

# Barton Bugle



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

One of the commitments I made to Barton teachers at the beginning of the school year was that I would get into classrooms more often this year to observe what's going on and to give feedback to teachers about student learning and instructional practices. It's much too easy in the role of principal to let lots of other things interfere with a focus on our most important work--the teaching and learning that takes place in classrooms. I am energized daily by what I see happening in our school. Teachers are engaging students in a thinking curriculum. Students are focused on learning and demonstrating effort and interest. Students are respectful of each other and all adults in the school. Classroom environments are filled with laughter and learning purpose. Teachers are committed to a continual process of improving their instructional practices and addressing the needs of every learner. These regular classroom visitations each morning are reinforcing for me how fortunate I am to be a part of the Barton community of learners, students and teachers alike.

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

## Kindergarten Family Dinner

Tuesday, October 14, 5:30 – 7:00 pm  
Barton Gym & Commons

Kindergarten Families UNITE!

We provide:

- ✦ Pizza Lucé
  - ✦ Anodyne Coffeehouse desserts and coffee
  - ✦ Biodegradable plates and utensils
  - ✦ Entertainment by your kids
- Entertainment FOR your kids (So you can talk to the grown-ups!)

You bring to share:

- ✦ Gloria's am and Kristin's kindergarteners: salads
  - ✦ Gloria's pm: fruits and veggies
- Kate's and Mary's kindergarteners: juice pouches

Check your child's backpack for more details.

## Rediscover Lost Youth

Welcome the newest members of the Barton community at the Kindergarten Family Dinner. Sign up for one of these short shifts:

- Set-up: (2 pm - 3:15 pm)
- During the dinner (5:15 - 6:45 pm)
- Clean-up (6:45 – 7:30 pm)

Contact Julie Fulton at 827-3677 or [julieafulton@comcast.net](mailto:julieafulton@comcast.net).

## Buy a Yearbook!

If you want a yearbook for your child, they are \$18 each until December 19th. If you lost your form, that's okay; there are lots more in the office or just write a note with your child's name, room number and \$18 and give it to your homeroom teacher or directly to Chuck in Room 8A. If

## Calendar 2008-2009

### October

- 9 Council Meeting Cancelled
- 14 Kindergarten Family Dinner 5:30-7 PM
- 16 No Classes K-8: Professional Day
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- 27 High School Information Meeting for 8th Grade Families at Burroughs 6:30 PM
- 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 5:00-8:00 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

- 19 Leadership Council Meeting 6-8 PM

### April

- 3 No Classes K-8: Recording Keeping Day
- 6-10 Spring Break
- 13 Classes Resume Following Break
- 16 Leadership Council 4:30-6:30 PM

you need to contact our yearbook advisor, Chuck Nelson, his email address is: [william.nelson@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:william.nelson@mpls.k12.mn.us).  
--The Yearbook Staff

## *Barton Bazaar* Silent Auction & Marketplace

It's time to start planning for the Barton Bazaar: Silent Auction and Marketplace, happening on Thursday, December 11, 2008 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Organizers need your help securing a variety of interesting and enticing objects for auction. We hope your family might consider getting one item donated; some suggestions: a gift certificate to a favorite restaurant (coffee shop, bakery, market, hair salon, masseuse) that you frequent; a work of art or other handmade item created by you (painting, photograph, knit scarf, jewelry); a service provided by you or someone you know (computer consulting, graphic design, house cleaning, handyman, tennis or music lesson). We ask that the minimum value of all items in the auction be \$25 (handmade items of lesser value may be utilized in the Marketplace the same evening; please contact Laurie Foster for further information at [fosterfamilymn@comcast.net](mailto:fosterfamilymn@comcast.net) or 612-929-3214).

The process is easy:

1. Pick up the Bazaar Solicitation Letter, Donation Receipt and Donation Item Form in the school office or download from the Barton website ([www.bartonopen.org](http://www.bartonopen.org) and click on 2008 Barton Bazaar on the right navigation).
2. Secure your auction donation using the Solicitation Letter; complete and issue the Donation Receipt to the donor. Fill out the Donation Item form and return, with the donated item, to Karla Hill-Donisch by calling 612-823-7841 or e-mailing [hillco@natn.net](mailto:hillco@natn.net). All items must be turned in by Monday, December 1, 2008.

All donations are tax-deductible and every dollar raised goes to support ongoing and special programs at Barton.

Volunteers needed! In advance of the event, work with a small, creative

group securing items for the auction... contact Karla at the number or e-mail above. To help on the night of the auction, please contact Mary Parker at 612-824-2978 or [maryparker2@comcast.net](mailto:maryparker2@comcast.net) to volunteer.

Don't miss this year's Barton Bazaar: Silent Auction and Marketplace, an important event for our school community. The evening will include music, dance and poetry performances by our students. Thank you, in advance, for your support!  
— The Silent Auction Committee:  
Karla Hill-Donisch, Mary Parker,  
Brenda Johnson and Karen Casanova

## Kindergarteners Turning Green!

We're turning over a new leaf (or rather turning over some old leaves and anything else we can compost, too.) Kindergarteners and their families will be using biodegradable plates, flatware and more at the upcoming Kindergarten Family Dinner. It's the latest way Barton is helping to lessen landfill waste. Here's to the *Harmony in Nature* theme.

## Minneapolis Southwest Girls Varsity Basketball Program

First Grade and Second Grade — Beginner Level, Coaching Clinics conducted by Robert Grace, Minneapolis Southwest Head Girls Basketball Coach.

Oct 18, Oct 25, Nov 1, Nov 8th @ 8:30-9:30 am Cost: \$50

Each girl will receive a Southwest Girls Basketball T-shirt. They will also participate at halftime at the December 12th game vs Mpls Henry and develop relationships with Varsity Players at Southwest.

Third Grade-5<sup>th</sup> Grade — Intermediate Level, Oct 18, Oct 25, Nov 1, Nov 8th @ 9:30-10:30 am. Cost: \$50

Each girl will receive a Southwest Girls Basketball T-shirt. They will also participate at halftime at the December 12th Game vs Mpls Henry.

All Clinics will be @ Southwest High School—West Gym (main gym). For more information and to register online go to: [www.swgirlshoops.com](http://www.swgirlshoops.com)  
--Robert Grace, Head Coach  
612-208-1607

## *Join the fastest non-motorized sport in the world!*

Do you enjoy downhill skiing? Would you like to learn how to ski race? The Minneapolis Alpine Ski Team (MAST) may be just for you.

MAST is THE downhill ski racing team of the Minneapolis Public Schools for Minneapolis students and residents in grades 7-12. No racing experience is necessary. We offer excellent coaching and training, a fun and friendly team atmosphere, exciting competitions against other high school ski teams, and the chance to participate in the fastest, non-motorized sport in the world!

The Minneapolis Alpine Ski Team is holding an informational meeting on Monday, October 20 at 7 PM at Southwest High School in the Media Center. Learn more about MAST by checking out our website at [www.mplsalpineski.org](http://www.mplsalpineski.org). You can also contact our Head Coach, Mark Conway, 612-275-8392, or email [markrobertconway@msn.com](mailto:markrobertconway@msn.com).

It is never too soon ---or too late--- to learn to ski race.

Fall classes at Leonardo's Basement Classes for children ages 6-16 begin the week of October 20 at Leonardo's. Classes meet after school and on weekends and are free for families eligible for reduced or free lunch. Schedule and registration form at [www.leonardosbasement.org](http://www.leonardosbasement.org) or by calling 612.824.4394.