

# Barton Bugle



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Thank you to the many Barton families who attended last week's Parent Information Night. And, of course, a special thanks to the parents who serve on the Barton Fund Committee and presented us with the entertaining "no new fund raisers" skit. The "not ready for prime time Barton players" were Beth Ewen, Anne Tank, Janet Chalin, Ann Godfrey, Marla Tipping, Lynn Cota, Kathryn Quaintance and Michele Ireland. What a performance!

Last week Sue Buettgen wrote an article for the *Barton Bugle* that highlighted some morning safety issues. I would like to reiterate one of the points made in her article: With so much re-routed traffic from the construction areas surrounding the school, especially Lyndale Avenue, we are asking parents to avoid morning drop-offs along Bryant Avenue. Please drop off, instead, along 43rd Street, on the school side. The mix of buses and extra traffic along Bryant has made this an unsafe area for additional cars to be pulling up curbside. We would appreciate everyone's attention to this morning safety request. Thank you.

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

## Barton Student Directory Deadline Arrives!

The Barton Student Directory is a wonderful resource for our community. To get this year's directory out as fast as possible, we need your yellow Barton Student Directory Info Sheet. If it's sitting around the house, send it back to school now! Even if you're opting out, it helps us to get the form back.

If you're not sure if you've returned one for your family, contact Susan McKinnell at [skm@umn.edu](mailto:skm@umn.edu) or 612-827-5266.

## Fall Options Teachers Needed

Fall Options classes (six one hour per week sessions) begin Wednesday, October 29th and you can help. This week, I am sending home a second

Parent Options Teaching Request Form. Check your child's backpack. The form has information about the program, the role you can play, and provides space for you to explain the class you wish to offer.

As you consider teaching an Option class, please do not hesitate to contact me at 612-668-3580 or [rthomas13@lycos.com](mailto:rthomas13@lycos.com). Thank you.  
--Rus Thomas, Options Coordinator

## Survey About Walking and Biking to School

As part of a Safe Routes to School initiative, we are distributing a parent survey to get your thoughts about children walking and biking to school. Please complete only one per family and return to school by next Monday at the latest. Thank you.

## Calendar 2008-2009

### September

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
- 19 Leadership Council 4:30-6:30 PM
- 27 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](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."

## ATTENTION PARENTS OF BEGINNING READERS!!

*Workshop for helping beginning or struggling readers*

Barton is scheduling an informal parent workshop. We want parents to feel more empowered, and to be able to work more effectively with beginning and struggling readers. This meeting is for parents who wish to work at home with their own children, or volunteer at school with other students. Karin Emerson, Barton's reading specialist, will lead the session. She will talk about stages of reading, various strategies, differences in learning, as well as answer questions.

Come to Room 103: Friday Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:45 – 9:00 AM.

Please contact Karin if you if you have questions. RSVP: voice mail 612-668-7984 or e-mail:

[kemerson@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:kemerson@mpls.k12.mn.us)

## Young Dance

Young Dance, a youth performance company, will be offering modern dance classes for boys and girls ages 3-18 at the Center for Performing Arts and at Fall Out Urban Arts Center, beginning September 22<sup>nd</sup>. An audition for the performing company, ages 7-18, will be held on Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-6:00 PM at the Center for Performing Arts, 38<sup>th</sup> St. and Pleasant Avenue. For more information, call 612-423-3064, or

[www.youngdance.org](http://www.youngdance.org).

## Cub Scout Fall Roundup

Join the scouting adventure! Boys in grades K-5 who are interested in Cub Scouts are invited to visit Cub Scout pack 110 for their Fall Roundup on Friday evening, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at Mt. Olivet Church, 5025 Knox Avenue South in Minneapolis.

Go to <http://pack110.pbwiki.com/> for more information.

## ART ADVENTURE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Barton's 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms are getting ready for more Art Adventure programming. We need parent volunteers to help in each of the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> classrooms and in the 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> classroom. As a volunteer, you will attend one 3 hour training session at Minneapolis Institute of Arts in October, lead one or two 45 minute long classroom sessions in your child's class in November, and join the class on a museum tour, also in late November or early December.

Training at MIA: Wednesday October 22<sup>nd</sup> 10:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> 5:30-8:30 pm

Please call Laurie Foster at 929-3214 to sign up or email at [Fosterfamilymn@comcast.net](mailto:Fosterfamilymn@comcast.net).

## From the Lunchroom...

Just a reminder that all students may eat breakfast at no cost. Also, we are on a pre-paid system for lunch. You may send money to school in an envelope with your child's name and room #, or set up an account to pay by credit card on the internet at [www.PayPams.com](http://www.PayPams.com). If you have any questions you can call me at 612-668-3584 between 7:30-12:30. Thanks, Lisa Irwin/Food Service Coordinator.

## 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 also reminded 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 the building through door #3 or door #2.

## 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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