



MAKING A CHANGE

Support the PTA Fundraising Drive

WHAT DOES THE PTA DO?

**Welcome to Barron Park School!
If you are a new family to our school, we're glad you are here.
If you are a returning family, we are glad you're back.**

Most parents are familiar with the PTA, and have a good idea about what it does. However, for those who are new to Barron Park, we support the school in a number of critical areas including:

FUNDING

CLASSROOM SUPPLIES • SCHOLARSHIPS • TALENT SHOW • LEVELED READERS • TEACHER GRANTS ASSEMBLIES • MAKER STUDIO MATERIALS • SCHOOL GARDEN • FIELD TRIP BUSES • TECHNOLOGY & IPADS & COMPUTERS • NOON ACTIVITIES

...and much more!

PLANNING

EVENTS • ICE SKATING PARTY • HERITAGE POTLUCK BOOK FAIR • AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES • STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK • MOVIE NIGHTS • EARTH WEEK WALK-N-ROLL • DINNER & AUCTION • YEARBOOK

... and much more!

The PTA, which is run entirely by volunteers, organizes and coordinates a wide range of additional school activities, events, and enriching programs for all of our students.

In the last few years the Barron Park PTA has sought to increase our involvement in the school in order to have a bigger impact on our children's education. This included both increasing parent involvement at school, and an increased fundraising effort to pay for additional activities and resources.

PARENTS MAKE ALL THIS HAPPEN

With the support of parents like you, we have made a great impact at our school in the last few years. We have a wonderfully diverse group of students at Barron Park, and we want to be able to continue supporting an educational experience to meet the unique needs of every child.

We are fortunate to have a great group of parents who are willing to get involved at the school, and donate time and money to help improve our school. There are many volunteer opportunities. When your children see you at school, it shows them that their education is important to you.

The funds parents donate to the school expand the possibilities. There are several ways that parents help fund the activities of the PTA, including:

- Fall Annual Giving
- Directed Giving
- Spring Auction & Dinner

Not only is the Auction a fun party to attend, but also it generates a significant portion of all funds raised by the PTA; close to 60% of the PTA funds come from that one event in the Spring.

However, for 2016-2017 school year, our ambition is to shift our fundraising focus away from the Spring Auction and bring it towards the Fall Annual Giving. This will enable us to better support classroom life at the school MUCH EARLIER in the school year, and start using funds now to enrich the day-to-day activities of our students and staff.

Importantly, it makes the school less dependent on the funds raised at one specific event. This is in line with best practice at other local schools.

2016-2017 ANNUAL GIVING DRIVE

This year we're shifting our fundraising efforts away from the Spring Auction, and towards an Autumn Fundraising drive.

So this year we are asking parents to:

- **Make a larger Annual Giving donation to the PTA in the fall**
Suggested amounts are included in the fundraising form attached to this letter.
- **Check with your employer to see if they will match your donation**
This is a huge benefit to the school if they do.
- **Volunteer in your child's classroom**
Or in the school library. A small commitment for a highly rewarding experience.
- **Get involved with the PTA**
And help run an activity or event at the school.

DONATE NOW TO BARRON PARK WITH THE ONE-CHECK-FORM

You will find the One-Check-Form on the following page. Please fill out this form and return it to the school office. You can attach payment directly to the form. Donations to the Barron Park PTA are tax deductible, and a receipt is provided detailing your donation to be used with your tax preparation.

Employer Matching

Does your employer offer corporate matching for charitable contributions? Most employers who support charitable donations match the amount like for like. The means if you donate \$500 we receive an additional \$500 dollars from your employer. Examples of employers who match below:



Barron Park PTA is registered with Benevity and other charitable giving platforms used by various corporations to set up and track matching donations. This makes it easy to get your donation matched. In some cases, you can make your donation directly through your corporate portal. Or you can make your donation directly to the PTA, and receive a receipt that you can submit to trigger the matching funds. We already have many families who donate this way, and it has proved to a very easy way to make your donation.

MAKE YOUR GIFT TO YOUR SCHOOL

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION! All donations enhance school-life for our students and staff, and are vital to the academic and socio-emotional programs at Barron Park School.

You may donate with this ONE-CHECK-FORM and your check (payable to Barron Park PTA and drop off in the main office with this completed form).

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF BARRON PARK

ANNUAL GIVING: <input type="checkbox"/> \$450 <i>per-child suggested</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____ <i>all amounts appreciated</i> Sponsors activities and resources (e.g., new reading materials, technology and materials for Maker Studio, noon activities, teacher grants, school assemblies, field trip buses, student scholarships, community events, etc).	\$ _____ 100% Tax Deductible
LIBRARY FUND: <input type="checkbox"/> \$60 <i>suggested</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____ <i>all amounts appreciated</i> Helps purchase books, magazines, library supplies, and pays for author events; plus funds program for our Librarian Rusty Tooley to replace outdated science & technology books with current editions.	\$ _____ 100% Tax Deductible
CLASSROOM SUPPLIES: <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 <i>per-child suggested</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____ <i>all amounts appreciated</i> To make it easier for parents, the PTA orders school supplies before school starts. The PTA eliminates the hassle for parents, and the teachers get exactly what they need. To help cover the cost of these supplies, the PTA asks for a per-child suggested donation.	\$ _____ 100% Tax Deductible
Join the PTA! Your MEMBERSHIP: _____ @ \$10/person or \$20/couple Let your voice be heard - PTA membership shows your support for our school and allows you to vote on important school issues. PLEASE Remember to fill out bottom portion of this page.	\$ _____
TOTAL OF ABOVE SECTION Please make check payable to <u>Barron Park PTA</u> (Tax ID: 77-0495556). Complete and deposit (with your check) in the CLEAR PTA box located in the office Save a copy for your records. Your donation is 100% Tax Deductible <i>Your donation may be eligible for employer match of charitable contributions.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, my employer will match my contribution to the BP PTA. Please print Company name: _____	\$ _____ TOTAL OF ABOVE

I will make my donation via my company's matching portal directly. I have filled out the bottom portion of this page. Please match my donation up when the company match arrives.

<p>Please remember to make a donation of any amount to PiE (Partners in Education)!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> YES! <input type="checkbox"/> Will Donate Later</p> <p style="text-align: center;">As you plan your 2016-17 giving, please remember to donate to PiE. PiE funds classroom aides, Junior Museum science program, Spectra Art classes, counseling, and performing arts. Barron Park might not have these programs without the generous donations to PiE. Any amount is appreciated and welcome; it's your participation that matters most to us! <i>Your PiE Donation is 100% Tax Deductible</i></p>	See the PiE letter for donation instructions; or visit www.papie.org and donate today!
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Parent 1 _____

Parent 2 _____

Email _____

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Child 1 _____ Rm# _____

Child 2 _____ Rm# _____

Child 3 _____ Rm# _____

Child 4 _____ Rm# _____

