



The Barnard PTA Newsletter



Barnard Early Childhood Center

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Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Barnard school. I am so pleased to welcome the many new families of the children who have entered our Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and First Grade programs this year. You have entered a school lottery and have secured a seat for your child in an educational environment that truly values the early childhood years. Those parents who have had children attend Barnard in past years, will attest to the dedication and commitment of all of us who are here to support the educational, social and emotional growth of your child. I am certain that this will be another remarkable year. I invite you to stay in touch and spend time with us throughout your child's period at Barnard supporting the work that we can best do in cooperation with one another.

On October 9th at 9:30 a.m. I will hold a Principal's Tea in our school cafeteria and I extend a special invitation to new parents to stop by, say hello and meet the members of your Barnard family. At that time we will chat about some of the policies at Barnard that will help you in understanding the way we do things in our building. I will also share with you some of my plans for this school year. For those of you who may not be able to attend the Tea, here are

some pieces of information that I will speak about that you should know.

Please make sure that the school always has your current, working telephone numbers. It is very important that we always be able to contact you when needed.

Always check the District calendar along with the monthly Barnard calendar for important dates to remember.

District calendar can be downloaded at:
<http://barnard.nred.org>

Children in grades K through 2 should walk to their classrooms without parental escort. We are working from the very beginning to build trust and independence throughout the school community.

And finally, please join the PTA. It is a great way to help to make a difference in the educational life of all of the children in our Barnard family!

I look forward to seeing you throughout the school year and again, my sincerest welcome!

Yours truly,

Patricia Lambert, Principal



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Upcoming Events & Dates to Remember

Principal's Tea
Friday, October 9 @ 9:30 a.m.

Pre-K : Meet the Teacher
Thursday, October 15 @ 6:30 p.m.

Pumpkin Patch & Coat Sale
Saturday, October 24
Noon-4:00 p.m.

Halloween Dance
Friday, October 30 @ 6:30 p.m.

Election Day Bake Sale
Tuesday, November 3

PTA Meeting
Tuesday, November 3 @ 7:00 p.m.

NOTE: The dates of school report card distribution have been changed to:

1st Marking Period
Friday, December 11

2nd Marking Period
Friday, March 19

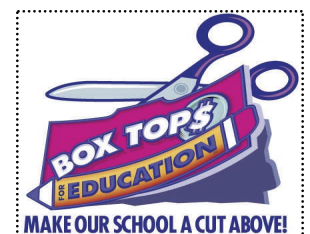
3rd Marking Period
Friday, June 25

****UPDATE****

The FAMILY BBQ (originally planned for this Friday, 10/9) has been **POSTPONED** indefinitely.

GOING GREEN—No Idling Campaign

Westchester County enacted a law that states that persons operating a motor vehicle are not permitted to let their engine idle for more than 3 consecutive minutes when the vehicle is not in motion. The purpose of this campaign is to reduce pollution from idling buses and cars that negatively affect our children's healthy lung growth and development. By not idling, you not only help the environment and instill a sense of environmental responsibility in your children, you save money. Idling for 30 seconds uses more fuel than restarting your engine, and idling for only 10 minutes per day wastes an average of 24.6 gallons of gas yearly.



PLEASE REMEMBER TO NEATLY CUT OUT AND SEND IN YOUR BOX TOPS BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

AMY'S GREENHOUSE



Amy's Greenhouse

www.amysgreenhouse.com

On September 11, 2009 the Amy's Greenhouse committee hosted a memorial ceremony to honor the memory of Amy O'Doherty who perished in the World Trade Center attacks on 9/11, and pay tribute to first responders.

In attendance were Mayor Bramson and representatives from the New Rochelle fire department and the Sound Shore Medical Center's Emergency Room team.

Millie Radonjic led the pledge and announced the surprise installation of a beautiful, custom made American flag mosaic in the center of the patio donated by US Airways flight attendant, Marianne Moore.

Eleven new bricks were also revealed, including one donated by US Airways flight attendants

in honor of Captain Sully, the Hero on the Hudson.

Danny Ilich, Kiwanis Foundation trustee, and K-Club members presented pediatric trauma and oxygen kits to the New Rochelle Fire Commissioner and to the Sound Shore Emergency Room director.

These donations were intended to honor the contributions of the 9/11 first responders and will provided much needed equipment to help protect our children in emergency situations. Each kit contains life saving equipment that is sized to fit and more effectively treat patients from infants to teens.

In closing the ceremony, Amy's sister Maura tearfully thanked everyone for coming and remembering her sister. She expressed that the greenhouse at Barnard was helping to keep Amy's memory alive and that it comforted her to know that her sister's name continued to be spoken so often by so many.

...never forget

DONATIONS NEEDED

The PTA is seeking donations of clean, gently-used jackets and coats for the upcoming **Coat Sale**. A collection bin will be set up by the main entrance. Please be sure to drop off your donations no later than Friday, October 23. Thank you!

SPRING CARNIVAL 2009 by Karen Hessel

Saturday, May 20th turned out to be an idyllic day where in perfect historic fashion Barnard's spring carnival was a wonderful success due in large part to the volunteers and members of the PTA who took the time out of their busy lives to assist with setting up, selling tickets, manning the booths, grilling, serving and cleaning up.

The event was decorated with balloons and beads in Mardi Gras themed colors of purple, yellow and green. Children enjoyed the jumping castle, inflatable slide, strong man hammer and spin art. Fortune telling and ping pong toss (with a chance to win a real live goldfish) were particular favorites. Everywhere you turned you could see children having a great time with their painted faces, neon sprayed hair and temporary tattoos.

A special thanks to the Sanchez family (Trinity School) who graciously provided us with the DJ music and revelry for a true carnival mood. And, we could not have done it without the help our teenage volunteers, those who generously donated prizes and last but not least Shirley Marine and her husband Richie for all their hard work.

We look forward to spring carnival 2010!

A message from PTA Co-Presidents Alysa Vasapolli & Melody Baez

The PTA would like to welcome everyone back to the best kept secret in New Rochelle -- The Barnard Early Childhood Center. For those of you who are new to the school, you sure did win the lottery! There is a reason so many families try to get their children into our school -- the outstanding teachers and faculty, the warm and inviting atmosphere, the friendly and welcoming families.

This month we have the **Pumpkin Patch** (featuring special hayrides) and our always spooky and outrageously fun **Halloween Dance** (on Halloween Eve). And, keep your eye out for the inauguration of our new playground...just days away from completion!

We invite you to attend our monthly PTA meetings listed on the district calendar, and typically held the first Tuesday of each month. Meetings take place in the Barnard Library at 7pm. Whether you want to help at an event, or just air your thoughts...come join us. Everyone counts at Barnard. We do it for the children!

Would you like to receive a text alert in the event of school closure or delay?

Follow this link: <http://www.lohud.com/section/mobile>

PRESTIGE FUNDRAISER — Support our fall fundraiser by sharing the Prestige catalog with family, friends and co-workers. For your convenience, items can also be viewed and ordered on-line at www.prestigefundraisinginc.com. All proceeds go to support our children's activities throughout the school year. Deadline for orders has been extended to October 14th. We hope you will participate.

Jump Start Program

Barnard is pleased to welcome Jessica Lake, Siobhan Hopkins, Joseph Mordus and Matthew Riley, third-year Physical Therapy students from New York Medical College who are heading the lunch-time Wellness & Exercise program at Barnard this year. The program is designed to promote fun exercise and healthy lifestyle choices. There is limited enrollment for this 8-week program open to kindergarten and 1st grade students only. Deadline for registration is 10/19.

Coming soon...*Healthy Living Tips* to incorporate into our everyday lives and more *Living Green* tips and ideas to reduce, reuse and recycle.

Remember, if your child is going to be absent from school, please call 576-4388 to let us know. The teacher will then be informed not to expect your child.