

# Barton Bugle



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

The district Student Placement Center mailed school assignment letters for next year's kindergarten class at the end of last week. Because this traditionally marks the official transition to thinking about the new school year, I want to remind Barton parents that we have had a policy for several years now that there be no parent requests for specific teachers or classrooms for next year (with an exception explained below). Our primary goal is to create well-balanced heterogeneous rooms at all grade levels, classrooms that reflect the diversity of our student body in terms of gender, age, ability level, native language, ethnicity, special learning needs, etc. To accomplish the goal of balanced rooms, it is important that all parents be respectful of this policy. The one exception to this process is an invitation to let me or your current teacher know if you would prefer a classroom/teacher change for next year if your child is the youngest in a combination room this year. Our hope is for a two year teacher assignment for most students. Although we can't always accommodate that desire, we do try to accommodate requests for a room change if that is your preference. You should email me directly or talk with your child's current teacher by May 2, 2008.

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

## IS YOUR CHILD A BEGINNING READER?

Have you signed up for Karin Emerson's workshop? Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-11:45 AM in the Barton Media Center – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

All the experts agree that reading involves 5 specific skills. Learn new and fun ways to help your student master these skills. Bring home a variety of ideas and games to play on car rides, at the beach or during those long afternoons at home.

Bring your student so he or she can make their own game board. Childcare provided by 5<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Siblings welcome with advance registration. Sign up at [lisakugler@aol.com](mailto:lisakugler@aol.com) or 612-827-2189.

## Money, Values & Habits: Financial Sanity 101

Barton parents have been invited to join the parents of Anthony Middle School and Washburn High School who are hosting an evening with author Nathan Dungan. His book *Prodigal Sons and Material Girls: How not to be your child's ATM*, has been featured on PBS and in many national publications. He is an expert on family finances and the effect of mass marketing on young people.

Thursday April 24<sup>th</sup>  
6:30-9:30 pm

Washburn High School Auditorium  
201 West 49<sup>th</sup> Street, Minneapolis

The event is free. Donations will go to support academic enrichment and

## Calendar 2008

### April

- 18 Coffee & Conversation with Principal & Parent Council Members 7:30 AM
- 21 Plant Sale Orders Due
- 22 MCA II's in Reading Grades 3-8
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- 24 Leadership Council Meeting 6-8 PM
- 26 Reading Workshop with Karin 10:30 AM
- 28 Summer School Applications Due

### May

- 5 No School K-8: Reclassification Day
- 6 Spring Options Classes 12:55 PM (T)
- 8 Spring Options Classes 12:55 PM (Th)
- 8 Leadership Council Meeting 4:30 PM
- 8 Area C Parent Forum 6:30-8:30 PM at Windom Spanish Dual Immersion
- 9 Plant Sale Pick-Up 2-7 PM
- 10 Plant Sale Pick-Up 9 AM - 3 PM
- 13 Spring Options Classes 12:55 PM (T)
- 14 Spring Options Classes 12:55 PM (W)
- 15 Spring Band Concert 9 AM & 7 PM
- 26 No School K-8: Memorial Day
- 29 Leadership Council Meeting 6-8 PM

### June

- 3 Spring Strings Concert 9 AM & 7 PM
- 10 8th Grade Graduation Program 4 PM
- 11 Last Day for Students K-8
- 12 Last Day for Teaching Staff
- 19 Area C Parent Forum 6:30-8:30 PM at Burroughs Community School

### July

- 8-11 First Week of Summer School (T-F) at Burroughs Community School
- 14-17 Second Week of Summer School M-Th
- 21-24 Third Week of Summer School M-Th

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special programs at Anthony and Washburn. For more information go to: [washburn.mpls.k12.mn.us](http://washburn.mpls.k12.mn.us) or [anthony.mpls.k12.mn.us](http://anthony.mpls.k12.mn.us).



## The Barton Open School Green Corner

### Get Your Garden Ready!

Spring is finally here! And with the Barton Plant Sale just around the corner we figured there are tons of green things you can do to make your garden grow. One idea is a compost heap, which will enrich your soil and recycle all your unwanted food waste. A compost heap is essentially a pile of recycled food in your backyard which gets broken down with a little help from mother nature. Making one is very simple, first find a shady spot (sun will dry out your compost heap very quickly if you let it) then pile up all your degradable trash. BOOM! Compost pile. You can also put your compost in a bin, but make sure to poke holes in it first so that it gets lots of air (these can also be purchased at certain hardware stores).

You should probably turn it once a week to give it lots of air and break up clumps, but it's worth it in the end. Adding twigs and newspaper to increase air space can also help. Make sure your compost is wet, and after about four months your compost pile will be one big mound of fertile dirt, ready to use.

Here's a list of all the things that can go in a compost heap: Fruit and vegetable scraps, coffee grounds, tea leaves and bags, leaves, dead flowers, weeds from the garden, straw, ash, wood-chips, shredded newspaper, twigs, and corn stalks.

#### Did you know...

Some companies such as Sony are using sculpted cardboard for insulation in their packaging instead of the common Styrofoam. How Green!  
--The Uppers Green Team

## Barton Community Education Family Classes

### Family Pottery

Join Corbin Doty, college art student and create something together as a family. Wednesdays, April 23 and 30 at 4:00-5:00 pm in the art room. Cost \$15 per family.

### Family Yoga

Join Barton parent Lisa First for family yoga. Tuesdays, April 15 – May 6 at 6:00-7:00 pm in the music room. Cost \$25 per family.

If you are interested, call the Barton Community Education office at 668-3585 or email [cindy.smedberg@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:cindy.smedberg@mpls.k12.mn.us) to register.

## Darkroom Classes at Leonardo's Basement

### Urban Photography

We'll get out and take photos. Experiment with angle, light, contrast and composition. You'll learn by doing and make prints in the darkroom. Ages 11-16; Sundays from 1:00-3:30 p.m. April 20, 27, May 4, 11; Cost: \$75.00

### Open Studio

Want access to a darkroom and some pointers for making prints? Learn and experiment with darkroom technique. Stop in once or every week. Teens and adults! Sundays from 3:30-5:30 p.m. April 20, 27, May 4, 11  
Cost: \$15.00 per session + materials.

Questions? Registration info? e-mail [nielsenphotog@aol.com](mailto:nielsenphotog@aol.com) or call Leonardo's Basement: 824-4394.

## To Orchestra Parents:

A 12 inch viola in a black viola shaped case is missing. A white "House of Note" tag with Mackenna's name is attached. Please check your instruments to be sure your child has his/her own violin or viola. If found, please call 612-927-9121.

## Barton Leadership Council 2007-2008

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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Andrea Borgman/Mary Charron, support staff  
Trish Clarke, dean of students  
Steven DeLapp, principal

#### Student Representatives

Officers from the Student Council