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BROOKLYN FRIENDS SCHOOL

E-News

April 7, 2017

One More Reminder . . .

Today, ***April 7,*** is the deadline for making a contribution to the Brooklyn Friends Fund for inclusion in this year's *Draft Annual Giving Report*. ***More than 600 donors*** have already contributed ***over $700,000*** to underwrite excellence at BFS. We need everyone's help to reach (and hopefully exceed) our $1 million goal. ***Your support is deeply appreciated. Thank you.***

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This Week at Brooklyn Friends

SCHOOL IS CLOSED ON TUESDAY, 4/11 AND FRIDAY, 4/14

4/7 4:30pm: IB Art Show Artists' Reception, 116 Lawrence Street
4/8 7pm: *Justice for All* benefit concert at Brooklyn Monthly Meeting
4/11 SCHOOL CLOSED
4/12 Upper School Privilege Day
4/14 SCHOOL CLOSED

4/17 6pm: All-Parent Meeting and Discussion on *Parenting through the Highs and Lows of Childhood and Adolescence: What Is Normal and When to Worry* with professionals from NYU Child Study Center.

Details on all events are on the BFS web calendar.
See the 2017-18 major dates calendar.

Top Stories

Headlines: Reports from Head of School Dr. Larry Weiss

Within the past month, Larry has written directly to the community about the BFS Sesquicentennial Celebration, the impact of the Service Learning and Civic Engagement program at our school, and a report on school leadership and initiatives with a focus on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

We've combined all three reports for easy access and reading **HERE**.

Also as Larry wrote to parents in March, the School will be partnering with the NYU Child Study Center throughout the spring. In consultation with this group, the School will host a parent evening on Monday, April 17 on *Parenting through the Highs and Lows of Childhood and Adolescence: What Is Normal and When to Worry*. This is part of a continuing commitment to foster resilience in our students and to ensure that the School is offering needed care and resources to members of our community. We hope you plan to attend.

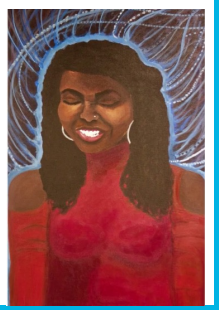
Details on April 17 event.

Congratulations Are In Order

- One hundred and two students participated in the Lower School's annual **Horizons Reading Challenge** and helped raise more than $51,000 for this summer's Horizons at Brooklyn Friends program.
- **Joy Freund '18** and **Isabel Ullman '18** have been selected to participate at the New England Young Writers' Conference at the Bread Loaf campus of Middlebury College May 18-21, 2017. This is a four day writing-focused workshop packed with writing seminars, workshops, readings, and opportunities to meet fellow young writers. BFS students have been chosen for the program for 15 consecutive years.
- **Amanda Mai Becker '18**, won a national gold medal and **Betsy Allen '20** a national silver medal in the personal essay/memoir category of the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. There were more than 330,000 submissions this year; to reach national recognition is an exceptional honor. Medalists will be honored in a ceremony at Carnegie Hall on June 8.
- **Juliet Ramey-LaRiviere '18**'s *Dear Mr. President* letter, submitted in February to the Student Voices Project of *Friends Journal*, has been selected for publication in the Journal's May issue.
- The Brooklyn Friends Upper School has been chosen by **King's College London** to host a summer program for high school students from August 7-11 and 14-18, 2017, with Kings College professors teaching courses in International Relations and Space Exploration. Full program details will be announced next week.

Your Weekly Podcast | Episode 022 | BFS Podcast Archive

In this week's podcast, get a preview of the annual International Baccalaureate (IB) Art Show through interviews with teachers **Mark Buenzle**, **Elizabeth Deull**, and several of the senior students who have curated their own exhibits. A reception for the student-artists takes place on **Friday, April 7, from 4:30 to 6pm** at the Upper School, 116 Lawrence Street, and all members of the school community are invited to attend. The show will continue through May 12.



Advancement Report

The Draft Annual Giving Report is a list of everyone who has donated or pledged to the Brooklyn Friends Fund by Friday, April 7 of this school year. Please make a gift by this day so that we may recognize your generosity.

If you would like to know more about corporate matching gifts, tribute/memorial gifts, gifts of stock, or anything else related to the Brooklyn Friends Fund, please reach out to Kathryn Collins, Associate Director of Advancement, 718-852-1029 ext. 243.

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PAT Update

New Event Dates

The PAT Black History Month Celebration **Film Screening of *Sembéne*** will be Thursday, **April 27** at 6pm in the Upper School Black Box Theater, 116 Lawrence Street.

The PAT Spring Gala takes place on Tuesday, **May 2** at Hill Country Brooklyn. As a reminder, if you purchased tickets for the originally scheduled event on March 2 your tickets apply for the May 2 event. **Please confirm your participation here.** If you would like to purchase tickets for May 2, please go to the **Spring Gala website.**

The PAT Embracing Diversity event, with a focus on stereotype threat and gender bias, has been rescheduled for Wednesday, **May 17**. **Details.**

BFS FOOD FEST

FoodFest Is Back

FoodFest, hosted by the PAT, returns for a second year of delicious fun on **Saturday, May 6 from 11am to 2pm** at the Upper School, 116 Lawrence Street. Come hungry and plan to purchase eats from local restaurants and food vendors. Watch cooking demos to pick up a few tips and tricks. Let your child participate in some hands on activities.

* ***Tickets are $10*** and include activities such as chef demos and craft activities. Purchase your tickets now. Guests purchase food directly from vendors.

* As a PAT event, the success of FoodFest depends on the ***support of volunteers***. Sign up here. Please direct any questions to the PAT FoodFest Committee, led by Co-Chairs Megan Glionna and Cory Snyder Schuman, at foodfest@brooklynfriends.org.

Your Weekly Health Tip

Brooklyn Friends will hold our tri-annual professional lice screening on Monday, April 17 at Pearl Street. Head lice are much more prevalent than in the past, the result of increasing resistance to pesticides. For more information about head lice, please see our Health Services' article on the BFS website.

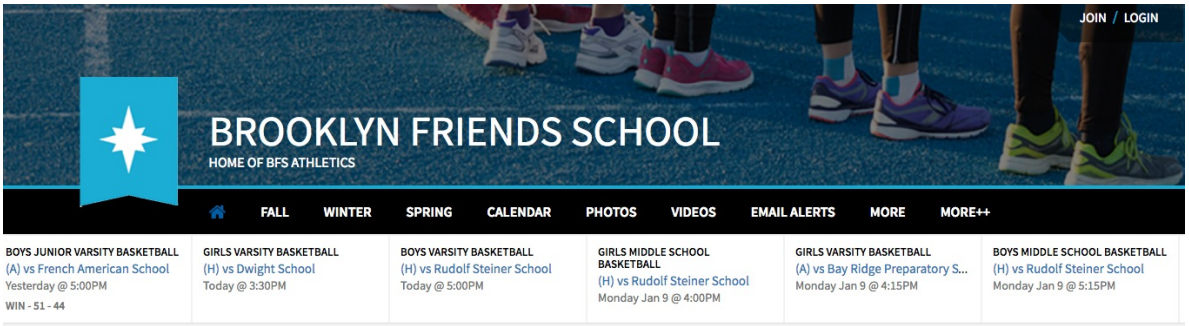
Sports Section

Join the Team!

The Upper School spring season is underway and Middle School begins next week. *Our teams are:*
Upper School — Boys Varsity Baseball, Girls Varsity Softball, Boys & Girls Varsity Outdoor Track, and Boys Varsity Volleyball.
Middle School — Boys Baseball, Girls Softball, Boys & Girls Outdoor Track

Who's on First?

Links to all the spring sports teams (track, softball, baseball, boys volleyball) **are here**, with team schedules prominently featured at the top. **Please bookmark this new link, bfsathletics.org.**



Start Your Spring Shopping at Fieldhouse

Have you checked out the new **BFS online spiritwear store**? Fieldhouse sells merchandise like sweatshirts, t-shirts, duffel bags, baseball caps and much more! Customers can shop any time, choose from logo options and hundreds of brand-name products, and personalize their gear. Fieldhouse makes each order on-demand, and ships the order straight to the customer so there is no minimum order.

School News You Can Use

SET UP YOUR TADS ACCOUNT!

It is very important for parents to set up their TADS tuition payment account. The set-up must be done every year. Parents have been e-mailed information about how to set up their accounts. Please follow up soon as the first payment is due on May 1.

DEPARTMENT OF CLARIFICATION

Changes in your student's enrollment contract (payment plans, adding tuition insurance, etc) need to be made by e-mail to businessoffice@brooklynfriends.org. Enrollment withdrawals need to be in writing by email to both David Kleiser (CFO) and Karine Blemur-Chapman (Director of

Enrollment).

ELECTRONICS DRIVE NOW UNDERWAY

Please bring your old cell phones or other small electronic devices into school and place them in the designated boxes in the lobby and on floors 4, 5, 6, and 7. The items will be donated to UPCYCLE LLC, and we hope to collect 300 by Friday, April 21 -- just in time to celebrate Earth Day on April 22.

WHAT A FELLOW PARENT HAS TO SAY ABOUT SUMMER AT BFS:

"Brooklyn Friends' Summer Programs take the best from BFS and make that light shine even brighter! For kids, the experience is familiar and new, energizing and relaxing - pure fun. Just like summer should be." We are delighted with the wonderful group of children who have already enrolled in Summer Camp and Summer Arts and encourage families who have not made their plans yet to check out our **programs on the BFS website.** We encourage you to register by the end of April as some elements of the program offer discounts. *Thank you!*

Guided by the Quaker belief that there is a Divine Light in everyone, Brooklyn Friends School cultivates an intellectually ambitious and diverse community that celebrates each individual's gifts. We challenge our students to value and embrace difference as they develop critical thinking skills and apply their knowledge and intelligence both in and out of the classroom. In this rich learning environment, we inspire all members of our community to voice their convictions, to discover and pursue their passions, and to seek truth. Our graduates are compassionate, curious, and confident global citizens who let their lives speak in the spirit of leadership and service.

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