



BULLDOG BULLETIN

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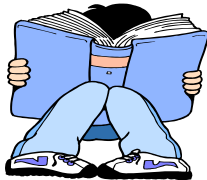


Dear Barry Students, Parents and Families,

It has been an exciting and interesting learning experience that I will never forget. Thank you. I would like to give a very special than you to the PTA officers & members for your undying support to the children at Barry School. Looking forward to seeing you & your children this summer, and hearing about great books and summer stories.

Summer Literacy

Did you know Barry has a **Summer Reading Program** sponsored by the PTA and the Shared Decision Making Team? If your child reads all summer long and completes the reading record sheet each day or week, your child will be able to participate in our September ice cream social. Not only that, when the reading log is turned in, your child will be eligible to participate in the Reading Program drawing for gift certificates and special prizes in September.



How might you support your child to practice literacy skills?

Remember the Daily 5:

- Read to self, Read to others, word work, writing, and Listen to reading.
- Newspapers, magazines, recipes, TV guides, poetry, nursery rhymes, and of course books will do the trick.
- Allow the children to read to you or a sibling each day.
- Keep that quiet spot and special time you've put aside for homework.
- Continue to encourage the children to read at least 15-20 minutes per day.
- Read to your child regularly.
- Utilize the library for books on tape and CDs to listen to with your children.
- Play word games (such as scrabble and Boggle), play board games, do crossword puzzles, or review this years' spelling words.

- Consider having your child **write** about special family trips, outings, and picnics.
- Gather photos of special people and events in your lives and have the children write captions.



Use your computer for academic work during the summer months. Here are some web sites that have parent links and on-line printable activities for your child. <http://abcteach.com>, <http://pbskids.org>, <http://starfall.com>, <http://discoveryschool.com>, www.studyisland.com. If you don't have a computer, the library has computers for families to use.

How Can I Get Involved?

Are you interested in being more involved? Do you have ideas to share? Do you want to be heard? Join the PTA! If you are interested in reading at the park or in the summer camp at Barry this summer, give me a call or email me at Rosero@twcny.rr.com. If you are interested in joining the Shared Decision Making Team, just let me know. If you are interested in gardening, contact Kerri at KerriFreese@yahoo.com.

Family Puppet Parade & The Backyard Circus ®

Thanks to the partnership with the Child Development Center and the Cortland Enlarged City School District, we have been able to secure funds, through the Onondaga Cultural Arts Coalition, to invite local artists like Midway Caravan of Freeville to our community during the summer. The Family Puppet Parade & the Backyard Circus are two programs that are the cornerstones of 25 years of exploration of ways to engage families and communities in the celebration of favorite themes. This summer learn about the history of the circus and participate in a book exchange providing a safe and orderly environment for the children.



Midway Caravans



Family Puppet Parade

Have a great summer!!

Ms. Rosero

Barry Is Blooming

This is the last week of school and the Barry Garden Club has hopes and dreams for our garden. Barry Garden Club is mainly 6th graders that have planted a garden with Mrs. Rosero, this year. We are hoping that our garden will cooperate and be able to give the students, before the end of the school year, a fresh salad or even enough for the school to at least taste some of the things we are growing.



It was great meeting Congressman Arcuri, earlier this month. He was very interested in the Barry School Garden. In this picture Madison and other Garden Club members share how all of the students in the school were involved in voting for the garden veggies. "He was quite pleased with the process and surprised broccoli came out on top!" says Kerri Freese, active supporter of the Barry School Garden. She clicks away as Congressman Arcuri waters the lettuce. Even though the plants are not growing the way we wanted, he really liked all the work we did for the garden and said a lot of nice things.

"School gardens are a great way to bring students, teachers, families and communities together to promote the importance of environmental stewardship," said Arcuri. "Also, by learning where their food comes from, students are able to develop healthy eating habits that will last a life-time. I am so glad I had the opportunity to visit and see the tremendous amount of work these students have put into this garden."

The next week, we had a telephone conference with the Congressman's Press Secretary, Mark Cornell. He talked a lot about how to write a press release. What message are we trying to get across with the garden? "Eat healthy food!" "Know where your food comes from." "Try eating food coming straight from the ground." "Fresh food is good for you." The garden is also really important because we are teaching responsibility to younger students." Planting our garden was tons of fun. Getting to work with my friends while helping the environment and growing foods I never heard of was fun too.

As you know, Mrs. Rosero is leaving next year, along with us 6th graders. We have hopes that the 5th graders and others will carry along this garden as an annual thing. We hope that eventually we will have a big annual feast from the plants we have planted.

Thank you for your support,
The Barry School Garden Club 2009-2010

