From the Principal…

Greetings,

Barton Open School will have three full-time literacy tutors next year who are members of the Minnesota Reading Corps. Through the generous support of the Target Corporation, which funds this program in the Minneapolis Public Schools, Barton will continue to benefit from these tutors. Minnesota Reading Corps is an AmeriCorps program that targets students in grades kindergarten through third grade to help ensure that all Minnesota children are on track to read by the end of third grade. Eleana Shaust and Kris Potter will continue in their positions, and we are looking to fill a third position.

The initial screening for the literacy tutor positions is handled through Minnesota Reading Corps, but our own teaching staff will have an opportunity to interview recommended candidates so we can determine a good fit for our school. Minnesota Reading Corp members receive a modest living stipend (roughly $1,000 a month) and can earn up to $5,350 toward tuition or student loans. If you know of someone who might be interested in being a Reading Corps literacy tutor next year, please encourage them to apply by going to the program’s website at www.MinnesotaReadingCorps.org. We look forward to having the one-on-one literacy tutoring for students in kindergarten through third grade who need this additional learning support.

Barton will also continue to provide one-on-one math tutoring with at least one Minnesota Math Corps tutor next year. Jamie Fasset-Carmen has provided his support in this role, but will be leaving us at the end of the school year. We will be looking to replace him and perhaps add a second Math Corps tutor. If you know of someone who would be interested in this position, the website is www.MinnesotaMathCorps.org.

The Barton Reading Corps and Math Corps tutors will be highlighted in a story on KARE-11, airing sometime in June.

Sincerely,
Patrick

Calendar 2012 – 2013

May
23 Area C meeting, 6 - 8 PM, Barton
27 No school (Memorial Day)
30 Uppers Exhibition, 3:30 PM
30 Leadership Council meeting, 6 - 7:30 PM
31 Lake Day, 10 AM, Lake Harriet bandshell

June
3 8th grade Graduation Program, 2:30 PM, Delapp Commons
4 Last day of school for students
5 Last day of school for staff

Look for Leadership Council ballot in backpacks

Every adult in each household may vote for parent representatives on Barton’s Leadership Council. Instructions are on the ballot, which will arrive in your child's backpack this week. Please read the candidate bio and cast your votes.

Ballots are due back to Barton by May 28. Return with your child, or place your ballot in the box in the office. Thank you for voting!

Last chance for yearbook, limited number available

The yearbooks are almost in! Have you purchased your copy? It is bright and beautiful and full of photos of your student's year. Let them walk down memory lane for years to come!

Cost is $30 per book. Make check out to Barton, put in envelope with your student's name and home room and put it in Chuck Nelson's mailbox in the office. Questions? Contact Laura Scher at laurakscher@gmail.com
Bravo to top plant sellers!

The following students were the top plant sellers in the school, earning them the special lunch with Patrick last Tuesday. Nice work!

- Henry Holcomb $2,147
- Mimi Richter $1,607.50
- Keegan James $1,270
- Kirra Tjevelt $982.50
- Ana Haines $729
- Helen Foster $707.50
- Waverly Austin Howard $707.50

Our very own Patrick Duffy was a finalist in the Dissertation of the Year competition during the 2013 American Educational Research Association (AERA) annual meeting held April 27-May 1 in San Francisco, California. Patrick was presented with a certificate in honor of his achievement for his dissertation titled Beyond Courage: A Critical Ethnography of Anti-Racist Leadership in a High School. Congratulations Patrick!

Thank you, Barton Fund donors

As the school year comes to a close, we would like to extend a special thanks to all Barton Fund donors. Without the additional money raised through the Barton Fund, many of the school programs our children experience would not be possible. The Barton Fund provides a vital role in funding programs not covered by the school district, including our band and strings, reading and math tutoring, and many others.

If you have not given this year, please consider supporting the Barton Fund. Visit www.bartonopen.org to learn how to donate. Every contribution, large or small, makes a difference!

A list of 2012-2013 donors is posted on the Barton web site. Again, we thank you!

-- Barton Fund Committee

See you at Lake Day?

Lake Day coordinator, Sue Buettgen, is looking for volunteers to help with walking classrooms down to Lake Harriet, facilitating games and activities, serving as crossing guards, and other roles throughout the event. Lake Day is Friday, May 31, starting at 10 AM at the Lake Harriet Band shell. Contact Sue at: susan.buettgen@mpls.k12.mn.us

Help needed for 8th grade graduation festivities

Incoming parents of Uppers: would you like to learn more about this wonderful world of adolescence? Ask someone who knows the ropes – the parents of Uppers.

Chat while you volunteer and set graduation in motion for the Class of 2013. On Monday, June 3, could you spare a few hours?

- 1:30-2:30 PM – set up the gym with 7th grade helpers
- 2 - 4:30 PM - direct 7th grade graduation committee kids refilling refreshments and cleaning up
- 7:30-9:30 PM – chaperone a post-party at the Roller Gardens

Great opportunity for parents of Middles and 7th graders. Interested?

“Guide to the Adolescent Brain”
Thursday, May 23, 7:30-8:30 PM
Washburn High School

Presenters include Andria Botzet, MA and Tamara Fahnhorst, M.P.H. from the University of Minnesota Department of Psychiatry, Center for Adolescent Substance Abuse Research. Free and open to the public.

Dirt Day thanks

Thanks so much to all the volunteers who helped move dirt and mulch and dig and plant this weekend, despite the heat and rain:

- Marnie Piechel & Andrew
- Anjula Razdan
- Tami & Chris Tripp, Charlie, Sam & Ben
- Kelly Holdgrafer
- Laurel Edinburgh, Zoe & Ethan
- Shannon Bierbaum
- Kristin Sonquist
- Erin Klug, Mike Jischke & Evva
- Laura & Paul Morrill
- Sarah & Dan Leslie, Zach & Sam
- Heather Cholat, Alexandre & Luc
- Sheila Eldred & Eric Sumner, Zoe & Wes
- Carolyn Ramberg, Cass & Lillian
- John Adleman, Graham & Claire
- Sarah Tarelton & Eric Heinemann & Cade
- Jim & Katie Scott, Ella & Graeme
- Sarah Meyenburg
- Julie Guidry & Lillian
- Elena Schaust

...and Lea and Kou from EcoEducation, Dina from Harvest Moon for their expertise; Lauren Kebschull from Whole Foods for snacks; and Guse Hardware for trowels and rainbarrels.