

Barton Bugle



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

The Barton School table was a very busy area at last Saturday's K-8 School Information Fair held at the downtown Hyatt Regency. My thanks to teachers Kate Glassnapp, Gloria Livingston and Kristin Sonquist, support staff members Glen Shackelford and Faduma Roble, and parents Tom Hockenberry, Amanda Efron, Tracy Nielsen, Steve Richter and Shams Farah for helping to answer the many questions from prospective parents who visited with us about the open school program.

The deadline for returning School Request Cards for the 2008-2009 school year is February 29, 2008. I want to remind Barton families that if you have a child who will be entering kindergarten next year it is important that you complete one of the request cards and mail it in by the district's deadline. You are guaranteed your child's placement at Barton but the guarantee only works if you follow the district's time table. Otherwise we end up with new families assigned to places that should be reserved for Barton siblings. The School Request Cards and the envelope for mailing it should be available in the school office this week.

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

Wanted!

Winter Options Teachers

Winter Options (four one hour per week sessions) begins Wednesday, February 27, during the last hour of the school day. Faculty, staff, students, community volunteers, and parents teach classes. We are looking for a rich mix of classes and you can help.

This program offers flexible, relevant curriculum, meeting the needs, interests and talents of students in grades 1-6, and an opportunity for some students to learn by teaching and for all students to make choices.

This week, I am sending home a Parent Options Teaching Request Form. Check your child's backpack. The form gives more 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 Options class, do not hesitate to contact me at 612-668-3580 or rthomas13@lycos.com. Thank you.
--Rus Thomas, Options Coordinator

Student Council Minutes

At the January 10 Student Council meeting, we discussed what to do with our budget for this year. We got into small groups led by the uppers. Then we thought of things we could do with the money to help the school. Sue got us back into a big group and we shared our ideas. Some of the most popular ideas were swings, donations to charity, and indoor and outdoor plants. We are now accepting ideas from our classrooms. --Mahalia Damm

Calendar 2007-2008

January

- 17 Leadership Council 4:30-6:30 PM
- 18 School Spirit Day: *Hero/Heroine* Day
- 18 Barton Spelling Bee 8:50 AM
- 21 No School K-8: Martin Luther King Day
- 23 Historical Perspectives for Children
Clara Barton Performance 8:45 AM
- 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

- 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

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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

Baking soda--yes, there's even more you can do with it!

Yes, we know it eliminates odors. Stick it in your fridge, your kitty litter, your sneakers- we know that you know this too. But we've found yet another use for it! Clearing out those gross, nasty, clogged drains. And the environmental kicker? It's better than any of that other powder/liquid/goop you're using. Way better, considering it's only a little non-toxic baking soda and one cup of white vinegar. Next time at your local grocery store why stop at the cleaning section when you can get all you need right there along with those organic vegetables and fruits you (might be) buying. You can find other non-toxic cleaning recipes online.

Barton's Green Update: All Barton classrooms now have their own new labeled plastic bottles/glass/ aluminum can recycle bin. This, along with each classroom's paper recycling bin, will help to conserve as much as possible. Students are already excited to fill up the new bins with their old soda cans!

Your Environmental Reminder: When you leave a room you always turn off the light to save energy (and money). You may think that this is the best you can do to save electricity in a room, but it's not! Whenever you leave a room make sure to unplug extra electronics. You might not know that certain electronics (such as alarm clocks or space heaters) keep using energy, even when you're not home!

-The Uppers Green Team

Figure Skating Club of Mpls

The Figure Skating Club of Minneapolis is hosting an open house January 20th from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm. Free Open Skating, Free Lessons, and

Free Exhibitions by club skaters. This event is open to anyone and everyone. The event is held at Augsburg College Arena (2323 Riverside Avenue, Minneapolis). We are asking that people bring a non-perishable food item for local donation. We do not have skate rentals available, so you do need to provide your own. For more information and photos from last year's event, please see our website www.fscmpls.org. If you have questions, feel free to call (612) 359-6490 or email Debbie@tallen.net.

Young Dance

Winter 2008 Information

Young Dance, a modern dance company for youth, will offer classes in creative movement and modern dance for boys and girls ages 4-18 in south Minneapolis, beginning in January. New this year is a class specially designed for boys and taught by a male teacher – "Boys Get Moving!" In all our classes, students will build strength, flexibility, coordination and creative expression through movement.

For more information about our classes and late spring company auditions go to www.youngdance.org or call 612-423-3064.

Kairos Dance Theatre

Winter/Spring 2008

Kairos Dance Theatre's Discovery classes for creative and imaginative young people, ages 3 ½ to 14, are scheduled on Thursday afternoons, beginning January 31st at the Center for Performing Arts, 3754 Pleasant Ave. South. Dance Discovery I for ages 3 ½ - 5 are at 3 PM; Dance Discovery II for ages 6-9 are at 4 PM; Young Choreographers for ages 10-14, are at 5 PM.

Kairos Dance Theatre is an intergenerational dance company, whose performers range in age from 7-98 years and is directed by Maria

Genne. Kairos' mission is to share the joy of dance with people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities. For more information and to register call: 612-927-7864 or at www.kairosdance.org.

Inventors Fair!

The 10th Annual Barton Inventors Fair will begin in two weeks. It's not too early to start thinking about your invention idea. Students in grades 3-8 will design and build working models of inventions. Participants will meet after school six times on either Thursdays or Fridays at Leonardo's Basement, 4301 Nicollet Avenue.

The cost is \$100, with full and partial scholarships available. Pick up registration forms in the office.

If you have questions, call Steve Jevning at 612-220-3171.

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 the stages of reading and strategies to use, as well as answer questions.

Come to room 203: Tuesday, January 24, from 7:40 AM to 8:40 AM.

Please contact Karin if you would like to come or if you have questions. Her voice mail is 612-668-7984, and e-mail: kemerson@mpls.k12.mn.us