



SEPTEMBER 2008

## A message from the president

The children are back to school and Barrington parents are back to work making our school the best it can be. Lots of hard work and planning took place this summer to get us off to a great start. A special thanks to:

- The entire executive board for preparing the budget for the 2008-2009 school year.
- **Jeanne Brandes** and her committee for making the **Ice Cream social** a success.
- The **supply sale divas, Kim Cummings and Margot Sheehan**, for another outstanding job ensuring our kids are prepared to begin school.
- **Mary Leanza** for collecting and sorting all the Membership forms.
- **Laurie Gill-Voss** for working to make our directory awesome.
- **Deb Weideling** and Hospitality for providing coffee and refreshments for First Day Coffee.
- **Marcy Schoedinger and Aimee Switzer** for obtaining room parents for all of the classrooms.
- **Karri Schildmeyer** and all the volunteers who helped ensuring our first graders had an easy transition at the beginning of the school year.
- **Kim Bruckelmeyer, Lauren Keeler**, and the ASE committee for organizing and implementing the programs that our kids love.
- **Robin Carlton, Soozie Cole-Hamilton, Natalie Shafer, and Cyndi Plagenz** for their creativity and excitement that they bring to School spirit every year
- **Mindy Ortquist** for organizing office volunteers.

I would like to say a big **thank you** to all. It really is a privilege for me to work with everyone involved. Our school's success is evident through your dedication.

Sincerely,  
Sara Greenlee, PTO President

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### PTO dollars at work

PTO funded the following during the 2007-2008 school year:

- Monet field trip
- Columbus symphony orchestra
- Arnette Howard
- Courtyard improvements
- Whiteboards for the classrooms
- I-pods
- Non-fiction literature
- Kindergarten playground improvements
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade promotion
- School newspaper
- Intramurals
- New family network-ice cream social
- Academic Enrichment
- Staff appreciation lunches
- Craft courtyard and RAP
- Wellness education
- Dare t-shirts and 5<sup>th</sup> grade art project
- Student council
- Safety patrol

PTO is always striving to improve our school by providing additional resources for teachers and students. Your membership and participation makes a difference and we thank you for your continued support.

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### All year, little effort dollars

Don't forget to use your **Target Card** and declare **Barrington** as your child's school. This is easy way raise money. Target writes Barrington a check every year for your participation. Last year we received a check for over \$2300! Don't you just love Target!!!!

Giant Eagle is another way to raise money for Barrington. Just stop by the service counter to make sure you are registered.

Thank you so much for all that you do, it really does all matter!

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### Thanks Caribou!

A warm thanks goes to Caribou for their first day of school coffee contribution again this year. Keep that caffeine coming!

### Calendar of events

9/10 – Wed	Early Release 1:30 pm
9/12 – Fri	QSL 11:05 am
9/13 – Sat	Clown Around 10:00 - 2:00
9/16 – Tues	School Improvement 3:05 pm
10/3 – Fri	Spirit Day PTO Exec Board 8:30 am Safety 10:00 am
10/8 – Wed	Early Release 1:30 pm
10/10 – Fri	QSL 11:05 am
10/14 – Tues	School Improvement 3:05 pm
10/17 – Fri	No School OEA Day
10/24 – Fri	No School Grading Day
10/29 – Wed	PTO General Board Meeting 11:05 am
10/31 – Fri	Halloween Parade/Classroom Parties/Beggars Night
11/4 – Tues	Election Day Bake Sale
11/5 – Wed	AM-Only/No Kindergarten
11/7 – Fri	Spirit Day PTO Exec Board 8:30 am Safety 10:00 am
11/11 – Tues	School Improvement Team 3:05 pm
11/14 – Fri	QSL 11:05 am
11/26 – Wed	No School
11/27 – 28	Thanksgiving Break

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### Feeling crafty????

Craft Courtyard is once again looking for volunteers. This Fall, Craft Courtyard will run on Tuesdays and Fridays from September 16th through October 31st. Volunteers assist the students to make the craft of the day at lunch recess. This is a great volunteer opportunity with a minimal time commitment.

The kids love to see "the craft cart" out at lunch recess, so let's keep it going, please contact:

Melissa Hickman, 488-8819,  
[melissajmccoy@msn.com](mailto:melissajmccoy@msn.com)

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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!

Lisa Downey, 486-8857, [lisa.downey@hp.com](mailto:lisa.downey@hp.com)

### Keeping the spirit!

**We've got spirit, yes we do . . . We've got spirit and so do you!!** Look for the Spirit Wear table at Clown Around! We've got what you need for cooler weather. Stop by and see us!

Thank you to all the families who purchased Spirit Wear! Please note that Spirit Days are the 1st Friday of each month! Don't forget to show your Barrington and UA pride!

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### Supplies for all

It was another successful year for the Barrington School Supply sale. We raised over \$7500 for PTO. What a great way to start the new school year!!!

Thanks to all the parents who volunteered!! We could not have put on such a rewarding event without your help. And many thanks to everyone who supported the sale.

Margot Sheehan and Kim Cummings  
(Supply chair queens)

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### First grade orientation volunteers

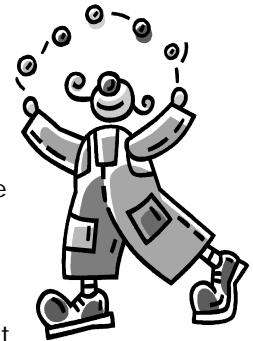
Thank you to the following volunteers who gave their time and energy to help transition the new first graders at Barrington: Amy Shank, Stacey Hall, Lori Hamlin, Peggy Sears, Cheri Klisares, Debbie Schadek, Chris Edwards, MJ Timmons, Lori Patel, Lauren Keeler, Laura Stillman, Cricket Kirk, Cindy Kruse, Liana Badita.

The two-week orientation to help all incoming first graders become familiar with the cafeteria and playground was very successful and we hope the students continue to enjoy their year.

Karri Schildmeyer, 487-9796,  
[kschildm@columbus.rr.com](mailto:kschildm@columbus.rr.com)

### Clown Around details

What began more than 25 years ago as a back-to-school get-together, has grown to become one of the Barrington PTO's biggest fund raisers of the year.



Clown Around 2008 will be held Saturday September 13th from 10-2. It will be presented "street fair style" along Andover Road and will include the following activities:

- Carnival games and prizes
- Food (hot dogs, hamburgers, cotton candy, cake walk)
- Silent auction with items for all ages
- Inflatables
- Hair painting and airbrush tattoos
- D.J. plus Dance, Dance, Revolution
- It takes a tremendous number of volunteers to make Clown Around a Success!

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### Wellness walk

Barrington's Wellness Advisory Counsel is sponsoring "National Walk to School Day" on Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.

Participants can purchase water bottles for \$1 with proceeds benefiting activities provided by the Wellness Advisory Group.

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