



Lucy V. Barnsley PTA: The Beacon

**The first and only print edition of The Beacon; once you join the PTA,
The Beacon will be distributed two times a month on Fridays through your Directory email.**



Celebrating 50 years of education at Barnsley! A huge celebration is planned for May 20th! Special Spirit Wear on sale now! Check it out at www.barnsleypta.org.

Become a Member

Your PTA membership supports your child's teacher and the overall school. Together, we will contribute in so many ways to provide our students with a school year filled with fun and enriching programs and events such as Halloween Spooktacular, International Night, Science Night, Lego Robotics, Science and Engineering classes, and FLES.

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. Please contact Anna Pfaff at anna.l.pfaff@gmail.com for more information on how to join.

Volunteer

Whether you volunteer as a Room Parent or help the PTA with a school event or activity, your volunteering makes a HUGE difference! Help in any way, big or small, because it makes a huge difference in the lives of our children, in the quality of our school, and in supporting our community connections. Please contact Lisa Shine at lisashinepta@gmail.com for more information.

After School Classes

Our PTA sponsors and supports after-school classes in the morning and afternoon, Monday-Friday, so our children have enrichment opportunities. We have everything from cheerleading, robotics, hip hop, group piano, Spanish, sign language, Big Learning Science, chess, Imagination Stage, TechScientific Science Club, and more. Please check out the website, click on "PTA Programs," and find more out more information.

Save the Date – Back to School Picnic, Sept. 30, 6 p.m.

Meet new and old friends at our annual Back to School picnic. Guapos will have dinner for purchase, and Kona Ice will have a dessert for purchase.

Support Barnsley's PTA



eScrip (<https://secure.escrip.com/signup/index.jsp>)

To use eScrip, there isn't one "special" card, but rather it's activated by registering store club cards, loyalty cards and community cards for grocery and drug stores, and by registering the credit cards and debit cards that you use when you shop online or when you dine out. This translates into money back to the Barnsley PTA. EScrip online registration is completely secure. Once your cards are registered, you'll earn automatically from participating merchants.

(Sadly Safeway is no longer participating in eScrip)
Bansley PTA code:6472617

Restaurants Nights!

Look for flyers to announce local restaurants nights.

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TARGET

Target! (<http://www.target.com/redcard/tcoe/home>)

Do you shop at Target? With a Red Card, Target's credit card you save 5% on every purchase. Pick Barnsley as your school and earn even more.



bonus bucks
by Giant

GIANT A+ school rewards (www.giantfood.com/aplus)

Link your Giant Bonus card to earn money while you shop from October through March.



Harris Teeter (www.harristeeter.com/community/together_in_education/tie.aspx)

"Together in Education" program: Link your VIC card to our school code to earn money while you shop. You must re-link every year - so don't forget to re-link your card!

BOX TOPS for Education



Clip your box tops and tape them to the collections sheets Download collection sheet (attached); or send them in a bag/envelope with your child to school, the teachers will help get them to the right box in the office.

Register at www.BTFE.com for eBoxTops earned at Safeway.

Stay Connected

1) Directory

Barnsley PTA provides a free online directory through My School Anywhere (www.myschoolanywhere.com). You are able to search per class, student and teacher to locate families. PTA Beacon Newsletter will be sent out from our directory twice a month. And other PTA announcements will be sent out via directory as needed. We even offer a smart phone app!

<http://www.myschoolanywhere.com/newfamily.a5w?fam=LucyBarnsleyElementarySchool16150>

Directory Contact- lucybarnsleydirectory@gmail.com



2) Like us on Facebook

Find us here: <https://www.facebook.com/barnsleypta> . Through Facebook, we can send out quick announcements and highlight upcoming events and programs.

3) Website

Check out our new and improved Website. It is a one-stop shop for:

- PTA forms
- To get information about our enrichment programs
- Contact the PTA board about what's on your mind
- View our current calendar of events
- Use our PayPal account to donate to the Buy Nothing Campaign, to purchase spirit wear, or register for afterschool enrichment programs. Check us out at **www.barnsleypta.org**!

General Membership Meetings

Held in the Media Center at 7 PM; KAH offers **FREE** daycare for Barnsley-age students

- September 15th (Multipurpose Rm)
- October 6th (PEP Presentation)
- November 3rd (Teacher Conference Presentation)
- December 1st
- February 2nd
- March 1st
- April 5th
- May 3rd
- June 7th (Ice Cream Social)

PTA Special Events

- Back to School Picnic (Sept 30th)
- Spooktacular (October 24th)
- International Night (January 30th)
- Science Night (April 29th)
- 50th Anniversary Celebration (May 20th)

Our Walking School Bus

By Kathleen Herrold, PTA VP of Ways and Means

Last year with help with a few neighbors on our street, we had a walking school bus! What is a walking school bus? A group of children walking to school with one or more adults. It's like a carpool—without the car.

Each day, about 30 minutes before school, our group would start to gather. About 20 minutes before school, 4 kids and one parent would set off for school. There were so many benefits to this arrangement:

- Exercise for both adult and child
- Neighbors strengthening their friendships (both adults and children)
- Parents who were not walking the bus could start their day a bit earlier

I also found that when we were running late in the morning, a quick knock at the door from the Walking School Bus would send my son running out the door.

Our group decided that it was up to the parent walking that day if the weather was "ok for walking". If the walk was canceled, a text message or email was sent out and each parent made arrangements to get their child to school that day. We found that both parents and kids loved walking so much that we rarely wanted to cancel.

Could it help lessen the burden of a later start to the school day?

With the school day starting 10 minutes later this year, it may be challenging for many parents to get to work later each day. However, many parents could alter their schedule to allow for a later arrival one day a week if they were a part of a walking school bus.

So how do I get started?

The Walking School Bus.org suggests these steps:

http://www.walkingschoolbus.org/WalkingSchoolBus_pdf.pdf

For an informal bus:

1. Invite families who live nearby to walk.
2. Pick a route and take a test walk.
3. Decide how often the group will walk together.
4. Have fun!

Let's try this together in our Barnsley Community!



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