

Barton Bugle



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Last week we held officer elections for this year's Barton Student Council. Candidates for President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and Activities Director gave brief speeches for the entire student body during a candidates forum on Tuesday afternoon. Voting took place the following day and then the officers were announced at last Friday's all-school morning meeting.

Students giving speeches in our Student Council candidate forum were uppers Haley Richter, Katie Jerome, Max Hornstein, Borna Navab, Sirine Benjaafar, Jake Tank, Scout Peterson, Emma Brashear, Eddie Ortegon, Sebastian Ritacco, Sophie Pratt, Cece Barajas, Audrey Franchett, Catherine Hastings, Martin Beck and Abdi Mohamed.

Congratulations to all of these 7th and 8th grade students for participating in the election process. This year's officers will be Max Hornstein (President), Jake Tank (President Elect), Scout Peterson (Secretary), Emma Brashear (Treasurer) and Audrey Franchett and Catherine Hastings (Activities Directors). Our Student Council faculty advisor is Sue Buettgen. Room Representatives for the Students Council will be selected this week.

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

Look Younger:

Volunteer for the Kindergarten Family Dinner

"Kindergarten Dinner? Why are you helping with that?" father of a 5th and 3rd grader said to the mother of the same.

Were "The Wiggles" hot the last time *you* volunteered for something with "kindergarten" in the title?

Rediscover that lost youth!

Welcome the newest members of the Barton community at the Kindergarten Family Dinner, Tuesday, October 14, 5:30-7:00 pm in Barton gym.

See cute little ones without taking any home. Sign up for one of these short shifts: Set-up: (2 - 3:15 pm), during the dinner (5:15 - 6:45 pm), or clean-up

(6:45 - 7:30 pm).

Contact Julie Fulton at 827-3677 or julieafulton@comcast.net.

Parent Teacher Conferences on Friday, October 3

There are no classes for students in grades K-8 on Friday, October 3. The day is scheduled for parent-teacher goal setting conferences with students.

No Half Day Kindergarten on Thursday, October 2

There are also no classes for half day kindergartners tomorrow. The day is scheduled as an extra conference day for families assigned to Gloria Livingston in Room 110.

Calendar 2008-2009

October

- 2 No Classes for AM/PM Kindergarten
- 3 No Classes K-8: Conference Day
- 9 Leadership Council Meeting 6-8 PM
- 14 Kindergarten Family Dinner 5:30-7 PM
- 16 No Classes K-8: Professional Day
- 17 No Classes K-8: Professional Day
- 29 Fall Options Classes Begin
- 30 Leadership Council 4:30-6:30 PM

November

- 3 No Classes K-8: Record Keeping Day
- 4 Election Day: Vote!
- 12 Wild Rumpus Book Fair 2-8 PM
- 20 Leadership Council Meeting 6-8 PM
- 24-25 Homeroom/Class Picture Days
- 26 No Classes K-8: Professional Day
- 27-28 No Classes K-8: Thanksgiving Break

December

- 10 Last Day for Fall Options Classes
- 11 Silent Auction/Marketplace & Family Theme Night 5:00-7:30 PM
- 22 Winter Break Begins

January

- 5 Classes Resume Following Break
- 15 Leadership Council 4:30-6:30 PM
- 19 No Classes K-8: Martin Luther King Day
- 23 No Classes K-8: Record Keeping Day
- 26 Uppers Exhibition Night 5:30-7:30 PM
- 29 Leadership Council Meeting 6-8 PM

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
- 27 No Classes K-8: Staff Development Day

March

- 19 Leadership Council Meeting 6-8 PM

April

- 3 No Classes K-8: Recording Keeping Day

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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."

Join Us at our School's Phone
Bank Night...for the
Strong Schools Strong City
Referendum

Barton Parents, Teachers and Staff
Wednesday, October 15th
(Tuesday, 10/14 alternate date)

There are two ways to participate:

(1) Centralized phone bank – make
your calls in a group setting.

Where: MPS District HQ, 807
Broadway Street NE, Minneapolis,
MN. When: Training begins at 5:00
pm, calling from 5:30 to 8:00 pm.
Short debrief at 8:00 pm. Virtual
phone bank.

(2) Make your calls from home.
Using your own computer with
internet access and your home phone
or cell phone. Where: your house.
When: Training Conference Call
begins at 6:00 pm, calling from 6:30
pm to 8:30 pm. Short debrief by
Conference Call at 8:30 pm.

To sign up, please contact your Barton
phone bank liaison, Mark Downing, at
612-825-7472.

Or register online at:
www.StrongSchoolsStrongCity.org,
click on "Events" and find
Barton's phone bank night

Boys and Girls Hockey

Southwest Hockey provides a
developmental program for boys and
girls ages 5-8 for kids living in
Minneapolis. Even if the child has
never skated before, we can help them
learn and enjoy this great game.

More information and registration
details can be found at:
www.southwesthockey.org or by
contacting Barton parent Brian
Gustafson (bgustafson@tonkawa.com)
or 612-822-6069).

Nature Poetry

A Silent Lullaby by Ronan Brooks
*The full moon is a lullaby to nature
Singing songs as sweet as ripe oranges
in a chorus of midnight.*

Clouds by Audrey Franchett
*Like a blanket
Covering a sleeping child
A jail for those exiled;
Shielding a watcher's eye,
Only to intensify
the mysteries of a world below.*

A Swirl of Color by Catherine Hastings
*Peace is the last drop of sun
Disappearing over the horizon
Like a swirl of color
In the twilight
Dancing towards a new day.*

Sea of Love by Patrick Lussenhop
*Love is the sea
Unsteady like the waves
Hopping around all day,
ebbing and flowing
with happiness
and disappointment.*

--Submitted by Uppers Students in
Room 18

Guitar or Violin Lessons After School

Community Education is sponsoring
private or small group guitar or violin
lessons on Mondays after school. If you
are interested and would like more
information, please call 612-668-3585
or cindy.smedberg@mpls.k12.mn.us.

Safety Reminder to Barton School Parents:

*Please drive carefully
near the school
with full stops
at each intersection
and children dropped off
on the school side only.*

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

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Faduma Roble/Mary Charron, support staff
Trish Clarke, dean of students
Steven DeLapp, principal

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A huge thank you goes to the Barton School community for donations to the Barton School Fund, the most efficient way to raise needed dollars for our students and teachers. Last school year donations topped \$64,000, and we are grateful to the people listed below for their generous gifts and their corporate matches.

The Barton School Fund volunteers presented a silly skit at parent information night, but with a heartfelt message: please donate to the fund again this year. A letter and postcard will be sent in the coming weeks with complete information; visit www.bartonopen.org to donate today.

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Barton Open School Mission Statement & Values

Barton Open School fosters a community of active learners centered on the following values:

Each Child is Unique

We strive to create a safe, caring and reflective environment that fosters personal responsibility, self-direction and a love of learning.

Personalized Teaching

Teachers and parents are trusted to know children, and to tailor curriculum that is emotionally, socially and intellectually meaningful.

Love of Learning

We strive for a school that fosters a love of learning through passionate engagement, fun, risk-taking and creative experiences in a community of learners.

Multi-Faceted Curriculum

We believe in an enriched curriculum that encourages choice, critical thinking, arts expression, social skills and intellectual engagement.

A Community of Mutual Respect

We strive for a diverse learning community based on mutual respect among children, teachers and parents.

Clara Barton Open School
Leadership Council 2008-2009

Our Hopes and Dreams

We, the Barton Leadership Council of 2008-2009, hope and dream together.

In our dreaming about our **children**, we hope to:

- Make a difference to all the kids
- Support our most school-dependent students with the resources of money, space and time, ensuring they grow academically, emotionally and socially
- Represent the interests of “special needs” students and families
- Support service learning

In our dreaming about our **families**, we hope to:

- Increase our diversity on the Council and at school events
- Model strong staff-parent alliances and broaden that teamwork to the entire Barton community
- Represent parents who aren’t able to be involved at school
- Strengthen the role of being Barton’s “eyes and ears”
- Support balanced and thoughtful family – community living

In our dreaming about our **school**, we hope to:

- Support Barton as a viable progressive open school
- Support all families to learn more about open schooling
- Keep the focus on continuous improvement
- Explore “branding” of Barton Open’s uniqueness, thereby protecting an “endangered species”
- Advocate for children and public education, even beyond Barton’s walls
- Support passage of the school referendum, clearly articulating its importance to the Barton community and public at large
- Understand the relationship between Barton and the school district so as to best advocate for our students

In our dreaming about our **earth**, we hope to:

- Integrate our green initiative into every aspect of the school community
- Support this year’s theme of Harmony in Nature

In our dreaming about our **Council**, we hope to:

- Use skillful problem solving to maximize the school’s resources
- All fully participate on leadership council, finding our passions and niches as we accomplish the work

We will make our **Hopes and Dreams Come True** by:

- Thinking outside the box
- Remembering: All kids first
- Valuing and using our creativity and imagination
- Keeping our open philosophy of education close to our hearts and minds
- Showing up on time
- Attending meetings
- Using the agenda setting process to address needs
- Creating action plans for between-meeting work

We, the Leadership Council, step into this new school year with hopes and dreams and energy.