

Barton Bugle



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

I want to extend an enthusiastic thank you to the entire Barton community for the wonderful support given to last week's Family *Harmony* Night & Rug Raffle. We are such a fortunate school to receive the rug donation from the Navab family! My deepest thanks to them for their continuing generosity and commitment to our school program. Anne Sterner provided great leadership again for the raffle and, as always, was surrounded by a team of parents who helped handle all the very detailed accounting for a fundraiser like this one. Please read the separate article in this week's newsletter that acknowledges many of the individuals who helped make the raffle such a successful one for us.

I also want to recognize and thank our specialist staff, Jay, Heather, Meri, Karen, Sue, Pete and dance artist Robin Nelson, for the role they played in leading the family workshops. And, a huge thanks, too, to Dawn, Jay and Kristin for leading the community sing-along, to Allison's dance class for sharing the African dance, to students in Flory's and Mark's homeroom for the choral reading, and to Student Council officers, Gabe and Esme, for introducing our school-wide "green" initiative. All in all I think it was a terrific evening for the Barton community!

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

Rug Raffle Success Barton Wins!

Barton parent, Caroline Aspenson, was the lucky winner of the fabulous oriental rug on Thursday evening! The winning ticket was sold by her son, David, a 4th grader from Mary Swenson's classroom. There was only one ticket drawn, but with the incredible outpouring of support from the whole community, we are all winners! Together we raised \$16,280 for our school!

Thank you to the Navab families for their generous donation that made this possible. Thank you to all the students and families who sold tickets. Your efforts added up to a tremendous success! A shout out for exceptional

effort to these students: Isabelle Thompson (our top seller!); and with five or more packs sold: Emma Brashear, Alexander Knowlen, Billie Forester, Oliver Scher, Claire Lapensky, Liam Rorke, Jacob Chalin, Cori Moore, and Elizabeth Saly. Selling double their initial allotment (4 packs) were: Marie Migletz, Nadia Goldman, Carter Steinhagen, Rowan Doyle, Piper Verbrick, Ming Montgomery, Nia Steinhagen, Sophie O'Keane, Ali Hassan and Sophia Zook-Stanley.

Thank you to the parents and students who helped to make this raffle happen: Kimberly Dziubinski, Tracy Nielsen, and Terrell Daniels for their creative contributions. The
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Calendar 2007-2008

December

- 21 Last Day Before Winter Break
- 24 Winter Break Begins

January

- 7 Classes Resume Following Winter Break
- 10 Area C Parent Forum 6:30-8:30 PM at Hale Community School
- 12 K-12 School Information Fair 9-2 PM
- 17 Leadership Council 4:30-6:30 PM
- 21 No School K-8: Martin Luther King Day
- 25 No School K-8: Record Keeping Day
- 28 Uppers Exhibition Night 5:30-7:30 PM
- 31 Leadership Council Meeting 6-8 PM

February

- 7 Barton Family Roller Skating 6-8 PM
- 18 No School K-8: Presidents' Day
- 21 Area C Parent Forum 6:30-8:30 PM at Jefferson Community School
- 27 No School for Half Day Kindergarten
- 27 First Day Winter Options Classes
- 27 Leadership Council & Staff Retreat at the Dunrovin Retreat Center
- 28 No School K-8: Building Professional Day and Parent Conferences
- 29 No School K-8: District Professional Day

March

- 5 First Day Winter Options Classes
- 13 Leadership Council Meeting 6-8 PM
- 13 Area C Parent Forum 6:30-8:30 PM at Whittier IB School
- 19 Last Class Session for Winter Options
- 21 No School K-8: Flex Duty Day
- 24 Middles Environmental Field Trip to Wolf Ridge
- 28 No School K-8: Record Keeping Day
- 31 Spring Break Begins

April

- 7 Classes Resume Following Spring Break
- 10 Leadership Council Meeting 4:30 PM
- 10 Area C Parent Forum 6:30-8:30 PM at

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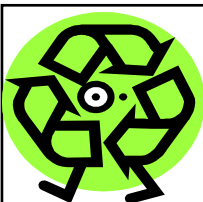
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tedious, but all-important backroom work was provided by Peggy Clark, Julie Garner-Pringle, Karen Holicky-Michaels, Laura Christensen, Emme Corbeil, Mahalia Damm, Maya Christensen, Mary Tomes, Laura Morill, Julie Carson, Lu Prinson, Amy Moeller, Jennifer Bennett, Jane Hamilton, Ramesh Navab, Julie Ristau, Laurie Foster, Terrell Daniels, Victoria Lauing, and Lara Roy. Thank you for giving your time and talents during this busy time of year.

Thank you to the busy Barton teachers and staff for helping take on the extra tasks and disruptions for this raffle and harmony evening. Thank you to all students and families who put in the effort to make this so successful!

---Anne Sterner



The Barton Open School Green Corner

Make the Holiday Season Green!

This holiday season, you'll probably be giving, and wrapping, a lot of gifts. You've probably even got a pile of them sitting on your dining room table right this very moment. Buying all that wrapping paper sure can get expensive for you--and the environment!

So this winter, instead of stocking up on all that wasteful wrapping paper, use this creative tip to not only save the environment but set your gifts apart: Try wrapping your gifts in these alternative options- old maps, posters, holiday cards, newspaper comics or articles, old wallpaper, pillowcases, used pages from a coloring book, grocery bags, or even last year's wrapping paper (press it with a warm iron if it's a little wrinkled)
--The Uppers Green Team

Barton Lost & Found

Hey! Where's my red mitten? It might be with about 300 more mittens in the Barton *Lost and Found!*

Here's your chance to get your favorite mitten back or anything else you have lost since school started. All the lost and found items will be in plastic bags under the tables in the main hallway of Barton until 3:00 pm on December 21st. After that all items left will be added to the Barton Clothes Drive and given to those in need. Come one! Come all! Find your lost stuff before it's too late.

BARTON FUND Year End Contribution

We are wrapping up our annual Barton Fund Campaign. If you haven't contributed yet, please do before the end of the year. The Barton Fund is the quickest, easiest and most efficient way to support our teachers and students. The Barton Fund enables us to have a band, orchestra, student services and classroom resources. You can donate online by clicking the Barton Fund link on the Barton website at: www.bartonopen.org

Fundraising Thank You!

Maddie Rondestvedt, Ella Mullin and Jaime Johnson donated \$10.84 to the Barton Fund by selling 25 cent fortunes to families who attended last week's Harmony Night. A special thank you to these three students for their creative fundraising idea for the school.

Clothing, Food & Toy Drive

Tables are set up in the main hallway to receive donations for a combined Clothing, Food and Toy Drive sponsored by the Barton Student Council. The Clothing, Food and Toy Drive concludes this week.

aMaze Family Event at Children's Theatre Company

The locally based nonprofit, aMaze, will be holding the first annual Family Event in partnership with the Children's Theatre Company to present a premiere weekend performance of *Bud, Not Buddy*. aMaze's mission is to champion safety and belonging for all children and families. Currently, over 10,000 children across the nation have been reached through the Families All Matter Book Project (including students at Barton Open School!).

The Family Event will be held Sunday, January 20, 2008, beginning at 5:00 PM at the Children's Theatre Company. Based on the Newbery Medal and Coretta Scott King award-winning book *Bud, Not Buddy*, the play tells the story of a kid pretty much on his own, off to find his unknown father. His journey is as courageous as it is necessary and is a crossing of the heart as well as of terrain. It is filled with suspense and laughter and laced with the sweetness of the jazz/blues music that leads Bud ever closer to finding out who he is. (Most enjoyed by ages 9+.)

The post-show reception features a complimentary ice cream party as well as gift bags for the kids containing a book from the Families all Matter Book Project ("Let's Talk About Race"). Tickets are available online at www.amazeworks.org or by calling (612) 724-4323. The discounted ticket price and complimentary reception are available exclusively for the aMaze Family Event. Limited tickets are available.

The Barton School Fund

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