

Barton Bugle



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Parent Information Night Scheduled for Next Week Tuesday, September 9 (6:30 to 8:00 PM)

Parent Information Night is planned for parents/guardians only, not students, and involves a general meeting in the commons at 6:30 PM and then time to hear classroom teachers talk about their learning goals and curriculum plans for the new school year. If childcare is essential in order for you to attend this event, please phone the main office at 668-3580 so that we can make the necessary arrangements. Childcare will be provided for school age children only, not preschoolers, toddlers or infants. The evening schedule will be as follows:

6:30-7:00 PM Program in Commons: Principal Comments & Staff Introductions

7:05-7:30 PM Round #1 Classroom Presentations

Grades K-6 and AM Kindergarten
Specialists/Support Staff in Front Hallway
Uppers First Period Class

7:35-8:00 PM Round #2 Classroom Presentations

Grades K-6 and PM Kindergarten
Specialists/Support Staff in Front Hallway
Uppers Third Period Class (7:35-7:50 PM)
Uppers Fourth Period Class (7:50-8:05 PM)

Childcare in Room 14 (art room) and Room 12 (science room).
Please phone the office for reservations (668-3580).

Strong Schools Strong City Referendum

The Minneapolis Public Schools will have a *Strong Schools Strong City Referendum* on the November 4 general election ballot. If approved, the referendum would provide \$60 million per year for eight years to help Minneapolis Public Schools increase achievement for all students. Referendum funds would support education essentials – such as early literacy, math, science, technology and textbooks – to raise student

achievement, close racial and income achievement gaps and help ensure that every student who graduates from the Minneapolis Public Schools is college ready. We want to be sure all parents are aware of the referendum – you can learn more at www.mpls.k12.mn.us/referendum. Remember to vote on November 4!

Attendance Matters!
Be on time, ready to learn,
every day.

Calendar 2008-2009

September

- 4 First Day for Kindergartners
- 4 Leadership Council Meeting 6-8 PM
- 9 **Parent Information Night** 6:30-8 PM
- 25 Leadership Council 4:30-6:30 PM

October

- 1 School Picture Day
- 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

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."

MPLS KIDS at Barton

We are happy to be offering MPLS KIDS after school child care this year at Barton. The room number is 111, just down the hall from the main office. The direct telephone number is 668-3585 or cindy.smedberg@mpls.k12.mn.us.

The program is currently full with 30 children. To get on a waiting list, call MPLS KIDS administrative office at 668-3890. For families currently enrolled, please use the direct line 668-3585 for all communication with the Barton program. Families must come into the school and sign their child out and check in with staff.

After School Classes/ Community Education

The fall program brochure goes home the first week of school. If you did not receive one, please call 668-3585. Community education classes will begin the first week of October.

Intergenerational Mosaic Mural Needs Your Help

Southwest Senior Center is getting ready to embark on a huge community art project that will culminate in a 100 square foot mosaic mural on the Center's exterior wall adjacent to the parking lot at 3612 Bryant Avenue South. During September and October, Center seniors will work with students from Barton Open School, volunteers from East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood Association (EHFNA) and Calhoun Area Residents Action Group (CARAG), and area residents to develop and build the mosaic. Everyone is encouraged to come to the visioning workshops listed below to help determine what types of symbols and designs should be incorporated into the mural. The artist will create the design based on community input and will then outline the mural on mesh. Volunteers will work together at the Mural Workshops to fill in the design with

mosaic tile pieces. These will then be assembled and adhered to the side of the building by the artist.

We encourage everyone to take part in this project by helping us with visioning and building the project. Come as often as you can and feel free to bring friends, family members, and neighbors to the workshops. This project is funded by a grant from the City of Minneapolis Department of Public Works, CARAG, EHFNA, and VOA of MN. For more information, contact Mary Ann at 612-822-3194.

Allison's 8th graders will be having a visioning workshop with the artist on Thursday, 9/4, at 11:45, lunching with the seniors and artists, and adding their creative input early on in the process. Please join us or come to another workshop at the center:

Saturday 9/6 @ 10 am
Monday 9/8 @ 6 pm
Monday 9/15 @ 6 pm
Monday 9/22 @ 6 pm
Saturday 9/27 @ 10 am

Late Arrival Sign-In

Parents are reminded to make sure that students sign-in in the Health Office if they arrive late in the morning, even if accompanied by a parent. The Health office volunteers will issue a late pass to class.

Parents are reminded too that doors #4, #5, and #6 (Colfax south side and 43rd Street side) will be locked at 7:30 AM. Late arriving students need to enter through doors #3 or #2.

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.

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