



# BARNARD PTA NEWSLETTER: November 2016

## PTA MEETING SUMMARY: Thursday, November 10th, 7pm

The Meeting started at 7:07. PTA President Mary DePaolo welcomed all who attended the meeting, which included Assistant Principal Dr. Lori Pisani, School Psychologist Dr. Diana Planells-Bloom, the entire PTA Executive board, as well as teachers and parents. Thank you to everyone who came!

Dr. Pisani spoke first about the Wall of Heroes that all the students of Barnard are putting together in honor of Veterans Day. The theme of the ceremony was that "Anyone can be a hero." Children were asked to write on their "brick" how they could be a hero in their own way. These walls will be displayed in Barnard for the entire school year.

PTA President Mary DePaolo then updated everyone on the success of recent events. The Charleston Wrap fundraiser was extremely successful. I've raised over \$5,000 for Barnard! Box Tops was also successful, as Barnard submitted over 5,200 box tops! Keep collecting and submitting Box Tops as we continue to support our school! Pumpkin Patch was also another rewarding event as all who attended had a great afternoon of pumpkin painting, seeing friends and walking in our halloween costume parade! Finally, the Halloween Dance had over 300 in attendance and was very successful. Thank you to everyone who attended any or all these events as well as a very special thank you to our volunteers

An important upcoming event is our Book Fair, running from December 12-16 at Barnard. In order to make this a successful event for all of Barnard please volunteer! Please email Liz Villano at [lizvillano@optonline.net](mailto:lizvillano@optonline.net) if you would like to help. We are also having a book drive during that week. Please donate gently used books to help every child have the opportunity to go home with a book.

PTA Treasurer Liz Villano then asked the PTA members to vote on new Barnard PTA bylaws to be approved. It was approved unanimously.

Mary finally spoke about keeping all Barnard events affordable for families and made a point that events are not treated as fundraisers. **What is most important is that our children have a good time at a PTA event..that is our #1 goal.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm. The DASA presentation immediately followed the meeting, Our next PTA meeting is December 8th, at 9am.

### **Important PUENTES Meeting!**

**December 1st, 6:15-7:30pm**

**Babysitting available for children 3 and older  
 Please join us for this informative meeting!**

Donations are needed for the  
**Families Helping Families Coat Drive!**

For more Info please contact  
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### **Become a PTA member!!!**

Please visit [barnardpta.org](http://barnardpta.org) for more information  
 The PTA is only as strong as its members. Thank you!

### **Book Drive! Nov.18-Dec 12**

Please donate gently used children's books by sending them in with your child or dropping them off in our collection box at the main entrance

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- \*November 15-** First day of Coat Drive
- 14-18-** American Ed. Week
- 24-25-** Thanksgiving recess,  
**No School**
- 28-** Half Day, All Schools
- \*December 1 -** Puentes meeting, 6:15pm
- 5- Last day of Coat drive**
- 8-** PTA meeting, 9am
- 12-16-** PTA Book Fair
- 16-** PTA Book Fair Family Night,  
 5-8:30pm

