



NOVEMBER 2009

A message from the president

Time has been flying by quickly and it's hard to believe the first quarter is over. There has been so much learning going on at Barrington as well as construction. I believe it's been a very exciting time for everyone from students to staff to parents. I have been perfectly amazed at the wonderful people we have as part of the Barrington community. The Barrington PTO is so lucky to have so many talented, motivated, and compassionate people involved in all of what we do. I would like to recognize and thank the following people for all of their efforts:

- All of the parents who have stepped up to the plate to help our school run smoothly during the construction. I have been awestruck by the willingness of parents to come in at lunchtime to help run the gym and the RAP programs (Computer Lab, Game Room, and outside Courtyard lunch).
- Aimee Switzer, Crissy Roach, Ana Keen, Amber Kuehn, and the entire committee for a successful and enjoyable Clown Around.
- Lauren Keeler and the After School Enrichment committee for offering such wonderful programs and seeing that everything ran smoothly for our Fall session. Keep your eyes open for the winter information coming soon.
- Ann Pema and her crew of tireless organizers including Jenn Burton, Gina Rancitelli, Christine Freytag, Wendy Gomez, and Tina Muldoon for their work on the National Walk to School Day.
- Amy Dunn and Kelly Stoeckinger for organizing a fantastic and profitable Election Day bake sale.
- Christine Freytag and Wendy Gomez for continually monitoring our safety needs.
- Melissa Hickman and all of the volunteers for Craft Courtyard. More kids than ever before and you creatively handled it all!
- Lori Hamlin, Jeanine Hummer, and the Quality of School Life committee for working with the guidance counselor, teachers and administration for the good of our children.
- The Spirit Ladies: Robin Carlton, Cyndi Plagenz, and Soozie Cole-Hamilton for creating very fashionable spirit wear for Barrington. Don't forget about Barrington Spirit Wear for the holidays!
- Connie Aschinger and Nicole Caldwell for their hard work on the Luminaries sale.
- Beth Siracuse and Ellen Moretti for donating their time and expertise for the Gold Party to benefit technology.
- Carolyn Weeks and Mindy Wilhite for jumping in with two feet to organize RAP (Recess Alternative Program).
- Melissa Fleming and her crew of volunteers for the lunch time office help.
- A special thank you to the Executive Committee: Amy Winslow, Kate Schlatter-Norvell, Becky Scholl, Leslie Heath, and Tina Muldoon for all their time, talents, and humor as we work together to make sure the Barrington PTO runs effectively.

Sincerely,

Valerie Goettler, PTO President

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Do you REALLY know what PTO does?

As I've become immersed in PTO this year, I've been shocked to learn about all that the PTO does for our school. Did you know the PTO:

- Funds all field trips. For a number of years, the school district has not paid for the field trips our students take. The PTO pays for busing and admissions, when necessary. We ask for your donations when you receive a permission slip so that we can continue to send our children on all these great adventures. To date, we've spent almost \$8,000 and it's only the first quarter. Please help us by donating the cost of the field trip when it's possible for you. Thanks!
- Donated to the Beat Michigan, Beat Cancer fundraiser.
- Purchased new equipment for our new gym that everyone in our school now can enjoy.
- Paid for the intramurals during lunchtime so our kids can play kickball, basketball, flag football, and enjoy a running club. For this school year, the PTO will pay over \$5000 for all the great lunchtime Intramural programs.
- Countless hours of volunteer time for our classrooms, lunch rooms, and teachers.
- Paid for the travel expenses for our visiting author, James Bruchac.

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Keeping the spirit!

We've got spirit, yes we do . . . We've got spirit and so do you!! There is still plenty of Spirit Wear available so contact us to get the latest gear this holiday season.

Please note that Spirit Days are the 1st Friday of each month! Don't forget to show your Barrington and UA pride Friday, December 4.

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Calendar of events

12/4 – Fri	Spirit Day PTO Exec Board 8:30 am Safety 10:00 am
12/9 – Wed	Early Release 1:30 pm
12/11 – Fri	QSL 11:05 am
12/16 – Wed	PTO General Board 11:05 am
12/22 – Tues	Classroom holiday parties
12/23 – Wed	Winter break begins
1/4 - Mon	Return to school
1/8 – Fri	Spirit Day PTO Exec Board 8:30 am Safety 10:00 am
1/15 – Fri	QSL 11:05 am
1/18 – Mon	No School Martin Luther King
1/19 – Tues	No School-Teacher Grading Day

An invitation to you

Our next General PTO meeting is scheduled for 11:05 a.m. on Wednesday, December 16. I would like to invite the entire Barrington community to attend to hear about what the PTO has been working on and what the plans are for the remainder of the year.

If you have something you would like to be discussed at that meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Valerie Goettler, vsgoetz@columbus.rr.com

All year, little effort dollars

Don't forget to sign up for the Giant Eagle and Kroger's community rewards programs. It's easy...all you do is register your Kroger Plus or Giant Eagle card with our school and Barrington will get points and money every time your card is used.

Also remember to register your Target credit card. They are all great and easy ways for the PTO to earn easy cash!

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Smart, family, fun!!

The Academic Enrichment committee has planned several great activities for the 2009/2010 school year!

- The new Geography Slapdown will be held on December 1. We hope that you join us for this evening of excitement, and detailed flyers have already been sent home in backpacks.
- Junior Great Books/Classic Kids will begin a 6 week session on January 6. The program fosters literary discussion, independent thinking, and reading for the fun of it! Flyers have already been sent home in backpacks.
- Coming up the last 2 weeks of January is Academic Enrichment's Spelling Bee. New this year, a 1st through 3rd grade Spelling Bee will be held with finalists participating in the Championship Spelling Bee alongside interested 4th and 5th graders. Look for more information coming home the beginning of December.

If you have any questions regarding any Academic Enrichment programs, please let us know.

Erin Longhitano, elonghitano@columbus.rr.com

Important safety tips

Our students are precious and we want them all to be safe. When driving follow all traffic signals and abide by the following Stop, Drop and Go rules (before school, at lunchtime, and after school):

- Stop and drop off or pick up quickly
- Do NOT get out of your car
- Ensure your children enter and exit only from the passenger side of the car
- Pull ALL THE WAY UP to the fire hydrant
- Don't drop off or pick up on Northwest blvd
- At lunchtime, this zone is used as a pick up zone, so, DO NOT PARK HERE DURING LUNCH (11:05-12:05)

Also, please remember:

- No dogs on the school campus!
- Walk your bikes or scooters on campus
- Follow school rules on the playground
- No children in the school before 8:00 am

Christine Freytag and Wendy Gomez

A huge success!!

PTO would like to extend big congratulations to Mrs. Benton's and Mrs. Emery's classes for all their hard work and dedication to the **Beat Michigan, Beat Cancer fundraiser**. We were so impressed with all the energy you put into your fundraiser. What a success...raising **\$15,000**, 3 times your goal!

Election day bake sale

The Election Day Bake Sale brought in \$330.20 this year. A big thanks to all the volunteers who made it happen. Please remember to patronize the Kingsdale Caribou Coffee who very generously donated all the coffee for the sale.

Amy Dunn, dunns@columbus.rr.com

Luminary sale

Although the deadline has passed, we still have plenty of luminary kits for sale. We would be happy to send home kits by delivering them to the child's classroom!

Each \$10.00 luminaria kit includes:

- 12 fire retardant snowflake bags
- 12 votive candles
- Kits will NOT include sand this year

Sell luminaries in your neighborhood and light your street up on Christmas Eve!

Connie Aschinger, CHRISASCH@aol.com

View us online

The Barrington PTO website is up and live. Please visit us at www.barringtonpto.com to learn all about what's going on with your PTO.

Lisa Downey, lisa.downey@hp.com

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Heart-to-heart thank you

Thank you to all the Barrington Elementary School families who donated canned goods and other food items to Heart to Heart Food Pantry as part of the Families Helping Families portion of this year's Clown Around.

Since Clown Around, Heart to Heart has provided groceries to 96 families, made up of 199 adults and 102 children in our community, who have visited the food pantry and received food items from the Barrington food drive. Your contributions truly have made a difference. On behalf of those families, thank you Barrington, for your generous support.

Heart to Heart Food Pantry, First Community Church

Local holiday shopping is a Barrington Win



New for the 2009 Holiday Season, Barrington families and friends can support local merchants, complete holiday wish lists and have portion of the purchase price go to the Barrington PTO!

On Wednesday, December 9 and Thursday, December 10 UA Mallway merchants including Fireflies & Fairytales, Leal, PK Paper and more will donate 10% of your purchase price to our PTO. Just identify yourself as a friend of Barrington and our PTO will receive the store's donation!

On Monday, December 7 through Friday, December 11 Barnes & Noble Kingsdale will donate a portion of your purchase of books, toys and other items to the Barrington PTO. A voucher will identify you as a Barrington supporter. Look for the voucher on a PTO flyer in your child's mail by Friday, December 4!

Kate Schlatter, kateschlatter@yahoo.com

Calling all elves . . .



Remember the days when you were young and your family headed to Downtown Lazarus so you could browse through the holiday store on the 6th floor to buy gifts for your family!! Well, downtown Lazarus might be gone but we are sponsoring the same type of holiday store at Barrington this year. While some Elves make cookies or toys, your little Elves can enjoy shopping for gifts for Mom and Dad and the rest of the family all in the safe and non-commercial atmosphere at the school.

Mark your calendars for this new PTO fundraiser, December 15-17. The sale will be held on the stage in the gymnasium during lunch Tuesday through Thursday, and after school on the final day as well. The gift items will range from \$1 to \$10. Look for detailed information to come home the first week of December.

We are in need of quite a few parent volunteers to help work the sale. If you are interested, please contact us right away.

Suzanne Black, sblack@wowway.com and Lisa Downey, lisa_downey@hp.com

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Clown Around success

The Clown Around Committee would like to give a big thanks to all of our sponsors. We could not have made this possible without you.

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