



SEPTEMBER 2009

A message from the president

It has been a very exciting time at Barrington as our children return to school to begin a new year of learning. The PTO has already been working hard to get us off to a great start and I wish to thank all of these wonderful people who have done so much already:

- First and most importantly Sara Greenlee who served tirelessly for the past two years as PTO President and deserves a huge debt of gratitude.
- The principals, staff, and teachers for helping to make the start of the school year a great one.
- The past (Sara Greenlee, Wendi Bergdoll, and Becky Scholl) and current (Co-Presidents-Elect Amy Winslow and Kate Schlatter-Norvell; Secretary Becky Scholl; Treasurer Leslie Heath; and Treasurer-Elect Tina Muldoon) Executive Boards for preparing the 2009-2010 school year budget.
- Jeanne Brandes, Tiffany Bertke, and their committee for making the New Family Night a wonderful and informative success.
- The goddess of supply sales, Kim Cummings and Margot Sheehan, for yet another great job organizing and ensuring our kids have all the supplies they need to begin school.
- The protectors of all our children, safety gurus Christine Freytag and Wendy Gomez whose tireless efforts help ensure our children's safety each and every day.
- Leah Sneed for collecting and sorting all of the Membership forms.
- Sally Geraghty for meticulously getting all the information for our directory organized and in good shape.
- Deb Weideling and her hospitality helper, Andrea Watson, for the delicious coffee and refreshments for the First Day coffee. The scones were tasty as ever.
- Aimee Switzer and Sarah Borders for obtaining and educating room parents for all of the classrooms.
- Karri Schildmeyer and her army of volunteers for helping to ensure our first graders had an easy transition into all-day school, lunchtime in the cafeteria and on the playground.
- Lauren Keeler and the After School Enrichment Committee for really being on the ball and having all of our ASE programs organized and ready to go with the programs our children enjoy.
- Robin Carlton, Soozi Cole-Hamilton and Cyndi Plagenz for their amazing Spirit Wear they introduced this year. It gets better every year!
- Melissa Fleming for organizing the office volunteers so our wonderful Barrington office staff can enjoy lunchtime.
- Lisa Downey Gearhart for all her work on the website making it presentable and informative.

I would also like to add a big thank you to all the parents and staff. It is a privilege for me to work with everyone involved at Barrington. My goal for the PTO this year is to continue to encourage everyone's participation who would like to be involved. Our school is only as good as the volunteers and staff who put their hearts and souls into it. It is quite evident that our school is the best!

The entire PTO Executive Board is open and available for your questions, comments, concerns, etc. Please do not hesitate to contact any one of us for any reason.

Sincerely,
Valerie Goettler, PTO President

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PTO dollars at work

Last year, the PTO funded all of the following:

- Numerous field trips
- Books for the Second Grade contemporary classrooms
- Gym equipment for the new space
- Academic Enrichment
- 5th Grade Promotion
- New Family Welcome Night
- Craft Courtyard and RAP
- Wellness Education
- Safety Patrol
- Technology advancements
- 5th Grade Art
- Dare T-Shirts
- Intramurals at recess
- Arnette Howard

PTO works hard to improve our school by providing additional resources for our teachers and students. Through your membership and participation, PTO is making a difference and we thank you for your support.

Easy money all year long

Every year Giant Eagle and Target donate money back to Barrington. All you have to do is go to the service desk at Giant Eagle with your Rewards Card or the service desk at Target with your Target credit card and declare Barrington as your child's school. Last year we received a check from Target for over \$2100!

Kroger's has also kicked off a new Community Rewards Program that can benefit us. Just take in the bar code displayed below to the service desk and have them first scan it, then your Kroger's Plus Card and you are registered. It's any easy way for the PTO to earn money.

Thank you so much for your support, it really does matter!



Calendar of events

10/2 – Fri	Spirit Day PTO Exec Board 8:30 am Safety 10:00 am
10/8 – Wed	Early Release 1:30 pm
10/9 – Fri	QSL 11:05 am
10/16 – Fri	No School OEA Day
10/17 – Sat	Clown Around 10:00-2:00
10/19 – Mon	No School Staff -In-Service Day
10/30 – Fri	Halloween Parade/Classroom Parties
11/2 – Mon	No School Grading Day
11/3 – Tues	Election Day Bake Sale
11/6 – Fri	Spirit Day PTO Exec Board 8:30 am Safety 10:00 am
11/10 – Tues	Conferences Grades 1-5 am only/No Kindergarten
11/13 – Fri	QSL 11:05 am
11/25 – Wed	No School Comp Day for Parent/Teacher Conferences
11/26 – 27	Thanksgiving Break

Feeling crafty????

Craft Courtyard is back for Fall with lots of great craft ideas for our children. Many thanks to those of you who donated glue sticks at the school supply sale! Last year saw a significant increase in the number of children participating in our craft projects, and your donations of glue and other items help stretch our supply budget a great deal. We are currently in need of construction paper, tape, a stapler, and multiple safety scissors. Donations may be dropped off at 1640 Barrington Road or left in the craft closet located in the teachers' lounge.

Since construction has limited our playground space, we have expanded Craft Courtyard to three times weekly throughout September and October in order to provide additional lunchtime recess choices for the kids. We are always in need of additional hands, so if you are interested in volunteering on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays from 11:05-12:05, please email me with the date(s) you are available. The kids love seeing the Craft Cart pull out onto the playground, so let's keep this fun activity going!

Melissa Hickman, 488-8819, melissajmccoy@msn.com

Keeping the spirit!

We've got spirit, yes we do . . . We've got spirit and so do you!! Thank you to all the families who purchased Spirit Wear! There is still Spirit Wear available. Look for us on Thursday October 1 to get the latest gear.

Please note that Spirit Days are the 1st Friday of each month! Don't forget to show your Barrington and UA pride Friday, October 2.

Cyndi Plagenz, 486-5322, cs lone@columbus.rr.com
Soozi Cole Hamilton, 886-2244, soozione@yahoo.com
Robin Carlton, 565-0409, robin521@aol.com

Supplies for all

The Barrington School Supply Sale was a huge success again this year! Despite the construction, we managed to pre-package supplies for 240 students, and delivered 60 directly to classrooms. Many thanks to the dedicated volunteers who helped convert the cafeteria into our store to pre-package supplies and work as cashiers. We appreciate all of the families who bought supplies through sale. We can always count on our community to support our wonderful school.

Margot Sheehan, Kim Cummings, Cheri Klisares

Thanks Caribou!

A heart-felt thanks goes to Caribou for their first day of school coffee contribution again this year. The caffeine helped kick off our first day perfectly!

Andrea Watson and Deb Weideling

Be careful, they are watching

Hopefully you have noticed the renewed and more prominent presence of our friendly Upper Arlington Police Department around our school. They are patrolling the Barrington area more this year to help with safety issues involving students as well as parent drivers. Please slow down, put down your cell phone, and pay attention.

Our students are precious and we want them all to be safe. Also, be sure to follow all traffic safety laws and signs, they will be ticketing.

Stay informed easily

The Upper Arlington School District has instituted a list serve program which will serve all the schools and PTOs in the district. To sign up, you must go to uaschools.org, Newsletter and E-Mail Groups to sign up your e-mail address. Once you do, you will be able to receive e-mails for our school and the PTO. It's a great way to receive more information without using all the paper. Sign up today!

Change your way, walk UA

Barrington is excited to be participating in the International Walk to School Day which is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7. The Wellness Committee together with parent Ann Pema has been working hard on some very exciting ideas for our school surrounding this healthy day. Please pay attention to future communications regarding this exciting and fun event.

Jennifer Burton, 481-9010, jenniferburton@columbus.rr.com

Fall ASE

Keep your eyes and ears open for our Fall Schedule at a Glance After School Enrichment. The calendar year has been set and is detailed below. Our first registration session begins Sept. 22-23. If you have any questions or are interested in hosting a class please feel free to contact us.

- Fall Quarter - Oct. 5-Nov. 13
- Winter Quarter- Feb.1-March 12
- Spring Quarter- April 19-May 28

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Sarah Borders at 485-1199, sarahborders@yahoo.com

View us online

The Barrington PTO has a website and we would like you to know what a great resource it is. Visit us at www.BarringtonPTO.com for all the information you could possibly want on what is going on at Barrington and with your PTO.

Lisa Downey, 486-8857, lisa.downey@hp.com

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First grade orientation volunteers

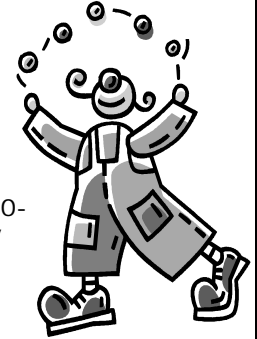
The resilient first graders (and all of Barrington's students!) are off to a good start this year thanks to the First Grade Orientation volunteers. Thank you to the following people who volunteered their time and energy during the first two weeks of school to ensure the safety and wellbeing of Barrington's students, particularly the first graders, in the school cafeteria and on the playground. Thank you for your help and support!

Valerie Goettler
Heather Leboeuf
Amy O'Brien
Wendy Mollica
Wendy Gomez
Amy Cullen
Lori Patel
Julie Horn
Jennifer Giroux
Beth Taggart
Liz Easton
Kerri White
Mindy Wilhite
Suzanne Black
Holly Linzell
Laura Stillman
Chrissie Landolfi
Melea Wachtman
Christine Freytag
Jeanine Hummer
Stacey Hall

Karri Schildmeyer, 487-9796, kschildm@columbus.rr.com

Clown Around details

One of the kids' all-time favorite activities at Barrington in the fall is back with even more exciting and fun things!! Clown Around 2009 will be held Saturday, October 17 from 10:00-2:00. It will be "street fair style" along Andover Road and will include the following activities:



- Carnival games and prizes
- Food (new and exciting additions this year!!)
- Silent auction with items for all ages
- Kids raffle
- Inflatables
- D.J. rocking the house

Clown Around has become one of the PTO's biggest fundraisers of the year and we so appreciate all your support. It takes a tremendous number of volunteers to ensure things run smoothly. Please email our Clown Around volunteer chair, **Lee Bravender**, to help set up, work the event, or tear down. Also, we need items for our silent auction. If you have some great ideas or donations, please contact our silent auction chair, **Amber Kuehn**.

We want to say a special thank you to the Jane Jones Team and Favret Heating and Cooling for joining us this year as corporate sponsors. We are always looking for others, so please contact anyone on the committee if you or your company would like to support the Barrington PTO.

We thank you and come have fun!

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Hey mom, let's go out to eat

On Monday, October 5, take a night off from the kitchen and come support the Barrington PTO. Carsonie's Restaurant has graciously agreed to host a Barrington night at their brand new restaurant located at 1725 Lane Avenue.

From 5:00-8:00 pm, Carsonie's will donate 20% of all carry out and dine-in orders back to our school. What a yummy, easy way to raise money for all the great things that go on at Barrington! And check out the special workers... your principal Pam Yoder and Assistant Principal Jason Fine. Don't miss it!

Please call 481-5555 to make a reservation or place a carry-out order.

