

Dear Barnsley Families,

On behalf of the Barnsley PTA, welcome to the 2015-2016 school year!

For those of you that are new to Barnsley Elementary, we are looking forward to you becoming a part of our wonderful group of dedicated parents, teachers and staff. Together, we contribute in so many ways to provide our students with a school year filled with fun and enriching programs and events such as International Night, Halloween Spooktacular, Science Night and the Science and Engineering, Lego Robotics and the FLES (foreign language) programs. As well as many other exceptional before and after school activities.

For those returning parents, we thank you for your ongoing support without which we would not be able to continue to provide a variety of opportunities for our students.

The ability of our PTA to supplement our children's day to day instruction is a result of the commitment and efforts of **ALL** of its members, and we simply **cannot do it without you**.

You are the "P" in our PTA. There are several ways you can support your children through the PTA:

1. **Become a Member**: For just \$12 you can become a full voting member of the PTA. For \$22 you can have a family membership with 2 people in your household with voting rights. Your membership gives you the ability to make decisions that directly affect your child's experience at Barnsley. Please contact Anna Pfaff at [anna.l.pfaff@gmail.com](mailto:anna.l.pfaff@gmail.com) for membership information.
2. **Attend the PTA Monthly Meetings**: Typically, our PTA meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Barnsley Media Center. All parents of Barnsley students and all teachers are strongly encouraged and most welcome at every meeting. These meetings are the place to discuss topics that affect our children, to exchange ideas and to generate plans for improving our efforts. It's also a perfect place to meet the parents of your children's friends and classmates. **Free** childcare is provided by KAH. **Our first meeting of the year will be on Tuesday, September 15 2015 at 7:00pm. In the All purpose room. We hope to see you there!**
3. **Volunteer**: Whether you volunteer as a room parent or helping with a PTA sponsored event or activity, volunteers make a **BIG** difference at Barnsley. Help in any way you can, Big or small. It makes a huge difference in the lives of our children, quality of our school and connection to our community. Please contact your PTA for more information about how you can help.

We have **several** positions that still need to be filled, please consider helping with one of them. Just contact the PTA for more information or come to our first meeting. You should also sign up for our Barnsley directory. It's a good way to stay in touch with your child's friends and parents as well as staying connected to the happenings around our school. You can sign up by going to [www.myschoolanywhere.com](http://www.myschoolanywhere.com) We also have a **New and Improved** PTA website [www.barnsleypta.org](http://www.barnsleypta.org) (currently under construction!) This is also an excellent way to stay connected and informed about the events at the school and in our community. On behalf of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors, I wish you a wonderful 2015-2016 school year and look forward to working with all of you in continuing to make Barnsley the great school and community that it is. Please feel free to contact me at [lisashinepta@gmail.com](mailto:lisashinepta@gmail.com) with any questions or concerns.

Best regards,

Lisa Shine  
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