



## **Barnard New Parent Mentor Program**

### **Guidelines for Incoming Families**

#### **2016 – 2017**

Want to know what drop-off and pick-up are like?

Don't know what to expect on the first day of school?

Join the new parent mentor program to get the real scoop from a family that knows it all!

#### **What's the mentor program all about?**

The Barnard PTA provides a mentor program to match new, incoming families with Barnard families that have been at the school for one or more years. This program provides new parents with a contact to whom they can ask questions about school events and general practices.

#### **How does it work?**

Once you register for the program, we will match you with a mentor family at Barnard. This family will contact you prior to the start of school via the email address and/or phone number you provided.

#### **What happens next?**

Ask questions about school life to your mentor family. Try to meet your them in person at one of our summer play dates, the back-to-school dine-out, the kindergarten orientation meeting, or at drop-off or pick-up. They will check-in with you on a monthly basis through the end of the calendar year to make sure you are settling in well. The rest is up to you. Connect with your mentor family when you have questions or concerns about everyday life at Barnard.

#### **What is my mentor's role?**

Your mentor's role is to help guide you through everyday life at Barnard. Your mentor can't advise you on academic, disciplinary, or personal issues. You should connect with your teacher or the school administration for any inquiries that reach beyond general experiences.

#### **How do I register for the program?**

It's easy! Complete our [New Parent Contact form](#) by June 30th. You can also contact Welcome Committee Chairperson [Love Zubiller](#) if you have questions. Then we'll connect you with your mentor family over the summer. We will also ask you to complete a survey at the end of the program so that we may improve it for the following year.

#### **Is there anything else?**

Yes! Be sure to have fun! Thank you for participating!