



BARNARD
MANDARIN MAGNET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
巴纳德中英双语小学

Dear Incoming Barnard Families,

Welcome to Barnard! I know that starting at a new school can be daunting, not just for your student but for the whole family. Please rest assured that the PTA is here to support you during this exciting transition. As a choice school, 100% of our families applied to come to Barnard, and you'll find that we all felt the same nerves but quickly became part of this amazing community. The PTA organizes several summer playdates and once school starts, a monthly community event for our families to get to know each other and gather for fun! If you would like to get involved, there will be many volunteer opportunities from helping with our monthly events, newsletter, fundraising activities, school garden, running club, campus cleanup, and so much more!

Our PTA website, www.barnardfriendsandfamily.org is a great resource. Here you will find a calendar of major school dates and PTA events. If you haven't already please complete our [new parent contact form](#). This will ensure you receive our e-newsletters and get connected with a mentor family if you'd like. As we get closer to the start of school on August 21st, we will be sending out important dates and helpful tips via our e-newsletter. Some important dates to save:

- **Saturday, July 22, 2023, 10am-12pm - New Families Playdate**, Clairemont
- **Tuesday, August 15, 2023, 3pm-5pm - All School Playdate**, Point Loma
- **Tuesday, August 15, 2023, 5pm-8pm – All School Dineout**, Point Loma
[Contact us](#) for exact location for playdates
- **Friday, August 18, 2023, 1pm – UTK/Kindergarten Orientation** (look for school email about this)
- **Monday, August 21, 2023, 7:45am – class begins!**
(We recommend arriving 30 minutes early the first week; students may enter campus at 7:30am)
- **Friday, August 25, 2023, 8am – Barnard Pep Rally**

We hope to see you at one of our summer playdates! If you have any questions before then, please [contact us](#). Again, welcome to Barnard! I hope you love it here as much as we do!

See you soon!

Jeanette Woodward
2023-24 President
Barnard Elementary PTA