

From the desk of

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Dear Barnard Parents and Prospective Families,

I take great pride and joy in welcoming you to the 2021-22 school year! It is exciting to be part of a community of great students, families, and staff at Barnard Mandarin Magnet Elementary School!

Since I joined the Barnard family in 2020, I have been overwhelmed by the love, caring, and kindness that our community has shown me, and I am so happy that I have landed in this magical school!!

Our goal at Barnard is to work together to provide our students with a rich learning environment. My vision, as the principal, is to **always put kids first!** My belief is that all students can learn. As educators, we need to discover how each child learns in order to differentiate our instruction to support diverse learning styles. In a collaborative effort, we want children to thrive in all ways possible. My hope is that all children will **love school** and that we nurture an environment that is positive, safe, warm, caring, as well as a fun place to learn and grow.

My focus as principal is to ensure that:

- **every child, every day is finding a way to feel connected;**
- **every child, every day is being challenged by new learnings and experiences;**
- **and every child, every day knows they have a champion they can turn to.**

Student success is attributed to the partnership and the relationships we build within our community and this is **most important** now more than ever. It truly does take a village, and at Barnard we value teamwork and collaboration! I greatly appreciate the support you provide for your children to help them meet their learning goals. Also, without the support of parent contributions through our extraordinary PTA, we would not have many of the programs that make Barnard so unique and successful.

To all returning families, I am honored that you have chosen us to be a partner in your child's education with us at Barnard.

To all prospective families, please take the time to explore our school (if only from the outside for now) so you can see how magnificent it truly is. I hope you will join us in the years to come.

Kindly,

Barb Waller 

