

Barton Bugle



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Although the applications for this year's Summer School program are to be distributed the week following our Spring break, there are several significant changes to the program's schedule this year that I would like to alert families to right away. What is similar to last year is that Barton students attending summer school will be attending the program held at Burroughs Community School. Barton is a part of the Burroughs cluster site that will also include students from Lake Harriet (upper and lower campuses), Armatage, and Kenny and as well as Burroughs' students. The changes this year are that the program is scheduled for four weeks during the month of July (a big change) and will involve a longer school day for students.

The summer school day will be a six hour one for students, not four hours as has been the case in the past. The Burroughs/Barton cluster site will be run from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM. The schedule in July will be as follows:

- July 8-11 First Week of Summer School (Tuesday through Friday)
- July 14-17 Second Week of Summer School (Monday through Thursday)
- July 21-24 Third Week of Summer School (Monday through Thursday)
- July 28-31 Fourth Week of Summer School (Monday through Thursday)

The program is designed for students in kindergarten through eighth grade who would benefit from additional instructional time in order to catch up to their grade level. We rely heavily on teacher recommendations for summer school participation. Parents are certainly invited to have a conversation with your child's homeroom teacher if you are uncertain about the appropriateness of the summer school learning experience for your own child.

We will send summer school applications home the week of April 7, our first week back following Spring break. The completed applications and the accompanying transportation forms will be due back in our office by the week of April 28, 2008. The tight time line revolves around the need for the district's Transportation Department to set up bus routes for the summer program. Any Barton student who lives in our attendance area will qualify for busing to Burroughs Community School for the July summer program and is guaranteed a bus pick-up and drop off schedule for the first day of summer classes if the applications are received in the Transportation Department by May 1, 2008. If Barton families return the forms to us by Monday, April 28, we will make sure that the Transportation Department has what they need by May 1, 2008. Please feel comfortable contacting me if you have questions about the new summer school schedule this year.

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

Calendar 2008

March

- 20 Plant Sale Kick Off Assembly 7:35 AM
- 21 No School K-8: Flex Duty Day
- 24-26 Middles Field Trip to Wolf Ridge Environmental Center
- 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
- 21 Plant Sale Orders Due
- 22-23 MCA II in Reading Grades 3-8
- 24 Leadership Council Meeting 6-8 PM
- 28 Summer School Applications Due

May

- 5 No School K-8: Reclassification Day
- 6 Spring Options Classes 12:55 PM
- 8 Spring Options Classes 12:55 PM
- 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
- 13 Spring Options Classes 12:55 PM
- 15 Spring Options Classes 12:55 PM
- 15 Spring Band Concert 9 AM & 7 PM
- 26 No School K-8: Memorial Day
- 29 Leadership Council Meeting 6-8 PM

June

- 3 Spring Strings Concert 9 AM & 7 PM
- 10 8th Grade Graduation Program 4 PM
- 11 Last Day for Students K-8
- 12 Last Day for Teaching Staff
- 19 Area C Parent Forum 6:30-8:30 PM at Burroughs Community School

July

- 8-11 First Week of Summer School (T-F)

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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

Consumer Health

A different point of view...last week, a group of students from Sue's Upper's Health class wrote about consumer health. Here's what they had to say:

Did you know that Carmex has bad chemicals like phenol, fragrance, salicylic acid and other waxes? Carmex may cause sicknesses like cancers and allergic reactions. A product that actually helps your body stay healthier is Burt's Bees Lip Balm. There is such a difference between these chap sticks. If you use Axe, you should take into account the reactions to the toxic chemicals in this product. Old Spice, on the other hand, has a lower toxicity rating. To learn more about your healthcare products go to:
www.cosmeticsdatabase.com.

By Alyda Henderson, Taurean Wright-Ervin, Carlos Myhre, and Lillie Benowitz

MCA II Testing Calendar

This year's MN Comprehensive Assessments in Reading and Mathematics are scheduled on April 15 and 16 for Mathematics (for students in grades 3-8) and on April 22 and 23 for Reading (same grade levels). Barton families are encouraged to make sure that there are no planned absences for students on the MCA testing days. The expectation from the State Department of Education is that schools have high participation rates for the state tests. We rely on parent cooperation to make sure that we have the fullest participation possible for the students who are involved in this year's testing. Thank you.

Call for Spring Options

Thank you to all the parents and students who offered classes during Winter Options. Thank you for your diligent preparation and imaginative approaches to subject matter. I look forward to working with many of you again and invite others to take part in Spring Options, scheduled on Tuesdays & Thursdays, May 6 & 8 and May 13 & 15.

This week I am sending home an Option Teaching Form for parents and community volunteers, your personal invitation to be a part of this unique experience. It contains information about the program and the role you can play. Please consider offering a class and return the form as soon as possible or contact me at rthomas13@lycos.com.

Again, thank you.

--Rus Thomas, Options Program Coordinator

Release Day Calendar

Please note that release day calendar this year has no classes for students on both Friday, March 21, and Friday, March 28. The week of March 31 through April 4 is our official Spring break period. Classes will resume for students on Monday, April 7, 2008.

Barton Bulldog Clothing Orders

An order form for this year's *Barton Bulldog* clothing items is being distributed with this week's newsletter. Please use a separate order form for each child in your family. Checks should accompany the order (payable to Barton Open School) and returned to school by the end of next week. New this year is a reusable grocery/tote bag with our Barton Bulldog logo. The reusable bags will cost \$4 each. Let's all get involved in doing our part to reduce, reuse and recycle!

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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