



The Barnard PTA Newsletter



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.

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. The 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

Barnard Early Childhood Center

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Upcoming Events & Dates to Remember.

- September 7:** School Welcome BBQ @ school yard (5:30 pm)
- September 11:** 10th anniversary memorial service @ Amy's Greenhouse (4 pm-6 pm)
- September 15:** Meet the teachers night for Grades K-2 (7pm)
- October 6:** Principal's Tea for new families @ library (9:30 am)
- October 15:** Pumpkin Patch @ Amy's Greenhouse (10 am)
- October 20:** Meet the teachers Pre-K @ Auditorium (6:30 pm)
- October 28:** Halloween Dance @ Gym (6:30 pm)
- November 15/16th:** Photo Day
- November 14-18:** Book Fair @ Gym

Support the PTA!

Join the PTA, sign up for events and make a donation (via PayPal or credit card), on our new web site: www.barnardpta.org

For membership information, please contact: Liz Smith (liz531@aol.com or 917/553-7327) OR Jennie McFarland (jennie.mcfarland@verizon.net or 914/576-8258).

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL — CONTINUE TO COLLECT BOX TOPS



the difference
I can make.

We earned over \$1,600 last year from our Box Tops Collections at Barnard and this year our goal is to collect \$2,000! Trim off box tops neatly when you see them on items such as: cereal, juices, paper products. Send them into school with your child in a zip lock bag with your child's name and their teacher's name. Questions? ask Rosemary Salvatore at salvatorefam@optonline.net. THANK YOU!

You can sign up with the School District to get Home Access, via the internet, for important classroom/curriculum information. Call 914/567-4300 to make an appointment to sign up, if you are interested.



Red Card Another Little Way to Make a BIG Difference

Did you know there's an easy way to help us raise money for our school—for books, reading programs and anything else that can use extra funding? It's called **Take Charge of Education**, and it's helping Barnard Early Childhood Center right now.

Here's how it works: Visit Target.com/tcoe or call 1-800-316-6142 to designate Barnard with the ID number: **76961**, and then use your REDcard whenever you shop. When you use your REDcard Target will donate up to 1% of your purchases to Barnard.

Learn more at Target.com/redcard or stop in a Target store to apply. Grandparents, alumni, friends and neighbors are all welcome to participate in the program. The more people we involve, the harder the program works for our school.

Check out our school's progress anytime at Target.com/tcoe.

It's easy to do and you will make a BIG difference to our school!

Please contact Kathy Palermo (kap0107@yahoo.com or 718-207-2660) with any questions



In memory of Amy O'Doherty (the inspiration for Barnard's Greenhouse), all who perished on September 11, 2001 and in recognition of the National Day of Service, please bring any of the following items to the front of Barnard between 3pm—6pm on Sunday, September 11, 2011.

These care items will be included in the next batch of care packages being sent by "Operation Support Our Troops" a local charitable organization that sent over 1,300 care packages last year to our very deserving U.S. Troops. Monetary support is also very appreciated as each box costs \$12.95 to ship.

For more information, please visit www.carepackagedrive.com or email jennie.mcfarland@verizon.net

Soldier's Wish List

| Toiletries | Food | Misc. Items | Magazines/ Newspapers |
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| Foot Powder | Granola Bars | Playing Cards | Sports |
| Razors | Gum & Hard Candy | AA and AAA batteries | Cars |
| Q-Tips | Beef Jerky | DVDs | Fitness |
| Shaving Cream (tubes) | Store bought cookies | Mini Travel Games | Outdoors |
| Nail Clippers | Powdered drinks (e.g., crystal light) | Flip Flops (for showers) | Crossword Puzzles |
| Wet Wipes | Tuna Fish in Packets | Disposable Cameras | Comic Books |



On Sunday, 9/11, at 4 pm at Amy's Greenhouse, please join us for a 10th anniversary of 9-11 Memorial Ceremony at Amy's Greenhouse.

One year ago, the "**Friend of Amy's Greenhouse**" program was created so that people could support Amy's Greenhouse and allow the continuation of children's gardening projects for 650 children at Barnard Elementary School.

We are in the midst of our 2011 membership drive and hope we can count on your support this year. Several exciting projects are in the planning stages for the new school year. Barnard Principal Patricia Lambert recently wrote that Amy's Greenhouse is a "a space that provides children with a hands-on, multi-sensory learning experience."

If you are interested in renewing your membership, or joining for the first time, please contact: Millie at 914-654-1654 or at millie@amysgreenhouse.com. **We appreciate your support!**



The Barnard PTA needs YOUR help!

Are you interested in supporting Barnard School and making it a great place for our children? Volunteering with the PTA is a great way to learn more about our school, make friends and show your children that you support them. There are many different roles still available for this year..

Our first PTA meeting this year is on Monday, September 12th at 7:30pm in the school library. Please join us to learn more!

We will highlight all the open roles available this year at our first meeting. They include Class Parents, Grade Representatives, Pumpkin Patch Chair person and many other worthwhile opportunities to help.

Please call or email Jennie McFarland or Liz Smith at the phone numbers and emails listed on the front page of this newsletter if you have any questions.

BARNARD SCHOOL EVENTS 2011-2012

| DATE | DAY | EVENT | TIME | LOCATION |
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| 2011 | | | | |
| September 7 | Wed | First Day of School/Welcome BBQ | 5:30pm | School Yard |
| September 11 | Sun | September 11 th Memorial Ceremony (10 th Anniversary) | | Amy's Greenhouse |
| September 12 | Mon | PTA Meeting | 7:30pm | Library |
| September 15 | Thurs | Meet the Teachers Grades K-2 | 7pm | |
| September 21-23 | Wed-Fri | Pre-K Transition Days | | Cafeteria |
| October 3 | Mon | PTA Meeting | 7:30pm | Library |
| October 6 | Thurs | Principal's Tea for new Barnard families | 9:30am | Library |
| October 12 | Wed | PTA Speaker | 7pm | Auditorium |
| October 15 | Sat | Pumpkin Patch | 10am | Amy's Greenhouse |
| October 20 | Thurs | Meet the Teachers Pre-K | 6:30pm | Auditorium |
| October 28 | Fri | Halloween Dance | 6:30pm | Gymnasium |
| November 3 | Thurs | Afterschool Program Begins (K-2) | 3:15-4:15pm | |
| November 7 | Mon | PTA Meeting /Social/Coffee | 7:30pm | Library |
| November 8 | Tues | Election Day Bake Sale-Schools Closed | 6am-3pm | Lobby |
| November 14-18 | Mon-Thur | Book Fair | All day | Gymnasium |
| November 15/16 | Fri | Photo Day | | |
| December 5 | Mon | PTA Meeting | 7:30pm | Library |
| December 16 | Fri | Staff Holiday Breakfast | 9am | Teacher's Lounge |
| 2012 | | | | |
| January 9 | Mon | PTA Meeting | 7:30pm | Library |
| January 13 | Fri | Sports Night | 6:30pm | Gymnasium |
| February 6 | Mon | PTA Meeting | 7:30pm | Library |
| February 10 | Fri | Valentine's Day Bingo | 6:30pm | Auditorium |
| March 5 | Mon | PTA Meeting | 7:30pm | Library |
| March 14 | Wed | Staff Appreciation Lunch: Half Day School | 12pm | Gymnasium |
| March 14 | Wed | PTA Guest Speaker | 7:30pm | Auditorium |
| TBD | | Nutrition Week | | |
| April 2 | Mon | PTA Meeting | 7:30pm | Library |
| April 21 | Sat | International Dinner | 6:30pm | Gymnasium |
| May 5 | Sat | Mother's Day Plant Sale | 12noon | Amy's Greenhouse |
| May 7 | Mon | PTA Meeting | 7:30pm | Library |
| May 21-25 | Mon-Fri | School Spirit Week | | |
| May 23 | Wed | Pre-K Field Day | | Field |
| May 24 | Thurs | Grades K-2 Field Day | | Field |
| June 4 | Mon | PTA Meeting | 7:30pm | Library |
| June 9 | Sat | Carnival | 12-4pm | School Yard |
| June 15 | Fri | Grade 2 Stepping Up Day | 11:30am | |