



BARNARD PTA NEWSLETTER: December 2016

PTA MEETING SUMMARY: Thursday, December 8th, 9am

The Meeting started at 9:04am. PTA President Mary DePaolo welcomed all who attended the meeting, which included Acting Principal Ken Levy, PTA Vice President Bryan Grossbauer,, Pre-K Teacher Rep Kim Block as well as other dedicated parents. Thank you to everyone who came!

Mr. Levy announced that the district had in fact chosen a Principal to run Barnard School. The new Principal is **Dr. Nicholas Cracco** and Mr. Levy is looking forward to helping him with a smooth transition to his new position. Dr. Cracco is scheduled to start January 3rd, 2017.

Afterschool programming was discussed next. Mr. Levy, Dr. Pisani, Mary and Dr, Magda Parvey (District Chief Academic Officer) met recently and are working hard to reconcile this matter in hopes of opening up after school at Barnard in the apring. WE will continue to keep you all updated!

Mrs. Block spoke at length about the decrease in parent involvement in school activities. She mentioned that the Barnard READS program was a great opportunity, yet many parents are not getting involved. Attendees of this morning's meeting then discussed possible reasons for the decline of volunteers in school events, citing several possible reasons- including lack of childcare to attend parent meetings as well as lack of transportation to get to school. She mentioned applying for a large grant that would restart a program for families to come to meetings about child development and reading. The program would then provide babysitting and even cab fare to those who most need it. We will keep you informed of any updates.

An important upcoming event is our Book Fair Family Night, December 16 at Barnard starting at 5 until 8pm. Activities include raffles, arts and crafts. There will also be an interactive story time at 6:30pm where children and families can dress up in either their pjs or as a pirate. In order to make this a successful event for all of Barnard please volunteer! Please email Liz Villano at barnardptatreasurer@gmail.com if you would like to help.

Bryan Grossbauer then spoke about Barnard READS and its first distribution. All of the pre-k kids are now owners of brand new books! The next distribution will be in the spring. Stay tuned for flyers and more info! The meeting adjourned at 9:40am.

Our next PTA meeting is January 12th at 7:30pm.

Happy Holidays!

Thank you to all who generously donated in our recent Coat and Book Drives, We were able to collect over 200 coats and over 300 books! PTA thanks you so much!

Become a PTA member!!!

Please visit barnardpta.org for more information
The PTA is only as strong as its members.
Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 23rd- last day of school

Holiday Recess- December 26-January 2, 2017

School resumes January 3rd.

January 6- Spirit Day! Wear your PJs!

9- Half Day, 11:10 am dismissal, no Pre-K
10- UPK Magnet Open House, 6:30-7:30pm
12 PTA meeting, 7:30pm

Look for flyers about Barnard's first Read-A-Thon in January!