



Henry Barnard Early Childhood Center

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"Where we treat childhood as a journey, not a race."



Barnard Bats

BARNARD PTA NEWSLETTER: January 2017

PTA MEETING SUMMARY: Thursday, January 12th, 7:30pm

The Meeting started at 7:30pm. PTA President Mary DePaolo welcomed all who attended the meeting, which included new Principal Dr. Nicolas Cracco, the entire PTA executive board, Barnard teachers Mrs. Block, Mrs. Staropoli and Mrs. Flanagan as well as other dedicated parents. What an amazing turnout and thank you to everyone who came!

Dr. Cracco started off the meeting by introducing himself, talking about his background and emphasizing celebrating the uniqueness of Barnard. He stated that through a collaboration of staff, students, administration and families we can strengthen our identity as an early childhood school. Dr. Cracco then opened the meeting to any questions, and answered many that were posed by attendees. Welcome Dr. Cracco!

PTA President Mary DePaolo spoke next about the importance of being involved and volunteering. As stated in last month's meeting, we have seen a decrease in volunteers at events. Many of the attendees posed many options to help increase volunteers participating at upcoming school events. All who were present agreed that we all need to work together for the children at Barnard. Many of the PTA events fund various school programs, field trips and graduation, and volunteering to cover the events are now of the utmost priority of the PTA. Mary urges all the attendees to spread the word to volunteer!

Mary talked next about upcoming events at Barnard, including **Movie Night, Dad's/Special Guardians Breakfast**, and the **Valentines Day Dance** (See Below for Details) She then spoke of the need of a committee for the end of the year **Carnival** on June 4th, which is PTA's biggest and final event of the year!

PTA Vice President Bryan Grossbauer spoke more in detail about the Dad's/Special Guardians Breakfast on Feb 4th. He explained that this event is to highlight and celebrate fatherhood as well as the male influences in a child's life. Bryan would like men to take a more active role in their child's school and this even would be a great way to participate. Hope to see you there!

PTA Treasurer Liz Villano spoke about the results of the Book Fair. Although it was very successful, final numbers were lower than last year. She proposed several reasons: frigid weather conditions on Family night, the influx of sick students, and also the decreased number of volunteers. She again spoke of the need to band together as a community to help support our children and donate your time to future PTA events. It is these event that help provide money toward our children's school programs and field trips. **Volunteer and become a member today!**

The meeting adjourned at 8:43pm. **Our next PTA meeting is Thursday, February 9th at 9am.**

Organizers/Volunteers/Donations Needed ASAP!

-Dad's/Special Guardians Breakfast

February 4th, 9-11am

contact: Bryan at bryan.grossbauer@gmail.com

-Valentine's Day Dance

February 10th, 6:30-8:30pm

contact: Mary at syaama@yahoo.com

Barnard School Donation drive!

January 23rdFebruary 10th, 2017

Please donate **paper, coloring books, crayons and gently used and clean legos** to help our children enjoy their indoor recess during the winter! More info to follow!

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 20- Movie Night! Finding Dory!

6:30pm...Doors open at 6pm

February 1- Magnet Lottery, City Hall, 1-2pm

3- Spirit Day! Wear Red

3- UPK Lottery @City Hall, 1-2pm

3-Barnard Read-a-thon Ends

4- Dad's/Special Guardians Breakfast, 9-11am

9- PTA Meeting, 9am

10-Valentine's Day Dance,

6:30-8:30pm

17- Box tops due for submission