

October 6, 2009

Barnard School PTA Meeting Minutes

- 1 President Alysa Vasapolli opened the meeting. Secretary Lauren Pekats recorded the minutes. A Quorum was present.
- 2 Dr. Michael Majsak from Westchester Medical College spoke of the Jump Start program. He has a lunchtime exercise program that will target 20 Kindergarteners and 20 1st graders for the fall. An equal number of students will be chosen for the spring lunchtime program. His program incorporates fun, healthy non-competitive activities for children. The program is funded through a Federal Grant. They are looking for parent volunteers on Thursdays from 11:30-12:30 in the Gym. Questions contact Jessica_lake@nymc.edu.
- 3 Gift Wrap Fundraiser is extended through 10/14/09.
- 4 Welcome BBQ postponed. BBQ food will be added to the Pumpkin Patch. October 24th 12-4PM. Event to sell pumpkins, pumpkin painting (Millie's artist friend to help), pony drawn hayrides, and donuts, cider, and hot dogs to be sold.
- 5 **Halloween Dance** – October 30th 6:30-8PM. Liz Aiello needs volunteers to work at the party. Admission \$6 for PTA members, \$8 non-members. Ilana Richmond volunteered to work a membership table if we set one up that night.
- 6 **AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES** – Mara Roberge and Shanna Leuchter co-chairs. Confirmations going out this week for Fall activities. Tuesday enrollment 89 students, Thursday enrollment 75 students. Programs run 6 weeks beginning 10/27/09.
- 7 **MEMBERSHIP**- Suzanne Camerini and Shanna Leuchter co-chairs. As of 10/6 there is 26% enrollment. 159 members of the approximate 500 Barnard families have joined the PTA. 38% of grades K, 1, and 2 (Magnet) have joined. 9 teachers have joined. Pre-K membership tables will be set up on Pre-K Meet the Teacher Night Thursday 10/15/09. So far \$1932 collected.
- 8 **GREENHOUSE**- Millie the "Keeper" of the Greenhouse spoke of the Amy's Greenhouse Website. www.amysgreenhouse.com . Click on PTA to access all PTA information and newsletters from the entire NR school district.
A schedule of classes to visit the Greenhouse was handed out. Millie can be reached at millie@amysgreenhouse.com. Volunteers are always wanted!
- 9 **PTA COUNCIL** - Suzanne Camerini attended the last council meeting. She mentioned the district wide push for Foreign Language introduction at earlier ages. CILA Italian is in its 2nd year and doing well. Mandarin Chinese is now being offered at Albert Leonard and NRHS. She mentioned the Food From the Heart Festival to be held at the Library and an Arts Festival to be held 10/18/09. Through the Healthy School Program, a Wellness Council has been set up. A committee on Wellness from each of the NR schools is requested to be formed. Committees should include school nurse, teachers and parents. Contact Nurse Anna or Nurse Debbie for more info.
- 10 **PHOTO DAY** – November 5 and 6. Help is needed to assist children in auditorium during the photo process.

11 BOX TOPS- Being collected on Friday 10/9. Send in your Box Tops in a bag labeled with child's name and Teacher. Last year the PTA collected \$1668 in Box Tops.

12 PRINCIPAL'S TEA – Ms. Lambert is hosting a Principal's Tea on Friday 10/9 at 9:30 AM in the cafeteria.

She plans on speaking of the NEW Reggio-Inspired Dual Language Program beginning at Barnard. She also plans on talking about bullying. Mrs. Lambert pointed out the new Dog Tag necklaces that ALL Barnard Staff members are wearing this year.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM