

# Barton Bugle



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Given how unsettling the Changing Schools Options process has been for all of us in the Barton community the last few months, it was so refreshing last week to ground ourselves again in welcoming our new kindergartners and their families at this year's kindergarten round-up. As always, the event affirms the health, vibrancy and strength of our learning community. I want to extend a special thanks to Jane Spicer's first and second graders for performing their community dance for us. They were terrific! And I am always grateful to our kindergarten teachers for giving the new kindergartners a quick taste of the Barton learning experience. Thank you, Kate Glasenapp, Mary Swenson and Gloria Livingston.

The event runs so smoothly because of the parent volunteers behind the scenes. On behalf of our school community, I want to express my most sincere thanks to Karla Hill-Donisch for coordinating the event and the team of parents who assisted her, Kimberly Callahan, Emme Corbeil, Amanda Efron, Brenda Johnson, Mary Parker and Luke Parker. Finally, an additional thanks to Teresa Lien of Anodyne Café for providing the coffee.

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

## A Reminder from the Attendance Office

If your child will be absent for any reason, please call the attendance line at 612.668.3588. Also, if it would be easier for you, feel free to email me at [jennie.smith@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:jennie.smith@mpls.k12.mn.us) for reporting an absence.

--Jennie Smith, Health Assistant

## Council Candidate Statements Due on Friday, May 15

If you are interested in joining the Barton Leadership Council, please remember to submit a short candidate statement to the office by the end of the week. An endorsement ballot will be sent home with students next week.

## TIME CHANGE

Uppers Final Exhibition of Portfolios  
Thursday, June 4, 2009  
2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

An essential component of Barton's Open School philosophy is the process of sharing a student work portfolio with a parent or guardian. This collaborative process helps students to reflect upon their learning and growth, and to evaluate goals met and areas to focus upon next year. And all 8<sup>th</sup> graders finally get to take their portfolios home!

Due to high school graduation time conflicts, we are hosting our uppers portfolio sharing earlier than previously announced so families will have time to make it to South or

## Calendar 2009

### May

- 13 Spring Options Classes 12:55 PM
- 14 Leadership Council Cancelled
- 15 Council Candidate Statements due
- 19 Spring Strings Concerts 8:45 AM/7:00 PM
- 20 Uppers Musical *The Wizard of Oz* 7 PM
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- 25 No Classes K-8: Memorial Day
- 26 Spring Band Concert 7:00 PM
- 27 Spring Band Concert 8:45 AM
- 28 Council Endorsement Ballot due
- 28 Leadership Council Meeting (6-8 PM)

### June

- 4 Uppers Exhibition of Portfolios 2-5 PM
- 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)
- 30 Last Day of Summer School Classes

### August

- 25 First Day for Teaching Staff

### September

- 1 School Begins for Grades 1-8
- 3 First Day for Kindergartners
- 7 No Classes K-8: Labor Day

### October

- 1 No Classes AM/PM Kindergarten
- 2 No Classes K-8: Conference Day
- 15 No Classes K-8: Professional 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."

Southwest on time. Please change your calendars and plan on joining your student in their homeroom for about an hour on Thursday afternoon between 2 and 5 pm on June 4th.

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

This week is **National Bike/Walk Week**. Congratulations to all the walkers and bikers who enjoyed the outdoors and made it to school or work under their own power. Way to “Be Well, Do Good, Go Green”! Students and staff who biked can stop by the office this week and reward yourself with an “I biked” sticker. Parents can register themselves, their family, or work teams for cool gear and incentives at <http://www.bikewalkweek.org/>.

**A call for “Be Well, Do Good, Go Green” volunteers for 2009-2010 school year:** Have you enjoyed our Bike/Walk events? Are you interested in serving your school with more programs to support our health and planet? Join the Wellness/Green Team committee. We are planning next year’s events now. Call Stasia at 612-250-1432 or [stasia@2degreesnorth.com](mailto:stasia@2degreesnorth.com)

## ***The Wizard of Oz Uppers Musical***

This year’s uppers musical is going to be incredible! Mark your calendars:

Wednesday, May 20 @ 2:00 pm  
and 7:00 pm.

Thursday, May 21 @ 7:00 pm.

Tickets \$3.00 per person or \$10 per family at the door.

## **Young Dance Auditions Tuesday, May 26th**

Young Dance announces auditions Tuesday, May 26th, 5-6 p.m. for boys and girls ages 7-18. Young Dance is a youth dance company seeking creative and energetic young dancers.

Dancers meet twice a week where they are trained in modern dance, introduced to other styles, and have the chance to choreograph their own dancers as well as work with local professionals. The company performs in venues around the

Twin Cities throughout the year!

Auditions are informal, just like taking a dance class. For more information, or to register, please call 612-423-3064 or go to [www.youngdance.org](http://www.youngdance.org).

## **Richfield Swim Club**

Richfield Swim Club invites you to swim with the Piranhas! Attend our Spring Promo Session and receive help with swimming starts, strokes and turns from professional coaching staff. Give the sport of competitive swimming a try without a long-term commitment. Tuesdays & Thursdays, May 19<sup>th</sup> – June 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 7:15 pm at Richfield Middle School pool, 7461 Oliver Avenue South, Richfield.

The cost is \$30.00 for the entire session. Please note: swimmer must be able to swim 25 yards using the freestyle stroke without assistance or interruption. Space is limited, so reserve your spot now! Contact RSC Head Coach, Kate Hardt at 612-866-7857 or

[headcoach@richfieldswimclub.org](mailto:headcoach@richfieldswimclub.org).

For more information, visit [www.richfieldswimclub.org](http://www.richfieldswimclub.org).

## **Month of May Ottens Brothers Purchases Earn Dollars for Barton**

Will you be purchasing trees, shrubs, plants, or garden/landscape supplies this month? If so, you can earn money for Barton School by buying your goods at Ottens Brothers’ Long Lake or Delano locations - the garden center that supplies our plant sale. They will donate 10% of the purchase to our school. Print off a coupon from their website, or pick one up in the office, and present it when you make the purchase. Coupon must be presented at time of purchase for Barton to get the credit. Read details and find the coupon at <http://www.ottensbros.com/givegrow.html>.

## **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.

### Parent Representatives

Megan Cummings-Krueger, parent co-chair  
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### Staff Representatives

Kristin Sonquist, staff co-chair  
Kate Glasenapp, primary team representative  
Mark Downing, older primary team rep  
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Karen Karis, representative at large  
Faduma Roble/Mary Charron, support staff  
Trish Clarke, dean of students  
Steven DeLapp, principal