)
- 16 Leadership Council 4:30-6:30 PM
- 21-22 MCA's in Reading (grades 3-8)
- 30 Leadership Council Meeting (6-8 PM)

### May

- 4 No Classes K-8: Reclassification Day
- 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

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To view the newsletter online, visit the school website at [www.bartonopen.org](http://www.bartonopen.org) and look under "Barton Bugle Archives." To receive weekly notification of new information, submit your e-mail address under "E-Mail Updates."

## ***Be Well, Barton!***

Congratulations to Barton's Primary Team! Our toe-token mileage program has become a role model for other schools in the district trying to increase physical activity and participation on the playground! Special thanks to Rose, our faithful card-stamper and all-around cheerleader! Barton's upcoming all-school Bike-Walk Mileage Program is built on the Primary Team's successful use of this program. On that note, we are still looking for more Bike-Walk Leaders; parents can inquire with Stasia at (612) 250-1432.

Wellness tip #106: This winter break eat reasonably by savoring each treat, slowly and in good company...then go play outside! Go for a walk, hike, skate, ski, tube, sled or...get moving in the warmth of your local community center, or indoor mall! Be Well Barton - See You in the New Year!  
~Stasia (the Wellness Lady)

## **From the Heath Office...**

Attention: Parents of 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Students

On Tuesday, January 13, Lynne Cole, our school audiologist, will be here to check hearing on all 1<sup>st</sup> graders.

--Karen Ward, RN, School Nurse

## ***Sarah's Nature Notes***

*By Sarah Pogany*

On the 13th of December the Geminoid meteor shower delighted me. Any major nature event is beautiful.

## **Time to Donate to the Barton School Fund**

Now is the time to make your annual donation to the Barton School Fund. As you wrap up your end-of-the-year giving plans, please remember our students and staff who count on our community's generosity.

Every gift to the fund provides direct help to our wonderful kids and teachers,

and it's 100 percent tax-deductible. Help our parent volunteers wrap up a successful drive before the new year begins.

Visit [www.bartonopen.org](http://www.bartonopen.org); click on "how to donate;" or send a check directly to the school, payable to The Barton School Foundation.

## **Adventure Boys Club**

Are you interested in joining a troop that is an alternative to the Boy Scouts? Adventure Boys Club may be just for you! If you are a boy in grades 2-4 and are interested in adventure, making new friends, and lots of fun, come to the very first troop meeting of the Adventure Boys Club on Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am in the Linden Hills park building. We will meet the second Saturday of every month. For more information, call Kathy Shipp at 612-827-2434 or Heidi Rich at 612-926-2891.

## **Clothes and Food Drive**

Last Day Friday, December 19

The cold winter days are getting harsher. It's time to think of the less fortunate. If you have old clothes at home or non-perishable food, please bring them in! These include shirts, hats, gloves, pants, but please no undergarments. Also, things like soup, cereal, rice & noodles.

The last day for the Clothes and Food drive is Friday, December 19. Collection bins/tables will be outside of the office in the main hallway. So be sure to bring something in and help out your community.

--Catherine Hastings & Audrey Franchett, Student Council Activities Directors

## ***Attendance Matters!***

**Be on time, ready to learn,  
every day.**

## **Helping Fight World Hunger Feed My Starving Children**

On Monday, December 8, Allison and Amber's homerooms took a short break from regular classes to help fight world hunger. Together, our 57 students, 2 teachers and 16 parent volunteers, packaged 72 boxes of 36 six-person-meals. In the brief hour and a half we worked, we scooped, measured, weighed, packaged, sealed and boxed a grand total of 2,592 packages—enough food for 15,552 meals!! Children in more than 50 countries receive food from "Feed My Starving Children" distributed by humanitarian relief organizations worldwide. The meals we produced will be sent to schools, orphanages, refugee camps and clinics, and will most likely be the only food eaten by these children for several months. Looked at another way, the food we packaged is enough to bring 42 children out of their current state of malnutrition and into healthier weights by providing regular meals to them for an entire year!

Our favorite parts were working together assembly-line style measuring and weighing and bagging the dried food, and seeing what a TON of rice looks like (it's a huge bag over 5 feet tall). We got a taste of factory work—the kind of work we might have to do in life if we don't get a good education! We appreciated the chance to help other kids like us and to learn in a new and different way during the school day.

As a bonus, we got to sample the one-pot rice-soy-veggie meal before we left! If you are trying to find a fun service project or volunteer opportunity, consider "Feed My Starving Children" for your next good deed, birthday party, group field trip, or even corporate business volunteer team-bonding experience.

By Students in Allison's Homeroom