



Barnard Buzz
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From the Principal's Desk

Back to School Information Night
5:30-6:30 PM

It was great seeing all of you who were able to attend the "Welcome Back to School Celebration". School is off to a great start for all your children and it is still overwhelming to look down at the playground and see the most wonderful new playground there for the children and people of Barnard. I do the first lunch recess and I have been trying out the many stations.

I set a goal for myself the first day of school and that was to be able to climb the fire pole to the top and be able to reach over to the platform and pull myself in. On August 31, I finally made it!!! Now I need to work on chin ups.

I have attached the **Annual Notification of Designation of Directory Information and Right of Refusal notice**. I meant this to be included in your first Day packet with

the other notification form. This form is to advise you of your rights to refuse or permit all types of information, as mentioned in the notice, to be published, i.e. Directory Information. Please take the time to read it.

Soccer will be starting soon. If you have an old pair of soccer shoes or other equipment that your child outgrew and would like to donate them to another family, please send them in and stop in and check out what shoes, etc. we have that might fit your child. Having a soccer exchange really helps with the cost of soccer equipment.

Back to School Information Night
Grades K-6

If your child is in grades K through 6, save next Thursday, September 10, to come to Barnard Academy and meet your child's teacher and hear about what your child will be learning this school year.

There will be opportunity to ask questions about the class routine and curriculum. If you have specific child concerns or questions, make an appointment with your child's teacher.

This is an evening for parents and teachers. If you are unable to find a sitter, I will be available to watch your school age child/ren outside on the playground or inside if the weather is not behaving.

Barnard Academy Playground Fund

The playground is up, except for the installation of the two big Bees for the younger children. These will soon be installed. They are sitting right outside of my office window. All the students have been enjoying the new structure

and challenging themselves to master the multiple stations.

I want to thank those of you who donated your time, money and energy to make this project a reality. We are only a few thousand dollars away from the total money commitment to finish paying for the entire construction and installation of our new playground. If you were away or forgot that envelope that was sent to every household in the Barnard community, it is not too late to send your donation now. No donation is too small for every amount counts. Thank you for considering this.

This past Sunday, several parents added another 5 huge bags of rubber mulch to the playground that was picked up in Burlington by the Balch family. We now have the needed amount of rubber that meets the playground requirements. Thank you Delmar!

Can You Afford to Pass the Bus?

I would like to bring it to your attention that ***IF THE SCHOOL BUS LIGHT ARE ON AND BLINKING AND THE STOP SIGN IS OUT IN THE SCHOOL DRIVEWAY, YOU CAN NOT PASS THE BUS FOR IT IS AGAINST THE STATE LAW.*** Our school driveway is considered state highway.

The bus drivers have complained that this has happened several times this year already and would like me to let you know that this should not occur.

Last spring, the sheriff was in the area and he observed the passing of the bus with blinking red light in our driveway. Unfortunately, the parent was given a \$250 fine and multiple points on their license. The law enforcement officers take this seriously and I would

like to save you from this embarrassing situation. Please Take note of this law!

Picture Day

Picture packets were sent home with your child/ren. If you are interested in having your child's picture taken, please check off the picture packet that you want and enclose a check. Your child can return it to school and the teacher will save it for picture day.

All children will have their picture taken for the class picture and school record's file

BEES Meeting

Attention Moms, Dads,
Grandparents, Guardians,
Community members

This Thursday, September 3 at 7 PM is the first BEES meeting of the year. If you are new and want to meet other parents, this is a great opportunity. The BEES are an active parent group that helps raise money for many school projects and provide fun activities for the children.

Come on out and get involved with your school community.

Novel Influenza A (H1N1) Information update- Ellen Bald

I have attached current information that I have received from Central Office and the WUMS/WUHS school nurse Anne Marinello. Our school nurse, Ellen Bald has read the enclosed information and feels that it will be very informative for you and answer any questions you might have.

When Ellen receives information about the available free flu shots, I will pass the dates and information on to you.

WES After-School Program

We like to work together with other community schools and so I would like to pass on some information of an after-school program that is available to you at the WES. For more information about the program, please check out the Parent Information Board that is located in the front hallway at Barnard Academy.

Dates to Remember

September 3- BEES Mtg. 7 PM
September 7- Labor Day, no school
**September 10- Information Night K-6
7 PM**
September 11- Picture Day
**September 17- Tunbridge Fair
Grades 1-6**
September 22- School Board 5 PM
October 1- BEES Mtg. 7 PM
October 9- Barnard Fire Dept., AM
October 20- SOS, 1:30 PM
**October 22-23, - No school,
Professional Mtgs**
October 28- end of 1st marking period
December 10- Winter performance