

Barton Bugle



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

I want to express my sincere thanks to parents Andrea Breen, Lori Zook-Stanley and Steve Richter, and to teachers and staff members Kate Glasenapp, Mary Swenson, Faduma Roble and Gloria Livingston for hosting the Barton information table at last weekend's K-8 School Information Fair at the Hyatt Regency. Our team of parents and staff fielded questions non-stop for five hours! We are always energized by the enthusiastic interest from prospective families to have their children attend Barton Open School and feel privileged to represent our school community in this setting.

To Barton parents who will have a kindergartner attending school next year, please remember to complete a School Request Card as soon as you can. Siblings of Barton students currently enrolled are automatically assigned to the kindergarten program if the School Request Cards are returned by the February 28 deadline. Please let Marla in the office know if you want a card sent home or drop by the office to pick one up. The completed School Request Cards are mailed directly to the Student Placement Center.

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

Wanted!

Winter Options Teachers

Winter Options classes will be held on four Wednesdays: February 25, March 4, March 11, skipping a week, and ending March 25. The Options Program at Barton offers flexible, relevant curriculum, meeting the needs, interests and talents of students in grades 1-6. Faculty, staff, students, community volunteers and parents teach classes.

This week, I am sending home a Parent Options Teaching Request Form. Check your child's backpack. The form gives more information about the program, the role you can play and provides space for you to explain the class you wish to offer.

As you consider teaching an Option,

do not hesitate to contact me at 612-668-3580 or rthomas13@lycos.com.
--Rus Thomas, Options Coordinator

Area C

Parent Advisory Council

Date: Thursday, January 22, 2009

Time: 6:30 – 8:30 P.M.

Location: Armatage Community School, 2501 West 56th Street, enter at door #5 on West 56th Street

Childcare provided; Interpretation services in Spanish and Somali
Agenda

School & DPAC reports & election

Student Placement Process

with Jackie Turner

Building budgets and teacher

allocations with Marianne Norris

How you can influence class size at your child's school – part I

Calendar 2009

January

- 15 Leadership Council 4:30-6:30 PM
- 16 Spelling Bee in Commons 8:50 AM
- 19 No Classes K-8: Martin Luther King Day
- 20 Community Education Classes begin
- 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
- 30 Barton "Walk to School" Day
- 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
- 25 Winter Options Classes begin 12:55 PM
- 26 No AM/PM Kindergarten: Conferences
- 26 Area C Parent Council at Lyndale 6:30
- 27 No Classes K-8: Conference Day
- 28 K-8 School Choice Deadline

March

- 4 Winter Options Classes 12:55 PM
- 6 No Classes K-8: Staff Development Day
- 11 Winter Options Classes 12:55 PM
- 18 No Winter Options Classes
- 19 Leadership Council Meeting 6-8 PM
- 25 Last Day of Winter Options 12:55 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

The *Barton Bugle* is published weekly and distributed on Wednesdays. Articles should be submitted to the office on the preceding Friday of each week to be considered for publication.

To view the newsletter online, visit the school website at 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!

School Lunch: What does it make you think of? Did you know that, thanks to Lisa, our lunch lady, Barton is on the short list of K-8 schools trying out new, healthy, lunch items? Cobb salad, deli subs, and tasty wraps are all available. My son says, "The wraps are AWESOME, Mom!" He's trying to get his little sister to try them. Participation in school lunch has gone up 30% since offering these foods. Give it a try?

Green Lunch Idea: Also, we love the idea of sparing the environment by using the reusable ice cream pails instead of the cardboard lunch trays, as Felicity's class does. If your class adopts this idea, be sure to work into the lunch routine the time needed to wash and dry each pail, every day to stay green and healthy.

Bike/Walk: The first Bike/Walk-to-school event is coming on January 30th. Students who walk (or bike?!) to school will be greeted at school with cool awards and a round of applause for enjoying an invigorating walk to school. Get on the phone with your neighbors and plan a route. Volunteer 'greeters' and Walk Leaders are still needed; call Stasia at 612-250-1432. Future events are planned for February 20, March 20, and May 1. The all-school Bike/Walk mileage program will be available, starting in February, and will include physical activity logged in and around your neighborhood and to-and-from school. **Bike/Walk Leaders** from the neighborhood southeast of Barton are beginning to lead in groups of kids to school. If you see an adult wearing a bright yellow sash and a blinking light, it may be a Barton Walk Leader! Go ahead and ask if your child can join in...or call Stasia to help you get connected to your neighborhood's Walk Leaders by phone/e-mail. More leaders welcome!

--Stasia (phone 612-250-1432 or email stacia@2degreesnorth.com)

Barton Community Education Winter Classes

A brochure full of new class offerings went home last week. Check your child's backpack! If one does not reach your home, extras are available in the office or email Cindy at cindy.smedberg@mpls.k12.mn.us.

An electronic version is on the barton.mpls.k12.mn.us website. Classes start next week so get your registration in soon. You can also email your interest so I can get you on the class list.

Here is a preview of classes and special events:

Knitting Nell, the play (March 7)
Valentines Dance with the Melvilles (February 13)

After School Classes: Drama Club (Knitting Nell), Homework Help, Double Dutch, Wood working, Ballet, Cartooning and Flip Books, Hip Hop, Chess Club and Cribbage, "Sing, Say, Dance and Play," Drawing Animals, Everyday Leaders and Guitar Lessons.

Family Classes: Family Yoga, Dance for Parents and Preschoolers, Family Book Club with the Wendts, Mama Mia.

Adult Classes: Yoga Fitness with Dawn, Stretch and Find your Center, Tap and Ballet.

Sarah's Nature Notes

By Sarah Pogany

Since it has snowed, why not go sledding, skiing or snowboarding!!

Barton Family Roller Skating

Please mark your calendars now for the always popular Barton Family Roller Skating party held at the Roller Gardens in St. Louis Park. This year's event will take place on Thursday, February 5, from 6-8 PM. The whole family is welcome. Watch for additional details in the *Bugle*.

Barton Leadership Council 2008-2009

The Barton Leadership Council is comprised of parents and staff members who meet once or twice a month to identify school improvement priorities, guide overall staffing, program and budget decisions, plan and implement fundraising activities, and encourage broad participation from all members of the school community.

Council meetings are held on Thursdays in the second floor resource area in the north wing. Meeting times will alternate between 4:30-6:30 PM and 6-8 PM. All meetings are open to any member of the Barton community. If you have a question, issue or concern that you would like the Council to address, please contact a member of the Council or the principal. Agenda planning takes place the prior week of each scheduled Thursday meeting.

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