

# Barretts PTO Newsletter

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## Reason #542 to Love Barretts—Community

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Last Saturday we met some old and new friends on the rooftop of Schneithorst's in what became a Mason Ridge reunion. At least half of the people there were old friends but the other half were people I hadn't seen in 20 to 30 years!

As we all caught up it was obvious that (1) we all loved our time at Mason Ridge and (2) we were all interested in duplicating that experience for our own children.

Well in my mind—Barretts continues to do that every single day in so many ways. Sure we have fantastic teachers dedicated to their profession, administration that works tirelessly to maintain a standard of excellence, and parents willing and able to participate at a moments notice. Yet it is all 3 working together in har-

mony that transitions Barretts from a good school to a fantastic community. A community where diversity is celebrated, excellence expected, compassion expressed, and love shared with all that walk through the doors.

I applaud every staff member and family that has (and continues) to contribute to this community and hope you will continue to invest in the lives of these kids.

I am sure—some day in 30 years they too will be successful, passionate, productive, and responsible people getting together for a reunion and looking to ensure their children have a similar experience to what they had at Barretts!

Warm regards,  
Nick Matteucci—PTO President

## Innisbrook Fundraiser: Thank you—you did it AGAIN!!!

Fabulous Fundraising Everyone!

It was another great year for the Fall Fundraiser.

Thank you to all the Barretts families and friends who participated in this single fundraiser of the year.

Your fantastic efforts raised nearly \$18,000 for our school.

What's next?

Innisbrook orders will be delivered to school in mid October. Upon arrival, they can be picked up in the library

during school hours and evenings that the library is open. Once again PTO thanks you for your awesome support!

Questions:

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## Missouri Day: Can you help lead the exposition?

Missouri History Day is one of the longest standing traditions at our school and really brings state history alive for our forth grade students.

This year Missouri Day will be on Wednesday, October 21. This is a great chance for parents to step back in time and experience the history of our state with your kids (4th grade student

NOT required)!

We need lots of volunteers to make this a memorable day and this is a “dad friendly” event with lots of wood working and adventure stations to assist with.

It is also a day where the kids (and adults) really “dress the part” and is one

of the most memorable days in the entire 6 year Barretts experience.

Please contact Becky Powell [beckysuepowell@yahoo.com](mailto:beckysuepowell@yahoo.com) or 314-909-1835 and let us know if you can help for an hour or for the day. You will not regret it and the kids will make memories to last a lifetime.

## Wanted—Photos for the yearbook

Parents—we need your help! The yearbook committee is asking parents to share their pictures from the first month of school (and throughout the year).

The yearbook is a lifetime of shared memories but starts with parents like you taking just a moment to email us your pictures.

We are especially looking for the following events:

- First day of school,

- Field Trips,
- Student Leadership speeches,
- Barretts Bistro or
- any in-class room pictures.

Please email them to Lynn Hogan at [lynn.hogan@charter.net](mailto:lynn.hogan@charter.net) or

Donna Weber at [dweber02@charter.net](mailto:dweber02@charter.net).

Also, you may drop printed pictures or photo CDs off in the office or in

the flowered box marked yearbook



**We need your Barrett Pictures now and all through the year!**

photos in the print room at Barretts.

Please email or call Lynn Hogan with questions.

636-230-7087

## Ways and Means Still Needs Your Help!

With our typical capital improvement budget plus the return of \$30,000 in Proposition S refunded money for the AC/Heating for the Gym we have a unique opportunity to make a big improvement at school.

We have collected some of our best ideas including:

- Ergonomic classroom chairs,
- Rock wall for the gym,

- Electronic sign for the front of the school
- New classroom furniture for computers and students
- And many more

Want to help determine how the money gets spent? Well we have a job for you! We need parents to be part of the “Ways and Means” committee that is researching our options and ideas.

These will be presented to the PTO BOD for a vote this fall and the funds will then start going to the school.

Please contact Dawn

Galloway if you are interested!  
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**WE HAVE A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF EVERY STUDENT THIS YEAR!**

## Budget Friendly: Entertainment Books, eScrip, & BoxTops!

**Buy an Entertainment Book for \$30 and 50% of the proceeds go to the Barretts PTO.**

Just send \$30 in backpack mail to the Barretts PTO marked PTO Entertainment Book and you will get one home ASAP. These make FANTASTIC HOLIDAY PRESENTS!

Next, If you're not using an eScrip

card at Schnucks yet, please pick one up! You don't have to wait in line - just grab a card right off the counter at the Schnucks customer service desk, or pick one up on your way into Barretts.

Barretts receives 1% of your monthly Schnucks purchases between \$0-\$300....but 2-3 times more for monthly

purchases over \$300. **The eScrip card can also be used at Macys and now online merchants like EBay, Barnes and Noble, Amazon.com and more!**

Finally—please don't forget to clip your boxtops as we have some exciting classroom contests and promotions coming up!

## Big Landscape Committee and PTO Thank You!

Have you noticed how incredible the track looks? Especially the landscaping? Many thanks to the Menner family and Gina Fuller for helping with

the installation of the plants on the berms located at the track entrance.

It looks so AWESOME and really

shows their vision, hard work, and creativity! When you see them—please let them know GREAT JOB!

## Book Fair: Reading Around the World – Nov. 17 through 20!

You are invited to attend a special annual event at our school, the Barretts Book Fair! The fair will feature a large selection of holiday books, Mark Twain Award nominees, favorite children's series, and much more!

The book fair is a fun event for the children and all proceeds help our PTO fund important projects at our school.

Classroom "Wish Lists", developed by the teachers, will be posted during the fair. The books on these lists will make great holiday gifts for your child's teachers! Gift certificates will also be available for purchase at the book fair.

### Hours of Operation

Tues. November 17<sup>th</sup> 8:45 AM – 8:00 PM (Open during conferences)

Wed. November 18<sup>th</sup> 8:45 AM – 4:00 PM

Thurs. November 19<sup>th</sup> 8:45 AM – 8:00 PM  
(K.I.S.S. Night 6:30 – 8:00)

Fri. November 20<sup>th</sup> 8:45 AM – 4:00 PM

### K.I.S.S. Night

Kids Invite Someone Special to "Read Around the World." We will have face painting, a craft project, story time with Mrs. Mues, and time to travel the world of the Book Fair. Mark your calendars for this special evening. A great event to involve grandparents, aunts/uncles, and of course mom and dad in our book fair. Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 8:00 PM.



**The book fair is an exciting time to get your favorite books for fall/winter!**

### Small Change for a Big Change

We will be collecting *small change* again this year during Book Fair Week to make a *big change* in our community. Our collection will be matched by Scholastic Books and given to local charities in our community.

Monday 11/16...pennies

Tuesday 11/17...nickels

Wednesday 11/18...dimes

Thursday 11/19...quarters

Friday 11/20...dollars

Contact **Karen Masterson** if you have fun things to decorate with...anything to do with traveling. [karenmasterson@charter.net](mailto:karenmasterson@charter.net)

## Barretts Movie Night—November 5th

Please look for the signup flyer next week for the 11/5 Barretts Movie night!

The price is only \$4/person. The doors open at 6 PM and the movie

starts at 6:30. Bring sleeping bags blankets etc. and enjoy a family friendly movie for all ages.

As in the past, kids must be accompanied by adult and no ticket sales at

door. This event always sells out so return your form early! Volunteers or questions contact Jane Loosmore and Kathy Wibbenmeyer at Jane's email: [ormc1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ormc1@sbcglobal.net)

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### ***Our Barretts PTO Mission:***

- To promote the welfare of our children in home, school and community
- To provide assistance and support in achieving the education goals established by Barretts
- To integrate home and school so that parents and teachers may cooperate in the education of our children
- To develop between educators, families and the public united efforts that will secure for every child the highest advantages in mental, physical and social education

### **Upcoming Events:**

- Oct 2 No School.....Professional Development
- Oct 14 Picture Retake Day
- Oct 16 Barretts Bistro, 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30
- Oct 21 Missouri Day (3rd Wednesday of October)
- Nov 3 PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m. Library
- Nov 5 Movie Night
- Nov 6 No School.....State Teachers Meetings
- Nov 13 No School.....Professional Development & Records Day
- Nov 18-23 Book Fair
- Nov 17 & 19 Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-8:00 p.m.
- Nov 25,26,27 No School.....Thanksgiving Holiday

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