

Barton Bugle



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Let me briefly highlight a couple school events that are coming up in the next few weeks. First, a reminder that there are no classes for students on Friday, January 25, 2008. The day marks the end of the first semester and is a recording keeping and conference day for teachers. Our uppers program will hold its first portfolio sharing/exhibition on **Monday, January 28**, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. The evening begins with a dance recital from students in Allison's *Dance as Art & Culture* class and Barton families are invited to this program, even if you don't have a 7th or 8th grader in your family. The dance recital will start at 5:30 PM in the commons.

Our very popular Barton Family Roller Skating evening is coming up in about two weeks. It's scheduled for **Thursday, February 7**, from 6-8 PM. As always, we will have the Roller Gardens in St. Louis Park reserved for Barton families only. Details about the event will be included in next week's newsletter along with a separate flyer from the Roller Gardens. We hope to have a great turnout again.

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

Barton Spelling Bee

Barton held its annual Spelling Bee competition last Friday in the commons. Congratulations to the following fifth through eighth grade students for participating in this year's spelling bee: Nadia Spock, Josh Scal, Torrell Miles, Sirine Benjaafar, Matt Michel, Sienna Cohen, Will Tipping, Rachel Stiyer, Hank Sullivan, Cecile Nichols, Annie Pudvah, Madie Olson-Spartz, Peter Thome, Nate Yeazel, Sebastian Coll, David Yanagita, Noah Hardman, Mahalia Damm, Natalie Briggs, Mac Rorke, Maury Dyer, Taurean Wright-Ervin, Hannah Germaine, Niklas Curle, Kirsten Wiard-Bauer, Greta Hagedorn, Will Ragatz, Emma Brashear, Kia Okuma, Elliot Cassutt, Frankie Nolan, Charlie Shepard, Gabe Bethke, Henry Hasti, and Avi Gori.

This year's Spelling Bee winner was 8th grader Sienna Cohen with 2nd place earned by 5th grader Will Ragatz. Nate Yeazel, Nadia Spock, Niklas Curle, and Sebastian Coll were recognized as finalists.

Runner-up Will Ragatz will represent Barton School at this year's district Spelling Bee held at Sheridan School this evening, starting at 6:30 PM. Good luck, Will!

Our thanks to uppers teacher Amber Damm for coordinating this year's Spelling Bee and to parents Kris Mandler for serving as the pronouncer and Anne Sterner for serving as one of the judges. And, again, our congratulations to all of this year's students who participated in last week's Spelling Bee.

Calendar 2007-2008

January

- 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

May

- 8 Area C Parent Forum 6:30-8:30 PM at Windom Spanish Dual Immersion

June

- 19 Area C Parent Forum 6:30-8:30 PM at Burroughs Community School

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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

LET'S TALK PAPER

So you already know a lot about paper, right? Save the rainforest, use recycling bins, yada yada yada... But did you know, that in 2000 a study showed that 21% of Twin Cities household garbage was paper that *could* have been recycled.

There are ways to stop this! Probably more than you know.

Recycling bins are great, but that's only the start- for instance you can do a lot to save paper by using cloth/reusable grocery bags (some grocery stores, like Lunds, Trader Joe's, Kowalski's, and the Linden Hills Co-Op sell them for around one or two dollars).

You can also save a ton of paper by using cloth or recycled napkins, recycling toilet-paper rolls, and cutting off your junk mail (there are websites where you can go to do this, like www.greendimes.com and www.reduce.org)

See what little effort it takes? Just thinking about these simple tips can make your household a more earth-friendly one!

-The Uppers Green Team

Pasta Promenade

Come join us for dinner and dancing at PASTA PROMENADE, a fundraiser for Young Dance on Sunday, February 10th at Barton School from 4:00 – 7:00 PM. A spaghetti dinner will be followed by performances by Young Dance teachers Sarah Jacobs, Justin Jones, Erin Thompson and by International Latin Ballroom champion Mariusz Olszewski. Then Mariusz and his partner will lead us all in a group ballroom dance lesson! Tickets: adults \$15, students \$8, 2 adults and 2 or more kids \$40. For reservations call Erin Thompson at 612-823-2492 by Feb. 2nd.

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: Thursday, 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

After School Art Program at *Simply Jane*

Simply Jane is a new open art studio in South Minneapolis where artists of all ages can drop-in and paint with professional materials and instruction. We are now offering a new after school program for students from 2:00-5:00 PM, and would like to invite the students of Barton to join us.

Every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 2:00 to 5:00 pm, after school sessions at \$10 each will be offered. This includes a wooden frame with a Simply Jane design to paint, use of materials and space as well as hands-on instruction at the studio. A session lasts about an hour but students are welcome to do multiple sessions if they choose. Reservations are appreciated. More information is available at our website: www.simplyjanestudio.com or you may call with questions 612-354-3961.

Parent Patrols Needed!! (For just one week)

Parents, are you at Barton in the morning? Can you brave the cold for 10 minutes? Do you have a bit of time to help our school? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then please call Sue B. (612-668-3580 or 612-243-0321) to be a **Parent Crossing Guard**. We want our students to be on time in the morning and start the day together, so we need parents to work as crossing guards at one corner in the morning. If we get just nine parents to take just one week that will take us all the way to Spring Break! You would have to be at the corner, with a flag, at 7:15 a.m. until 7:25 a.m. for just one week, then your job is done! (That adds up to just 50 minutes.) Please pitch-in and help us if you can. It's really a very nice ten minutes – breathe fresh air, greet students with a "Good Morning," and then leave. We'll be waiting for your call!

Available weeks:

Mon. January 27 – Fri. February 1
Mon. February 4 – Fri. February 8
Mon. February 11 – Fri. February 15
Tues. February 19 – Fri. February 22
Mon. February 25 – Wed. February 27
Mon. March 3 – Fri. March 7
Mon. March 10 – Fri. March 14
Mon. March 17 – Thurs. March 20
Mon. March 24 – Thurs. March 27

Call Today to Sign-up!

Register for Inventors' Fair

The Barton Inventors' Fair begins January 31, 2008. Students can choose between Friday classes that meet from 2-4 PM for six weeks. The class is free for students eligible for reduced fee lunch, \$100 for others. Registration forms are available in the office. Call Steve Jevning at Leonardo's Basement, 612-220-3171, with questions.