



DECEMBER 2008

## A message from the president

It's hard to imagine the first quarter of the school year is complete. I would like to thank each and every one of you for everything you have done, are doing, and will do for the 2008-2009 school year. The Barrington PTO is very fortunate to enjoy the support and the continued participation of concerned parents and committed staff and administration.

I would like to recognize and thank the following individuals for their unconditional volunteering spirit:

- Laurie Gill Voss for organizing and delivering the directories. Love the addition of email addresses!
- Aimee Switzer and Crissy Roach, and committee for a successful and enjoyable Clown Around.
- After School Enrichment once again offered yet another round of great classes thanks to the strong leadership of Kim Brucklemeyer, Lauren Keeler, and committee. The Winter Session will be offered in at the beginning of January. Look for the information on the PTO website soon!
- Jenn Burton and Gina Rancitelli for reminding the community of healthy choices and for a great Walk to School Day!
- Amy Dunn and Kelly Stoeckinger for organizing a fantastic bake sale.
- Christine Freytag and Wendy Gomez for continually monitoring our safety needs.
- Melissa Hickman and all of the volunteers for Craft Courtyard. The kids love it.
- Melissa Fleming and committee working with guidance counselor, teachers, and administration for the quality of student life.
- Ellen Moretti, Heather Evans, Lisa Farber, and committee for coordinating a delicious staff appreciation luncheon.
- The Spirit Ladies, Natalie Shafer, Robin Carlton, Soози Cole-Hamilton, and Cyndi Plagenz for coming up with awesome looking clothing and bringing a lot of spirit to Barrington. Don't forget about Barrington Spirit Wear for the holidays!
- Julie Wright and committee who have been working non-stop to prepare for the **Light-Up-the-Night** luminaria event December 5<sup>th</sup>.
- A special thank you to the Executive Committee, Nikki McNary, Wendi Bergdoll, Leslie Heath, and Becky Scholl whose skills and unlimited time commitment have been put forth to make sure the Barrington PTO is managed and working effectively!

Sincerely,  
Sara Greenlee, PTO President

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### Halloween candy drive

Thanks to Mrs. Wildman's class for coordinating this year's candy drive and all of our Barrington trick-or-treaters!! We collected 623 pounds of candy to donate to Highland Elementary.

### All year, little effort dollars

Don't forget to sign up for the **Giant Eagle** rewards program. By registering your card with our school number 4648, Barrington will get points every time your card is used. How great is that??

### Academic enrichment

The Academic Committee has been hard at work planning all types of fun events.

- Spelling Bee (Kathy Rizzoni) – details coming soon
- Junior Great Books (Cathy Johanni) – Thursdays during lunch
- Chess Club (Kathy Rizzoni/Allison Rooney) – details coming soon

Cristina Gulacy-Worrel, [crisgw@gmail.com](mailto:crisgw@gmail.com)

### Light up the night Barrington!

Join Barrington PTO and Upper Arlington for a festive evening to start the holiday season by participating in the fourth annual **Light-Up-the-Night** event. We will light the luminarias on Friday, December 5th at dusk to coincide with the Upper Arlington Winter Festival at the Mallway, right in our Barrington neighborhood!



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### Calendar of events

12/5 – Fri	Spirit Day PTO Exec Board 8:30 am Safety 10:00 am
12/9 – Tues	School Improvement Team 3:05 pm
12/10 – Wed	Early Release 1:15 pm
12/12 – Fri	OSL 11:05 am
12/17 – Wed	PTO General Board Meeting 11:05 am
12/19 – Fri	Holiday parties
12/22 to 1/4	Winter break – Two weeks
1/9 - Fri	Barrington Spirit Day PTO Exec Board 8:30 am
1/16 - Fri	No school
1/19 - Mon	No school
1/20 – Tues	School Improvement Team 3:05 pm
1/23 – Fri	OSL 11:05 am

### Recess options

It won't be long until it's really cold outside...do you know where your kids will be for lunch recess? The recess alternative program (RAP) allows them to play games, draw, and stay toasty warm. We are currently taking donations of new or gently used board games, card games and drawing supplies. Please contact us if you would like more information or have a donation.

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### View us online

The Barrington PTO is now sponsoring a website to communicate the latest PTO updates. Visit us at [www.BarringtonPTO.com](http://www.BarringtonPTO.com) and please send content ideas our way!

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### Keeping the spirit!

Now is the time to shop for *cooler weather* spirit items. Check out the cozy flannel pants, appliqué sweatshirts, UA track jacket and pant, and custom football jerseys.

Spirit Wear makes a GREAT holiday gift! Browse the items at [www.barringtonpto.com](http://www.barringtonpto.com) and then contact a spirit committee member to place your order.

Don't forget that Spirit Days are the 1st Friday of every month. The next day to show your school pride by wearing Spirit Wear is Friday, December 5th. GO BOBCATS!!!

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### Wellness tip - healthy snacks!!

In promoting overall health to our children, here are some tips for healthy alternatives when sending in snacks and birthday treats! Foods that resemble rainbow colors are typically high in nutrients and antioxidants. Vegetables can be more appealing when partnered with dip. Fruit kabobs also provide a vibrant presentation for children. Another tip, watch out for large portion sizes. Consider using mini-muffin pans for cupcakes, serving smaller brownies, and cookies. Water is still our choice of beverage because hydration (sans the sugar) is so important to our children's overall health.

And don't forget about the **recipe contest**. Students and staff can continue to bring in their favorite healthy recipe. The award winning recipes may be sold in the *new cafeteria* once it opens. You can bring your recipe to the main office, your classroom teacher, or email us the recipe.

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### Upcoming wellness activities

**Save the date** – the PTO and Wellness Advisory Committee will be having a skating party on Monday, January 12, 2009 from 6:30 to 9:30 pm at Skate Zone 71 on Morse Road. Details coming soon...

In addition, the Wellness Advisory Committee is implementing a Spring Walking Club at Barrington during lunch recess. We are in need of volunteers to staff this great program so please email me if you can volunteer 1 hour per month.

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### Attention 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents

Can you believe our 5th graders are almost ready to be promoted? Well, it will be here before we know it. So, as you are digging through boxes to find the holiday decorations please keep an eye out for a kindergarten school picture of your sweet 5th grader (thank goodness their teeth grew in!).

Also, check out your child's backpack for information coming home about the promotion day and just what to do with that picture. And finally, we are looking forward to celebrating our 5th graders and all of their accomplishments and if you would like to volunteer to help in the planning there will be plenty of opportunity for everyone to help out! More to come...

Stacey Hall, Lisa Farber, and Jayme Rhoades

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### Election day success

The election day bake sale was a big success again this year. The PTO made \$526.28. We would like to thank all those who helped with the sale by donating baked goods or drinks and by working shifts.

Amy Dunn and Kelly Stoeckinger

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### Silent auction success!!

Thank you for all who made the silent auction a success... and a BIG thank-you to the teachers, Pam, and Quint for donating their time. The event brought in over \$9000.

We would also like to thank the following businesses and all other donors who dropped off items at the last minute:

- Ables Golf
- Attractive Nails
- Autumn Rose Farms
- Ballet Met
- Brigita's
- Caribou Coffee
- Chris Spielman
- ClaySpace
- Columbus Children's Theatre
- Courtney Campbell
- Custom Construction and Contracting
- Daisy Basket
- Don Scott Airport
- Donatos
- Fireflies & Fairy Tales
- Galaxy Game & Golf
- Glow Putt
- Go Fitness
- Huffman's Market
- Hurt Photography
- Kim Crigger
- Kirk Herbstreit
- Larson's Toys & Games
- Leal Salon
- Liberty Farms
- Magic Man Carroll Baker
- McDonald's
- McKenzie Hufford
- Me Amazing Magic Store
- Moretti's Arlington
- My Own Salon
- Net Jets Corporation
- Ohio Dream Sports Action Camp
- OSU Cheerleaders
- OSU Dept. of Athletics
- OSU Entomology Dept.
- OSU Golf Course
- OSU Large Animal Veterinary Hospital
- Phoenix Theatre
- PK Stationery & Gifts
- Raymond Memorial Golf Course
- RDP Food Service and Lauri & Mark Mizer
- Sports Ohio
- Stephanie's Salon
- Studio 1400
- Teamwork Associates
- Teamwork Fundraising
- The Jacket Man and The Carlton Family
- Thornapple Golf Course
- Three Bears LaCrosse Camp
- Tim Casey
- Tina Muldoon
- Touch of Gourmet
- Trattoria Roma
- Tyler & Christine Wright
- UA Golden Bears Football Camp
- UA Grace Brethren Church and the Hartranft Family
- UA High School Golf Team
- USA Seibukan Martial Arts
- Vertical Adventures
- Vision One Optical
- Vitale Poultry and the Cecutti Family
- Wendy's Gymnastics