

August 28, 2013

Room 114 Families,

Well, it's good to get our first day of kindergarten under our belts! (I'm of course writing this on Tuesday evening, but I'm hoping all went well!)

You will usually get this weekly note along with the *Barton Bugle* and any other school information every Wednesday in the red take home folder. Please have your child return the folder every Thursday with any school communication. Both my weekly newsletter and the *Barton Bugle* can be accessed online. If my website volunteer is game, we can try to make an email group and have the newsletter and other classroom communication sent to your email address. If you haven't filled out the paper vs. paperless survey please find it in the folder and return it to me. Until you receive an email from me just check my classroom website on the Barton homepage, all the newsletters will be there! Just a few reminders this week:

**~Lots and lots of forms to be filled out and returned as soon as possible.** I know if you have more than one child at Barton it seems endless but each teacher needs each sheet for every student. I need to check in each parent signed form and emergency card from each child and hand all of them in as a complete class set. **It would be great if you could return the forms and emergency card by this Friday, or Monday.**

~ Our "specialist schedule" is Science in the morning with Sue B. and Music in the afternoon with Lisa. We do not have our Gym rotation until Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>. I will send a reminder in my weekly newsletter letting you know when the children need to wear or bring gym shoes.

~ Parent Info Night is Thursday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>. The date has been changed for our families celebrating Rosh Hashanah. There are two "rounds" of classroom presentations allowing families with children in multiple grades, time to visit more classrooms. Round 1: 5:45 - 6:15, second round: 6:25 - 6:55 and finally, staff introductions and principal comments from 7:00 - 7:30 pm. During our classroom presentation you will have an opportunity to sign-up for your child's first goal setting conference. We ask that kindergarteners do attend the conference with parents. If you have particular time needs it's best to sign up that evening but I will send home opportunities in next Wednesday's folder too. The conference schedule

begins towards the end of September and continues through the "MEA" break. There is also chance to sign-up for parent volunteer opportunities at Parent Information Night.

~The Somali Parent Information meeting date is on the same evening as Parent Information Night, Thursday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 -5:40pm.

Our class WILL be attending the "All School Morning Meeting" this Friday at 7:30am. If you are a new family at Barton you should stay if possible to see an All School Morning Meeting. We typically have them once a month and it is one of the things that make Barton School so special! Try not to be late! I will take the children down at 7:30am to get a seat, if you arrive after we have left the classroom, meet us in the Commons; we will be down in the front.

~ I look forward to seeing you all at the Parent Information Night! Our mural, "This Is MY Hat!!" is not quite finished but we hope to have more of it done by that evening. Our theme is a nod to the Caldecott Medal winning author, Jon Klassen and his book, *This Is Not My Hat*. It is a book I love and a great excuse to have the kindergarteners make hats! Have a great Labor Day weekend! I know we will have a great year together.  
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