

Barton Bugle



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Barton School Roller Skating/Blading Party Thursday, February 7 (6-8 PM)

Bring the whole family to this Barton-families-only skating session at the Roller Garden in St. Louis Park. The Roller Garden is located one block west of Highway 100, taking the Minnetonka Blvd. exit.

5622 West Lake Street
952-929-5518 or www.rollergarden.com

\$4.00 admission which includes roller skate rental,
\$3.00 more for inline rental

Urgent: Winter Options Needs Your Help

At this time we are in need of more parent taught classes. I am sending home the last Options Teaching Request Form for Winter Options this week. The form gives more information about the program and the role you can play.

Winter Options will run February 27, March 5, 12 & 19 at 12:55, during the last hour of the school day. We are seeking rich programming to match the abilities, and interests of all students in grades 1 to 6 and you can help. I will be assembling the Winter Options catalog beginning February 4, so return your form as soon as possible or you can contact me at 612-668-3580 or email, rthomas13@lycos.com. Together we can develop your idea into a class and materials funding is available.

We also need a few Options Helpers, parents who can provide an adult presence for our student led classes, offering support and confidence to the teaching students as they conduct the

classes they have developed. Contact me at 612-668-3580 or email, rthomas13@lycos.com. Thank you.
--Rus Thomas, Options Coordinator

It's Time for the Scholastic Book Fair

It's Book Fair time! Take a "Reading Road Trip" at this years Book Fair and see what kind of journey you can take within the pages of a good book. Our book fair will be held from Monday, February 4th through Friday, February 8th, with late hours until 6:00 PM on Tuesday, February 5. The Scholastic Book Fair is set up in the second floor resource area on the north wing.

You can help make our book fair successful. We need volunteers to help run our book fair during the week and with our set up on Friday morning, February 1st. Please contact Heather in the media center at 668-3591 or e-mail heather.bivans@mpls.k12.mn.us if you would like to help this year. Thank you.

Calendar 2007-2008

January

31 Leadership Council Meeting 6-8 PM

February

1 Mixed Blood Theatre's *Daughters of Africa* 8:45-9:30 AM in the Commons

4-8 Scholastic Book Fair Week

5 Scholastic Book Fair open until 6 PM

7 Barton Family Roller Skating 6-8 PM

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

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."

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. 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!

Mixed Blood Theatre's *Daughters of Africa*

Performed in the Barton Commons
Friday, February 1 at 8:45 AM

Daughters of Africa is a music driven history of African American women from slave ship survivors to stars of the silver screen. The forty five minute performance vividly commemorates both the famous and the overlooked and is an eye-opening celebration of the triumph of pride, determination and courage.

Community Education Presents A Family Valentines Dance

ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE... AND DANCING SHOES

Friday night, February 8
7-9 PM in the lovely Barton
Commons

Chocolate will be served. Twinkle lights. Fortune telling. \$10 at the door. Please enter at the gym door.

612-668-3585 or
cindy.smedberg@mpls.k12.mn.us for
more information.

Tap your toes or shake your groove thing to the sounds of Barton dad-band...THE MELVILLES. Shawn Gibbons will open with a few of her favorite love songs and members of other Barton dad-bands will join too. Grab the kids, put on your dancing shoes and join us for a rockin' Valentines party.

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.

Attendance Matters!
Be on time, ready to learn,
every day.

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