Barton Updates & Information:

- **Volunteers still needed for plant sale pick-up days! THIS Fri. May 11 and Sat. May 12** - We're on the home stretch, folks! Friday is looking fairly nicely staffed (still some openings for the 4:30-7pm shift), but help on Saturday is more sparse. If you can spare 2 hours to lend a hand - click here! We cannot pull off our biggest fundraiser of the year without you!

  Questions? Contact Heather Cholat at htcholat@yahoo.com

- **Wagons wanted for the plant sale** - Have you had a chance to look for that child’s wagon in your garage? The wagons are always in high demand and provide ease in shopping and convenience in getting plants to customers’ cars. Lots of wagons = lots of happy, returning customers! You can drop your wagon off on the south side of the school on Thursday, May 10 after school or on Friday morning, May 11. You can pick up your clearly marked wagon on Sat. at 3pm or in front of the office on Monday morning, May 14. Thanks for making the effort!! Barton appreciates it!

- **Barton’s Spring Festival is THIS Friday, Rain or Shine!!**
  We’re looking forward to seeing you on Friday, 2:30-7:30 pm. It doesn’t matter if you bought plants or not, come for the fun! Everyone is welcome!

  We still have 8 more volunteer spots left to fill. Check out the options and sign up to volunteer here on our Google spreadsheet. Thank you to everyone who has signed up already!

  Another big thanks to our wonderful business sponsors - Lake Harriet Veterinary Clinic, Navab Brothers, and The Breadsmith. Also, thanks to Safari Restaurant for donating sambusas that will be sold to support Barton social justice projects.

  If it rains on Friday, the festival will be moved inside to the gym and the DeLapp Commons. The food trucks will be moved to Bryant Ave. which is easily accessible from the doors by the gym. If you have questions, please contact any of the parent coordinators: Nima Abdirahman, Kate Guin, Travina Leaks, Fiona Pradhan, and Keiko Veasey.

- **Barton Fund - Spring Drive**
  Thank you to our community for all of the ways you contribute to our school, from volunteering in the classroom, contributing to the FUNdraisers and donating to the Barton Fund directly.
While we’re close to meeting our fundraising goals for the year, we could use a little boost and so we are excited to share that we have a matching donation campaign to ensure a strong finish for the Spring Fund drive. For every dollar we raise through the month of May, up to $4,000, we will receive a match for the school. Any donation amount is appreciated, and supports specific activities, such as:

- $25 pays for a month’s worth of pencils for one class
- $50 pays for refreshments at the Native American Family Involvement Day
- $500 pays for a MN Sinfonia concert for the school

Here is our [link to the Barton Fund](http://www.bartonopen.org/) if you’d like to learn more about it, or would like to [contribute to our spring drive](http://www.bartonopen.org/)

**SPRING and SUMMER GARDEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Students have been busy planting in the Barton Spirit Garden. We need volunteers to start keeping the garden weeded and watered over the spring and summer months so students can enjoy the harvest in the fall. This is a great family volunteer opportunity to work together and visit the school in the summer! Time commitment can vary depending on weather and current plantings - generally you can expect to spend 2-3 hours during the course of your assigned week. Consider signing up with another family if you are interested but can only commit a shorter amount of time. Please use the link below to sign up on the Google Doc. You will receive further information about the tasks before the school year ends. Questions? Contact Erin Klug ([e_klug@msn.com](mailto:e_klug@msn.com))

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17kYChU4_OlklaNogUp694Q2vN1TeY1oLs9lYYKR8Po0/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17kYChU4_OlklaNogUp694Q2vN1TeY1oLs9lYYKR8Po0/edit?usp=sharing)

**We want to wish Graeme Scott good luck at tomorrow’s 4th Annual Jr. Iron Chef!**

Graeme was one of eight (out of nearly sixty applicants!) selected to team up with local chefs for this top-chef style cooking competition. Please help us in congratulating Graeme on this exciting achievement!

- **4th annual Jr Iron Chef Competition**
  - Thursday, May 10th | 5:30-7:30pm
  - Solar Arts by Chowgirls | 711 NE 15th Ave, Minneapolis, 55413
  - FREE and Open to the Community
  - More info: [Online](http://www.bartonopen.org/) | [Facebook](http://www.bartonopen.org/)

We hope you’ll consider attending the event to cheer on Graeme and show your school spirit! This event is FREE and open to the public.

**Reminder: Leadership Council meeting** is tomorrow, May 10 from 4:30-6:30 p.m., in our Media Center. Anyone is welcome to attend and childcare will be provided.
• Karen Ward, School Nurse - RETIRING
Parents,
After 29 years in Minneapolis Public Schools, (around 20 or them at Barton) I have decided to retire at the end of this school year. It has been a privilege to work with you and your students. I wish you all the best!
    -Karen Ward, RN
    School Nurse

• End of Year Medication Procedure as of May 2018
All student medications must go home at the end of the school year.
    - With parent/guardian permission, students can bring home asthma inhalers and epinephrine auto-injectors (i.e. EpiPen®, Auvi-Q®) on the last day of school.
    - Parents/guardians must pick up all other medication from the school health office.
    - Medication not picked up by the last day of school will be destroyed.
    - Parents/guardians are responsible for delivering medication to summer school for students attending a summer program (i.e. GEMS/GISE, ESY Special Education programming, etc.).

This update aligns with District Regulation 6692A Responsibilities for Student Medication. The same procedure will be followed at the end of summer programs.

• FAST Testing - our 1st and 2nd graders will be taking the FAST Reading and Math Tests May 29-31.

• Reminder: Summer Sampler Night for Barton Families! - Tuesday, May 22nd 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Commons. Join friends and family for a night of sampling what Community Education has to offer this summer. Activities include cooking demos, henna, arts and crafts, games, and more! Cost: $5 per person at the door (donations also welcome).

• Reminder: Summer Session forms can still be turned in for eligibility in the 2nd round transportation requests! All enrollment requests sent after April 27th will be eligible for the 2nd round of summer transportation beginning the 4th day of summer programming (June 21). Please find information regarding MPS Summer Session programs here! Questions? Please contact Becky Patton: rebecca.patton@mpls.k12.mn.us

We are Barton, We are the Place to Be!
Thank you,
Diane and Maria

FUTURE DATES TO KNOW
Thursday, May 10 - Leadership Council Meeting 4:30-6:30 p.m., Media Center
Thursday, May 10 - MPS: 4th annual Jr. Iron Chef Competition 5:30-7:30 p.m., Solar Arts Building
Friday, May 11 - Uppers Choir to Trills and Thrills 8:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., see Lisa Roth for details
Friday, May 11 - Barton Spring Festival 2:30-7:00 p.m.
Friday, May 11 - Plant Sale (pre order pick up and same day sales) 2:30-7:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 12 - Plant Sale (pre order pick up and same day sales) 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Monday-Wed., May 14-16 - Middles to Camp St. Croix
Monday, May 14 - Kinders to Gibbs Farm 9:15 a.m.-Noon
Tuesday, May 22 - 1/2 Classrooms to CTC 9:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 22 - 211 & 214 to MIA 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 24 - 1/2 Portfolio Sharing 7:45-9:30 a.m., Commons
Thursday, May 24 - 1/2 to Chutes and Ladders 10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 24 - Barton Band Concert 6:30 p.m., Commons

Monday, May 28 - NO SCHOOL: Memorial Day

Thursday, May 31 - Middles & Uppers to Shakespeare: "A Midsummer Night's Dream"
8:30-11:00 a.m., Scottish Rite Temple
Thursday, May 31 - Barton Strings Concert 6:30 p.m., Commons
Thursday, May 31 - Shakespeare: "A Midsummer Night's Dream" 6:30 p.m., Scottish Rite Temple
Friday, June 1 - All School Morning Meeting (ASMM) 7:30-8:00 a.m., Commons
Friday, June 1 - Middles' Bike Day 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Lake Nokomis
Tuesday, June 5 - Uppers Exhibition 5:00-7:00 p.m. (REVISED TIME)
Wednesday, June 6 - Last Call to look through Lost & Found
Wednesday, June 6 - Lake Day 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Lake Harriet Bandshell
Thursday, June 7 - 8th Grade Graduation 2:30-4:30 p.m., Commons and Gym
Friday, June 8 - Uppers to Valley Fair 8:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Friday, June 8 - Middles to Valley Fair 9:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m.
Friday, June 8 - 216 & 220 to Como Zoo 9:30 a.m.-1:40 p.m.
Friday, June 8 - Last Day of School!