

2011 BARRETTS PTO



Greetings Barretts PTO Board Members and Committee Chairs!

I hope everyone had a great first few weeks of school. We've gotten off to a great start and Barretts has a new look, new class rooms, and lots of smiling faces! And do we have a lot going on or what?

Innisbrook Fundraiser going on now! Sale ends September 12th.

Please help us reach our goal of \$18,000. Our students count on the sale proceeds for tools and activities that enrich and enhance their learning all year long such as:

Field Trips	Art/Science Enrichment
Classroom Improvements	Library Books
Classroom Technology Tools	Capital Improvements

Working together we can make **Barretts the Best EVER** for our students and families!

Nutrition Task Force

The Nutrition Task Force was conceived late last year to increase the health and quality of the foods our children eat at school. Parkway's Food Services Administration has been supporting the effort and has officially slated Barretts Elementary as the "pilot" school for the district for this program. The district will eventually use the successes from this pilot to implement District-wide changes. Some early achievements include replacing high-fat, high-sugar chocolate milk with fat free chocolate milk, offering daily fresh made turkey & cheese and ham & cheese sandwiches on whole wheat bread, using whole grains wherever possible, and offering fresh fruit and side salads as an alternative to the menued fruit or vegetable. We are seeking parent input to help out with the various facets of this initiative, including dietary research, nutrition education, and communication. Please look for an upcoming announcement regarding meetings. For additional information or input, please contact Claudia Walk or Kristin Fournier. We have also started a Nutrition website accessible through the PTO link.

Nutrition Committee Kickoff meeting on **Thursday, September 22 at 7:00** in the Library. Mark your calendars and please come! All are welcome and we need many ideas and your energy and enthusiasm in serving healthy choices to our precious Barretts students! See the Principal's newsletter for more information about the nutrition committee.

Volunteer PTO Committee Chairs needed!

The volunteer booklet has been distributed. Please look through this carefully. If you did not receive one, please let Krista Hale know. When volunteer slips are returned, Krista sorts them and places them in the appropriate committee envelopes in a box in the Barretts copy room. *Please* stop in regularly to collect the volunteer slips for your committee and *please* be sure to contact every person who volunteers for your committee! Even if you do not need all who volunteer, please acknowledge their offer to help. If you have changes to the volunteer book description for your committee, please contact Krista as soon as possible. We have openings that need to be filled!

Leveled Reading Library	Chair needed to assist Missy Kuhnmuensch
Kindergarten Nature Trail	Open Chair
1 st Grade Nature Trail	Open Chair
2 nd Grade Nature Trail	Open Chair
3 rd Grade E2 Day	Open Chair
3 rd Grade Native American	Open Chair

4 th Grade MO Day	Open Chair
5 th Grade Outdoor Awareness	Open Chair
Spotlight Night	Chair Needed
Star Night (5 th Grade)	Chair Needed

Please contact Krista Hale at (314) 835-1514 or hale0304@yahoo.com

Each committee chair passes down their notebooks to the new chairs. If you are a new chair and haven't received a notebook, please contact last year's chair or Krista. These notebooks are essential to organizing our PTO activities and ensuring a smooth transition as committee chairs change. Please keep your notebook organized and current during your tenure. Future committee chairs will thank you!

Email

Other than the newsletters, this package and PTO meetings, we plan on using email as the primary form of communication amongst PTO board members and chairs/committees. If your email address shown on the chair list needs to be updated or is missing, please email me at attykayser@sbcglobal.net. We will be including all committee chair email addresses in the Buzz Book which should be printed soon. As always, let me know if you do NOT want your email address listed there.

Thank you so much for investing your time, talent and energy as a Barretts volunteer. Our active and involved parent group is a crucial part of our school's – and our children's – success. If ever you have questions, thoughts, ideas or suggestions, or need help or support with your efforts, please don't hesitate to contact me.

PHOTOS WANTED FOR THE YEARBOOK!!

The yearbook committee is hoping you will share your photos for the yearbook! We are looking for photos from all events school related. We are currently looking for 1st Day of School photos. If you would like to share, please email your photos to lynn.hogan@charter.net or contact Lynn Hogan with any questions at 314-922-7737. Look for exciting news regarding the yearbook in the October newsletter!

PICTURE DAY IS COMING!

Picture day for all students and staff is **Wednesday September 14th**
 Look for ORDER FORMS that came in Thursday folders. Contact Lynn Hogan with any questions.
lynn.hogan@charter.net

Monthly Newsletters

This PTO newsletter is attached to the monthly Barretts principal's newsletter, which is sent home on the second Thursday of each month. Please email any information you would like included in the newsletter 10 days prior to the publication to attykayser@sbcglobal.net. I need to submit the finished newsletter to Dr. Kelli Moreton for approval a week prior to publication, so your help is much appreciated!

Also, if you have a flyer that you want attached to the newsletter, please have it approved by Dr. Kelli Moreton (via Terrie Winzen) and email to me when approved so that I can submit it along with the newsletter for final printing.

Folder Flyers

If your flyer misses the monthly newsletter or needs to go out at another time, it can be sent home via the weekly Thursday folders/backpacks if necessary, but please try to use the newsletter as much as possible. Please remember that any flyer that is sent home with the children must be approved in advance by our principal. Submit your flyers to Terrie Winzen no later than the Friday prior to the Thursday you want the flyer to be distributed.

PTO Mailbox

The PTO mailbox is located in the Barretts copy room. Many items make their way to this mailbox over the course of the year. Please be sure to check this box regularly for correspondence, particularly near the time frame of your event or program. Thanks!

Reserving Space/Table Requests/Custodial Help

Please see Terry Seal in the office to reserve space in the school for meetings or events, to arrange custodial help or to request tables for an event. If using the library, please also check with Mrs. Tina Berg-Gardner, our librarian.

Best Regards,

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