

Barton Bugle



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The Barton School Foundation *Report to the Community Available*

An annual Report to the Community for the 2006/2007 school year is available for anyone who wants to review details about our fundraising activities and distribution of funds. In the past few years, the Leadership Council and the Foundation have worked to incorporate a few important principles in the way we manage fundraisers and spending priorities. Those principles are:

- **Consolidation** of all fundraising and all spending, so that all priorities can be weighed side-by-side and fairly, without "side pockets" of spending outside Foundation processes.
- **Transparency** with regard to where the Foundation raises its money and how it is spent. Any community member should be able to quickly and easily find out how much money the community is raising, and how that money is being spent.
- **Open processes** grounded in the role of the Leadership Council as the school's governance body. Community members who want to influence the fundraising processes and funding priorities should know that the place to have their voices heard is in the Council.

Every other year the Council sets priorities in a retreat, and then each fall the budgeting process focuses additional attention on where we can have the most impact with the funds we have. Parents who want to influence decisions about fundraising or spending priorities are urged to contact a Council member or, better yet, begin participating in Council meetings directly.

Revenues for the fiscal year ending July 31 2007 were \$132,699.61. A total of \$129,858.99 was distributed as follows:

Program Support	\$12,401.52
(includes arts programs, after school Spanish, in-school performances, etc.)	
Social & Community	\$5,970.38
(social events, Leadership Council expenses, parent transportation, etc.)	
Staff Positions	\$74,760.00
(includes portions of Band, Strings, Gifted and Talented)	
Staff Support	\$2,498.97
(staff development)	
Supplies & Equipment	\$34,228.12
(includes a \$300 supplies allocation to each classroom, technology investments, school directory materials, and curriculum materials)	

Copies of the full Report to the Community are available on request. Send an e-mail to david@curle.com. --David Curle, Treasurer

Calendar 2008

February

- 15 School Spirit Day: *Movie Character*
- 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
- 27-28 Leadership Council & Staff Retreat at the Dunrovin Retreat Center
- 28 No School K-8: Professional Day
- 29 No School K-8: District Professional Day

March

- 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 Emerson Spanish Immersion School
- 15-16 MCA II in Mathematics Grades 3-8
- 22-23 MCA II in Reading Grades 3-8
- 24 Leadership Council Meeting 6-8 PM

May

- 5 No School K-8: Reclassification Day
- 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
- 26 No School K-8: Memorial Day
- 29 Leadership Council Meeting 6-8 PM

June

- 11 Last Day for Students K-8

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."



The Barton Open School Green Corner

What if . . . you had no shoes?

Old Crocs are getting another chance—you remember Crocs right? Those cool plastic summer-shoes can now be recycled!

The maker of those omnipresent plastic clogs is starting the SolesUnited plan, a plan to give people around the world their very first pair of shoes! The company started this project a little over a year ago, when their scientists first figured out how to recycle the plastic they're made out of, a material called Croslite.

You too, can donate your old Crocs and they'll be made into brand new shoes! 90,000 pairs of shoes have already been donated to places like Chile, El Salvador, India, Pakistan, Kenya, Vietnam and Zimbabwe.

This is a really cool way to recycle and help people around the world. You can get the full story at <http://www.onenationnews.com/fullstory.asp?newsid=5587>

--The Uppers Green Team

Students Participate in Poetry Outloud Competition

Congratulations to 8th graders Jahlie Shackelford and Kirsten Wiard-Bauer who participated in the Minneapolis Metro Regional *Poetry Outloud* competition held last week at the Loft Literary Center. Jahlie recited the poems *Let It Be Forgotten*, *Harlem* and *Sadie and Maud*, and Kirsten recited *The Tyger*, *Hope Is a Thing With Feathers* and *Stopping By the Woods on a Snowy Evening*. Jahlie and Kirsten were the only middle school students in the competition, going up against high school students! Well done, Jahlie and Kirsten!

Thank You for the Scholastic Book Fair Support!!

The Scholastic Book Fair is over and I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as I did. I have to thank the wonderful volunteers who made our book fair such a success this year. Thank you to parents Erin Thompson, Lu Prinsen, Janet Chalin, Barbara Shaterian, Heather Layton, Jane Hamilton, Maia Aarsheim, Colleen Kaelin, Laura Scher, Michelle Dehn, Rebecca Shaw and Tom Ragatz. Thank you also to students Oliver Scher, Shana Crawford and Jade Till, along with the many students who helped straighten the books as they shopped. I would also like to thank all the Barton staff for their support and an extra thank you to Cindy, Patty and my husband, for setting up, working and packing up our book fair. All of this help is what makes a book fair fun for everyone.

So far, our book fair has taken in a little less than last year, but we are in line with the previous years. The profits we make from this book fair help to purchase new books for our media center. So, thank you to everyone who came out and supported our school by shopping this year.
--Heather Bivans, Media Specialist

Yearbook Ordering Update

The yearbook team has worked really hard this year to put together a great yearbook. We hope that you can buy one and see for yourself because it is a great way for kids to remember their friends and classmates from school.

The cost of a yearbook is \$19 and order forms are still available in the office. Checks should be made payable to *Barton Open School*. The yearbooks will be distributed to students the last week of school.
--Stina Foss & Summer Schallenberger, Yearbook Staff

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

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