

Dear Incoming Barnard Family,

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 activities! If you would like to get involved, there will be many volunteer opportunities from helping with our monthly PTA events, book fairs, newsletter, fundraising activities, school garden, drop off zone, running club, classroom parties, and more!

Our PTA website, <a href="www.barnardfriendsandfamily.org">www.barnardfriendsandfamily.org</a> is a great resource. Here you will find a calendar of major school dates and information about PTA events. If you haven't already please complete our new parent contact form: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/Barnardnewfamily">https://tinyurl.com/Barnardnewfamily</a>. This will ensure you receive our e-newsletters and get connected with a mentor family if you'd like. We will be organizing several summer playdates and can notify you as those are scheduled. As we get closer to the start of school on August 12th, we will be sending out important dates and helpful tips as well.

We hope to see you at one of our summer playdates! If you have any questions before then, please contact us at <u>barnardpta@gmail.com</u>. Again, welcome to Barnard! I hope you love it here as much as we do!

See you soon!

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