

PTA Meeting Minutes March 16th, 2017

Welcome and Introductions:

Attendees included Principal Dr. Cracco, PTA President Mary DePaolo, and dedicated parents. Thank you for coming!

Principals message:

- Dr. Cracco announced 2nd grade trip to see an Italian Opera Friday, March 17th.
- Many thanks to **Incanto Productions** and Barnard Italian teacher **Ms. Anna Bruno** for organizing this event!
- District wide reading and writing initiative incorporating Teacher's College methodology, which is very child-friendly.
- overview will be posted on [***barnardpta.org***](http://barnardpta.org)

Upcoming Barnard events

- Sports Night Tomorrow, Friday, March 17th**- 6:30-8pm
 - Ms. Fortuna will have zumba dance from 6:30pm-7pm!
- March 31- Bingo Night, 6:30pm** . Callers and raffle/prize / snack /donations needed!
 - We need volunteers to help check bingos and call numbers

Spring Fundraiser Chocolate sales March 20th-April 20th

*****Prize will be an IPAD mini 2!!**

President Update:

- 2017 Barnard PTA Nominations Committee:** Liz Villano, Liz Galeano, Yesenia Flores. Nominations are now open to the Public.
 - nominations can be emailed written in, Forms are available
- Box tops were a success!** over 4500 were submitted! Thank you to all who submitted!
- **Barnard PTA Teacher Reps:** Exec board voted to include a PTA Teacher Rep to represent the PAT/Special Needs classes.
- Thank you** to all who donated for the Teacher's luncheon! PTA received almost **\$950** in donations from Barnard families! Thank you to **Posto 22** for their wonderful catering on that day! And thank you to all who volunteered!
- Overview of recent World Language Committee held in early March, comprising of New Rochelle Principals, district leaders, teachers, PTA Leaders, and parents was discussed.
 - topics of inconsistencies within the school districts' foreign language programs were discussed
 - efforts to reconfigure the program will take place of the next year

Questions/concerns?

- 2nd grade mom Yesenia Flores helping out with 2nd grade picnic in Jun
- asked for craft ideas and budget,. More info will be announced

Next PTA Meeting: Thursday April 20, 9am