

Barton Bugle



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

We are conducting three different kinds of safety drills this year so I'd like to highlight the importance of each of them for Barton families. First, we are required to conduct five Fire Drills during the year. This is a requirement of the State Fire Code as well as a requirement of the Minneapolis Public Schools. We have undertaken three drills so far, one initiated through the local Fire Department with follow-up compliments from the Fire Captain concerning how well our kids conducted themselves during the drill.

Second, we are required to conduct five Lockdown Drills. The purpose of this drill is to keep students safe from any danger outside or inside the building. During a lockdown drill all the perimeter doors to the building and all classroom doors are locked and remain so until the danger or issue inside or outside the building is removed. We have conducted two lockdown drills so far.

Three, we are required to conduct a Shelter-in-Place Drill one time each year. We have traditionally undertaken this drill in the spring of the year during the state-wide tornado drill day. In this type of drill all homerooms move to designated safety areas on the lower levels in the building away from windows, doors and high ceilings.

Our goal in conducting all of these drills is to minimize the disruption to classroom teaching and learning but to make sure we are well prepared in the event of a real emergency. Please let me know if you have questions about any of the safety drills we are conducting this year.

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

Wild Rumpus Book Fair 2008 Mark Your Calendars!

Hey everyone, it's time again for the annual Wild Rumpus Book Fair. On Wednesday, November 12, from noon – 8:00 pm, Wild Rumpus (located at 2720 W. 43rd St. in Linden Hills) will donate 20% of all sales to the purchase of books to Barton classrooms and the media center.

Barton teacher wish lists will be available at the store so you may purchase books for your favorite teachers. It's also a great time to stock up on gifts of books for friends and

family. Get a jump start on holiday shopping and birthdays!

Volunteers needed! If you would like to help out by serving cider and cookies or with helping staff with books, wish lists or giving directions to people walking in the store, etc. please contact Amy Lind at 612-309-4447 or misswaverly@yahoo.com, or Karen Kuchera at 612-827-8937 or Olson283@umn.edu.

Professional Day Next Monday

Don't forget: There are no classes for students on Monday, November 3.

Calendar 2008-2009

October

- 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!
- 4 Lifetouch Picture Re-Take Day
- 12 Wild Rumpus Book Fair 12-8 PM
- 17 Edison Open House 6:30 PM
- 18 Henry Open House 6:30 PM
- 19 North Open House 6:30 PM
- 20 Leadership Council Meeting 6-8 PM
- 20 Roosevelt Open House 6:30 PM
- 24-25 Homeroom/Class Picture Days
- 26 No Classes K-8: Professional Day
- 27-28 No Classes K-8: Thanksgiving Break

December

- 2 South Open House 6:30 PM
- 3 Southwest Open House 6:30 PM
- 4 Washburn Open House 6:30 PM
- 10 Last Day for Fall Options Classes
- 11 Silent Auction/Marketplace & Family Theme Night 5:00-8:00 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

- 6 No Classes K-8: Staff Development Day

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."

From the Health Office...

Uppers parents, please be aware that there has been a case of chickenpox in the 7th grade. Symptoms include fever with a rash that begins on the chest, back, underarms, neck and face. The rash starts as red bumps, which turn into small blisters within several hours, and then scab over after a few days. It is often itchy. Students need to stay home until all the blisters have dried into scabs or until day 6 after the rash begins. It is spread by the person with chickenpox coughing or sneezing the germs into the air that another person then breathes. It is also spread by direct contact with the blister fluid or secretions from the nose or mouth of the person with chickenpox. Please notify the Health Office at 612-668-3588 if your child gets chickenpox.

We are in the process of preparing our report to the State of Minnesota on the status of immunizations here at Barton. If we have no documentation of a required immunization for your child, you will be receiving a letter requesting that documentation. Please respond promptly by asking your clinic to fax the immunization dates to us at 612-668-3590. If your child has not had the immunization please make an appointment with your clinic to get the shot as soon as possible. If you do not have a regular clinic, please call the health office for help in finding a Hennepin County immunization clinic.
--Karen Ward, RN, School Nurse

Reminder to All Families...

The Transportation Department requires that every student who is riding a different bus, or who is getting off at a different stop on their regular bus, needs a Bus Pass. Each student needs to bring a note to school from their parent/guardian stating date, name, address and phone number of the student's destination to get a pass. If you have any questions regarding this, please call Sharon in the office @ 668-3580.

Barton Fund Update

The Barton Fund Campaign is underway. The Barton Fund provides needed resources to continue to provide excellent educational opportunities for all of our students. Please visit the Barton Open website www.bartonopen.org and donate online. This is the fastest, easiest way to support Barton. The Donate Button is on the right side of the page.

If you contributed last year and your name was not included in the thank you list in the October 1st *Bugle* (available on the Barton website) we apologize. Please email Janet Chalin, janet@janetchalin.com and let her know your name, approximate date of donation and the donation amount so she can ensure we have your gift properly noted and verify we received full credit from Achieve Minneapolis.

From the Student Council...

We came up with two all school rules at our first meeting:

1. Respect everyone, everything and the environment;
2. Have fun!

We decided that our first school spirit day will be October 31 and that it will be a dress-up day! We also brainstormed a list of things we may want to do this year. One idea is to help the environment and have earth day as a spirit day.

--Scout Peterson, Secretary

Sarah's Nature Notes

By Sarah Pogany (Arceus)

In my opinion, it is peak-week for fall colors. Go out and see the beautiful trees. But don't forget to rake up the leaves.

Picture Retake Day

Lifetouch will be at Barton on Nov. 4th for photo retakes. You must return the original package of photographs. If your child missed the October 1st

Picture Day, you may have your child photographed on Nov. 4th. Order forms are available in the office.

Monarch Butterfly Project

By Bulale Elmi, Deqo Abdi
and Sahra Mohamed

Our project was watching monarch butterflies grow. First they were tiny, tiny eggs that were white and yellow. They were as big as a piece of sand. When the little baby green caterpillar comes out, it eats the egg. At first the caterpillar is as big as one piece of rice. It eats milkweed leaves and grows. When he gets bigger he sheds his skin. His skin is yellow and black. Now we could see 4 tentacles, two in front and two on the back. He eats more milkweed leaves. He eats a lot. One day we measured how much they could eat and it was about 30 sq. cm. of milkweed. He grows and grows. He makes a lot of frass. He sheds his skin 5 times. Now he is as big as a little finger. Then he climbs up and makes a sticky web that he holds onto and hangs upside down in a J shape for 1 or 2 days. Then he makes a green skin that covers his body, called a chrysalis. Inside he sleeps and changes into a butterfly. He is in there for 2 weeks. When you see orange and black colors it is ready to come out. When the butterfly comes out the wings are really small and it has a fat stomach. It pushes the blood out of the stomach and into the wings and they grow a lot bigger. It has to wait a few hours before they are dry and can fly around.

We put a sticker tag on them with a number and telephone number before we let them go. The butterflies go to Mexico because it is cold here. They sleep on the trees until the weather gets warmer. We learned how to tell girls from boys. The boys have two black dots on their back wings. Girls don't have any. We liked watching the butterflies.