



# NBS Weekly News

North Barrington School

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Week of  
December 10, 2007

## Glance at the week ahead

Tues	12/11	Market Day pickup in cafeteria 3:00-4:00
	Library Sale Week	December 10th – 14 <sup>th</sup>
Thurs	12/13	12:00 Character Counts meeting in Library
Fri	12/14	8:30 am Student Council

## Upcoming Events

### ***Original Works Important Notice.....***

**Product pick up, Thursday 12/13 and Friday 12/14 from 3:00 to 4:00pm in the cafeteria**

**Reminder:**

Shop at these earth-friendly online retailers...

3% of all Sales go to NBS to support environmental-education!

[Ecoist.com](http://Ecoist.com) (Please Enter NBS00 in the Discount or Gift Cert. Code box before Check-Out)

One-of-a-kind handbags and jewelry made from soda pull tabs, candy wrappers, movie billboards. One Tree Planted for Every Bag Sold!

[Greenfieldpaper.com](http://Greenfieldpaper.com) (Please Enter NBS in the Special Instructions box before Check-Out)

Handmade 100% recycled cards that can be planted... and will GROW!

Percentage only provided to NBS if codes are entered before you check-out!

After December 31st, the percentage to NBS will be 1%.

**NEWS FLASH!** NBS has been selected to be a pilot test school for an important campaign dedicated to inspiring children's environmental awareness. Watch for details after the holiday break!

Please  
Note

Deadline for Cover Page information: Friday, 5 p.m. (submit info to Stephanie Hagan at 487-4426 or [jhagan6324@aol.com](mailto:jhagan6324@aol.com) )  
Weekly Newsletter Fliers due to NBS office (Joan) for reproduction: Monday Noon (400 Copies\* no half pages or oversize fliers.)  
Deadline for printed fliers (if you are printing elsewhere): Wednesday 8:00 a.m.

# December 2007

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>Dec 30</b>	<b>Dec 31</b> <b>No School Winter Break</b>					<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 8:00 am 5 <sup>th</sup> Girls BBall practice  3:45 Chess Club	<b>4</b> 8:00 am 5 <sup>th</sup> Boys BBall practice  8:15 Drama 4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>5</b> 8:00 am 5 <sup>th</sup> Boys BBall practice	<b>6</b> 8:00 am 5 <sup>th</sup> Girls BBall practice PTO Holiday Lunch 4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra Concert at Station 7:30pm	<b>7</b> 8:40 – 9:00 Bank at School	<b>8</b>
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<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>No School Winter Break</b>	<b>25</b> <b>No School Winter Break</b>	<b>26</b> <b>No School Winter Break</b>	<b>27</b> <b>No School Winter Break</b>	<b>28</b> <b>No School Winter Break</b>	<b>29</b>



May the time be close at hand  
when all may live in harmony, a  
peaceful world of kindred hearts  
united as a family

In your heart.... Peace  
In your home.....Happiness  
In the world....Love

Have a wonderful holiday season filled with joy  
and peace!

The North Barrington School Staff

# ART NEWS

DECEMBER 2007

## Project Recap



**First Grade** students read a story called Tea for Me, Tea for You. A story about 10 pigs who go to a restaurant and enjoy a tea party. This story inspired us to create our own tea cups and saucers and was used as an introduction to clay making techniques. Many artists throughout time and place create cups and saucers because it is a recognizable form. We learned how to create our saucer from a slab (a flattened piece of clay)

and used various clay tools to impress and incise designs into our saucers. On our second day we learned how to create a pinch pot and two coils to create our tea cup. In order for our clay pieces to stick to one another we needed to slip and score our clay. Once we were finished sculpting we put our cups and saucers into the kiln. Now we are discussing the use of a matching pattern on the cup and saucer so we know whose cup belongs to whose saucer! Lastly we learned how to add our patterns by painting carefully with glaze. Our tea sets need to go into the kiln one more time, then they will be displayed by the front office!

**First/Second Grade** were introduced to the artwork of pre-historic man. We read a story called The Cave Painter of Lascaux, a story of a girl who goes on a field trip to Lascaux cave in France. Here she learns about the artwork of pre-historic man and is able to see the beautiful paintings left on the cave walls. Students analyzed photographs from Lascaux cave noticing all the different types of lines the artists used to paint beautiful pictures of



animals. We created our own textured cave wall drawing by crumpling a piece of paper, and drawing our own animals, focusing on using different types of lines in our drawings thick, thin, straight, wavy, broken, etc. After our drawings were complete, we were able to use clay to make a section of a textured cave wall. We learned how to create a slab and added texture with our fingers, knuckles, and hands. Then we used red slip to create a line painting on our wet clay slab!

**Second Grade** students just recently finished their Oaxacan animal sculptures. The final step was discussing various types of patterns we could use to decorate our animals. Patterns repeat by using shapes, lines, and combining both. Once our animals were dry we used Mod Podge to give our animals a nice shiny protective coat. We also wrote about our animals, stating what type of animal we created, the colors we used in our patterns, and how our animal would bring its owner good luck. Since one of the things we learned was that Oaxacan animal sculptures were thought to bring good luck!



To all North Barrington families

We thought this quote was perfect for you.

"The purest charity is that that is given  
freely with no thought for  
personal glory, reward, or recognition."

You all have given so freely and generously  
to the nursing homes.

Mrs. Todd was thrilled by your generosity  
and very thankful!

We are so proud and grateful to you.  
Once again, thank you.

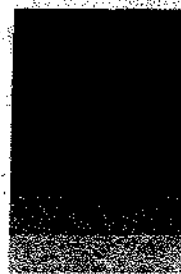
Deb, Noreen and Joan

**Third Grade** students are still working hard on their architectural drawings. We are using triangles, protractors, rulers, and compasses to draw our final building designs. We are focusing on using horizontal, vertical, parallel, and perpendicular lines. After we finished drawing, we outlined our drawings in Sharpie to finalize them and are now discussing the use of texture in our artwork. By adding visual textures to the outside of our buildings, will give the viewer clues as to the type of materials that would be used to construct our buildings.



**Fourth Grade** Fourth grade continued their discussion about POP art with the introduction of a new pop artist named Wayne Thiebaud. Thiebaud created paintings of repeated forms on a 2D surface. These forms took shape as desserts, cakes, and various sweets. Fourth grade discussed the difference between forms and shapes and learned how to draw 3D forms on a flat surface. We chose our favorite form and created a drawing of it in our sketchbooks adding details to make it look like a dessert. Through our investigation we learned that basic shapes make up complex forms. We are going to use this information when we change our 2D sketches of desserts into actual 3D forms using clay!

**Fifth Grade** students are still working on their art room still life compositions. After spending a day and a half sketching and drawing our compositions, fifth grade students discussed the use of value in artwork. Value is the lightness or darkness of a color. We practiced creating value scales in our sketchbook using pencil, charcoal pencils, and compressed charcoal. Boy is it messy! Now that we know how to create value, we are beginning to add value to our compositions using charcoal.



## **Artsonia NEWS - Why haven't you Joined Artsonia?**

By now, your child/ren should have come home with a special ART NEWS letter that contained your child's specific passcode to participate in Artsonia, online art gallery. Remember Artsonia is a very special opportunity for your child, it gives them their own online art gallery, a way to read comments about their art, leave comments for other artists, buy products with their art on it, earn online awards for their participation, and gain self esteem and confidence.

Artsonia ranks schools in regards to their participation in Artsonia. So far North Barrington is ranked 13<sup>th</sup> in the State. The rank is based on the number of fan clubs created, comments left, funds raised, and artwork uploaded to Artsonia. In other words the more you and your child participate the higher rank NB receives. Wouldn't it be fun to get recognized within the top ten participating schools in Illinois for our first year participating?? We are well on our way! Keep it up!

For those of you who may have misplaced your child's passcode feel free to email me and I will send your child's passcode to you. For those of you who received a permission slip in the mail, that is because your child did not sign the media release form. If you would like your child to participate in Artsonia just sign and return the permission slip to Miss Barath.

If you have any questions or comments please contact Miss Barath.

Miss Barath

Email: ABarath@cusd220.lake.k12.il.us

# District #220 proudly presents...

## Annual Speech Tournament 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grades



Saturday, March 8, 2008

B.M.S. ~ Station Campus

Mark your calendars!

The Speech Tournament is a fabulous opportunity for students in grades four-eight to memorize poetry, prose, or a short skit and perform at Station Middle School in March. A team of judges will score the presentations for verbal and written feedback.

Students build confidence and self-esteem while learning important communication skills in a fun and supportive environment. Students should contact their school coordinator for more details. They are listed below and can be reached at 847-381-4340.

Our meeting will be in the gym

Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>

4<sup>th</sup> Grade at 11:55 and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade at 12:35

Your School Coordinators are:

Miss Borck & Mrs. Lindsay



December 10, 2007

Dear NBS Parents,

Our North Barrington School is recognized by educators and by the media as a school where students learn effectively. Chicago Magazine ranked NBS as one of the top 5 in the Chicago suburbs, where 100% of our students perform at or above grade level in math and 99% perform at or above grade level in reading according to state ISAT test scores. These accomplishments are only possible with dedicated efforts of outstanding teachers, motivated students and supportive parents.

We work hard to create an innovative and effective learning environment at NBS. One of the more progressive tools has been the addition of SMART Boards, purchased with funds raised by the PTO from the successful Adult Social "Carnivale!" last February. Fifteen of these SMART Boards are being used throughout the school, and the feedback from teachers and students alike is, in a word, "amazing!" We'll be sharing more about how these SMART Boards help teachers teach and students learn more effectively in the coming months.

The 15 boards are enhancing the learning environment every day; our vision is to have a SMART Board in every teaching room. So today, we'd like to introduce a new fundraising effort:

### **"SMART Start"**

All donations generated from this drive will be used exclusively to purchase SMART Boards to equip the remaining 9 classrooms over the summer (\$4,500 per board). With this goal, we are asking you to consider making a year-end cash donation, payable to "NBS-PTO SMART Start."

NBS - PTO has 501-C3 tax exempt status (EIN E9973-4052-04). If you choose to make a donation, please apply for employee matching funds that can double or triple your donation in some instances.

Again, please accept our deepest gratitude for your continued support of North Barrington School. If you have any questions or comments, don't hesitate to call Annette Budzak (PTO Treasurer - 847.713.2427, [annettebudzak@comcast.net](mailto:annettebudzak@comcast.net)), Mary Magro (PTO President - 847.487.7601, [mrymags@yahoo.com](mailto:mrymags@yahoo.com)) or Dr. Cross (Principal - 847.381.4340, [dcross@CUSD220.org](mailto:dcross@CUSD220.org)).

Sincerely,

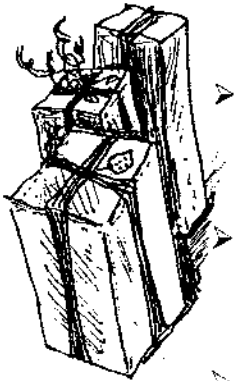
North Barrington School - Parent Teacher Organization



## Holiday Gift Ideas For the Earth



Consider making these Holiday Gift Ideas For the Earth part of your family tradition...  
*or come up with some of your own:*



- **Wrap presents in old magazines, newspapers, calendars or paper bags.** If every household wrapped just three presents this way, *we'd save enough paper to cover some 45,000 football fields!\**

- **Or, forget wrapping all together—make the package part of the present.** Slip little games or books into a set of new winter pajamas, arrange kitchen items in an elegant serving dish. *If you do wrap, choose recycled paper.*

**Have a contest to see who can unwrap the most gifts without tearing the paper.** Save it for next year or *donate it.* Be sure to recycle any un-reusable paper—but remove tape and ribbons first!

- **Don't pitch wrapping paper in the fire**—the dyes in wrapping paper can emit harmful chemicals when burned.

- **Reuse ribbon or use your imagination**—attach a sprig of holly or a tree ornament instead! *Tens of thousands of miles of ribbon are discarded each year.*



- **Send Thank-You Notes that Grow**—from [greenfieldpaper.com](http://greenfieldpaper.com). What a great way to say thank-you—the recipient can plant the card, which grows! The paper recycles naturally into the soil. *A portion of all sales goes to NBS when you enter North Barrington School in the "Special Instructions" box at Check Out.*



- **Burn Java-Logs made from recycled coffee grounds.** They emit a fifth as many air pollutants as your typical yule log—and burn three times brighter.



- **Have a "Lights Out" night!** Have your kids describe the changes they see inside and out as the sun disappears. Play an I Spy game, picking out shadowy shapes that resemble weird things. Play board games or reminisce about holidays past by candlelight. Just one hour of lights out in America could save as much as 15% of the energy consumed on an average Saturday night.\*\* **That doesn't even factor in all the holiday lights!**

**The Bonus? You'll create some very special holiday memories.**

**Remember, every small step  
can truly make all the difference in the world.™**

\*According to Robert Liebenfeld and William Rathje's book, *Use Less Stuff*. \*\* According to LightsOutAmerica.org

**Original Works Yours  
Order Pick Up**

**Thursday, 12/13 &  
Friday, 12/14  
in the cafeteria**

**3:00- 4:00 p.m.**

If you'd like your order sent home in your child's backpack or have any questions, please call Chris Merkle @847-526-5329 or cel 847-417-0026

**Thanks for your support of the  
North Barrington School PTO**



# CARING

## CHARACTER PILLAR OF THE MONTH

Be kind: Be compassionate and show you care; Express gratitude; Forgive others;  
Help people in need

**GRATITUDE:** Gratitude is a thankful appreciation for benefits received

**GENEROSITY:** Generosity is an unselfish willingness to give and share your time and talents in your community.

**KINDNESS:** Being gentle, willing to help, friendly, courteous, and considerate


**LIVE BY THE GOLDEN RULE:** "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you"

Families,

What a perfect time of year to express the character pillar of the month. **CARING** We have many opportunities at North Barrington to be unselfish and give to those who are not as fortunate as us. It is a time of year to share our time and talents and volunteer in the community. Giving Day is this Saturday and many organizations in the community take part. See where you and your family can lend a hand or donate items. It is a time of year to encourage your child to be appreciative of all the blessings each of us have and to not be so focused on what "they" want and are getting for gifts. Give your child the gift of providing an opportunity for them to grow by finding ways for them to give. Be a positive role model for your child by showing them you are involved in community service projects, volunteering and giving. Lead your child to be character driven young people.

Have a blessed Holiday Season !  
Kelly O'Brien, Barbara Aievoli, and Kathy Featherstone  
Character Counts Committee

Next Character Counts Committee Meeting is  
Thursday December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
Library at noon.



## Thank You From the library

**Shakespeare said, "I can no other answer make but thanks,  
And thanks, and ever thanks." Twelfth Night. Act.3 Sc.3**

To the volunteers who show up week after week to help in the library (the list is too long and you know who you are) we can't thank you enough.

To **Denise Oetinger, Jacqui Nguyen and Gretchen Kozlowski** who pulled off another successful Holiday Shopping week in the library, there are no words to thank you.

To the moms who so generously donated to the Library Store, you put the smile on the kids' faces.

Margaret Blanke , Darcie Bradshaw, Ellen Day, Sharon Deckert, Ann Fields, Michelle Fisher, Carla Garner, Jeannie Giampa, Grandma Findlay, Jill Gruner, Jennifer Hansen, Viheke Harwood, Colleen Lipinski, Jody Kubala, Karen Luedke, Kelly Madrzyk, Pam Schultz, Christine Siemon, Wendy Sowders , Mary Stodola, Robyn Van Hollen, Michelle Wuertz.

Thank you also to our two students, Brett Budzak and Shannon Whitmer for their wonderful donation to the library store

If we missed anyone we apologize.

**"Gratitude is the memory of the heart." Jean Massieu**