

Barton Bugle



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Barton School's first "Walk to School Day" is coming up this Friday, January 30. We hope that many of you are able to participate. The plan is to have volunteer greeters cheering our walkers into school that day. It's not too late to volunteer as a greeter or to be a walk leader from your neighborhood area. Please contact Stasia at 612-250-1432 or at stasia@2degreesnorth.com if you can help greet that day or lead a group in. We have future Walk/Bike to School Days planned for February 20, March 20 and May 1. Let's kick off our first one with great Barton participation on Friday!

Barton School's Family Roller Skating Party at the Roller Garden in St. Louis Park is scheduled for next week, Thursday, February 5, from 6-8 PM. A flyer is being sent home this week with details about the event. The cost is \$4.50 per person which includes roller skate rental (\$3 more for inline rental). Scholarships will be available at the door that evening. The doors will open at 5:30 PM with skating beginning at 6:00 PM. Mark your calendars. We hope to have a terrific Barton family turn-out on February 5th.

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

B-A-R-T-O-N S-U-P-E-R S-P-E-L-L-E-R!

Can you spell oblique, calizone, reestablish, correspond and octave? Our own Henry Hasti (6th grader in Room 204) took 5th place at the District Spelling Bee last Wednesday evening by getting through these words and remaining in the competition until the ninth round. He was tripped up with the word baronet: an Englishman holding a hereditary title of honor next below a baron. (Who among us is actually familiar with this word?!) Had he remained in the contest to the final round he knows he could have spelled the winning word "bribery". Hats off to Henry for his very fine thinking in this contest. He accepted the challenge at the last minute because the Barton champ, eighth grader Elliot Cassutt,

unfortunately fell ill on the day of the District Spelling Bee. Henry is already looking forward to the 2010 Spelling Bee!

Last Call for Winter Options Teachers

Winter Options will be on Wednesdays, February 25, March 4, 11, skipping a week, and ending March 25. This week, I am sending home the final Parent Options Teaching Request Form. 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. Thank you, Rus Thomas

Calendar 2009

January

- 29 Leadership Council Meeting 6-8 PM
- 30 Barton's 1st "Walk to School" Day
- 31 High School Choice Deadline

February

- 5 Graduation Planning Committee 2 PM
- 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
- 20 Barton "Walk to School" Day
- 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
- 20 Barton "Walk to School" Day
- 25 Last Day of Winter Options 12:55 PM

April

- 3 No Classes K-8: Record 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
- 28 Leadership Council Meeting (6-8 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."

Free Dental Services FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Minnesota dental professionals are concerned about the growing number of children who don't have access to dental care. That's why about 2,000 dental professionals will come together on February 6 and 7, 2009 to provide free dental care to low income children in need. **All patients must have appointments in advance and be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.**

Call 1-800-543-7709. Operators will have a list of participating dental offices and will be able to direct people to a location in their area. Parents will then call the dental office to schedule an appointment. **Services will vary** from preventive care, which includes cleanings, sealants and fluoride treatment, to restorative care, which includes fillings. Information on specific services that will be provided on Feb. 6 and 7 will be outlined when an appointment is scheduled. **Typically, clinics treat children ranging in age from 3 to 18.** When calling for an appointment, parents should ask about any age requirements.

Yearbook Order Update

If you still want to order a yearbook, bring \$20 to school. Eighth graders: If you want an ad you can either give it to the yearbook class or to Chuck with money, or you can see a yearbook representative for information on doing it yourself. Please buy a yearbook for the 2008-2009 school year.

--Emma, Yearbook Staff

*Please use the **Attendance Phone at 668-3588** for reporting absences for your child. The absence information you leave on the attendance line will be reviewed by the Health Office and Attendance staff later in the day.*

Winter Ice Follies Provides Free Fun and Food for All

Minneapolis Public Schools staff, students, siblings and parents are all invited to the annual Winter Ice Follies at Matthews Park, 2318 28th Ave. South, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 7. There will be games with prizes, a horse-drawn hayride, hotdogs (no pork), popcorn and other snacks, art projects and more. Kids will have a blast singing along with The Teddy Bear Band. Darby Hendrickson of the Minnesota Wild will be signing autographs. Be sure to say "Hi" to our friendly snowman. Even in these challenging economic times, you can afford this, because everything is free!

This event is offered in cooperation between the Minneapolis Public Schools, Community Education and Matthews Center (Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board).

Parents with Kindergartners Entering Fall 2009

Barton parents who have a kindergartner attending school next fall, 2009, must 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.

Challenge Classes 2009

Challenge class 3rd and 4th graders will host a "Carnival of Chance" for their families on Thursday, January 29. It will be held in the Commons from 8:30 – 9:30 AM.

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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