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October 19, 2018

Next week at BFS

10/22 8am: MS Parent Coffee Hour with the Department Chairs**10/24-10/26** 4th Grade Trip to Nature's Classroom**10/25** 8:30am: Kindergarten & Gr. 1 Parent Coffee Hour | 6pm: MS Halloween Dance & Social**10/26** MS/US Faculty Report Writing Day, **MS/US Students not in attendance**

Halloween Reminder for Pre & Lower Schools: Children do not wear costumes or bring candy into school on October 31.

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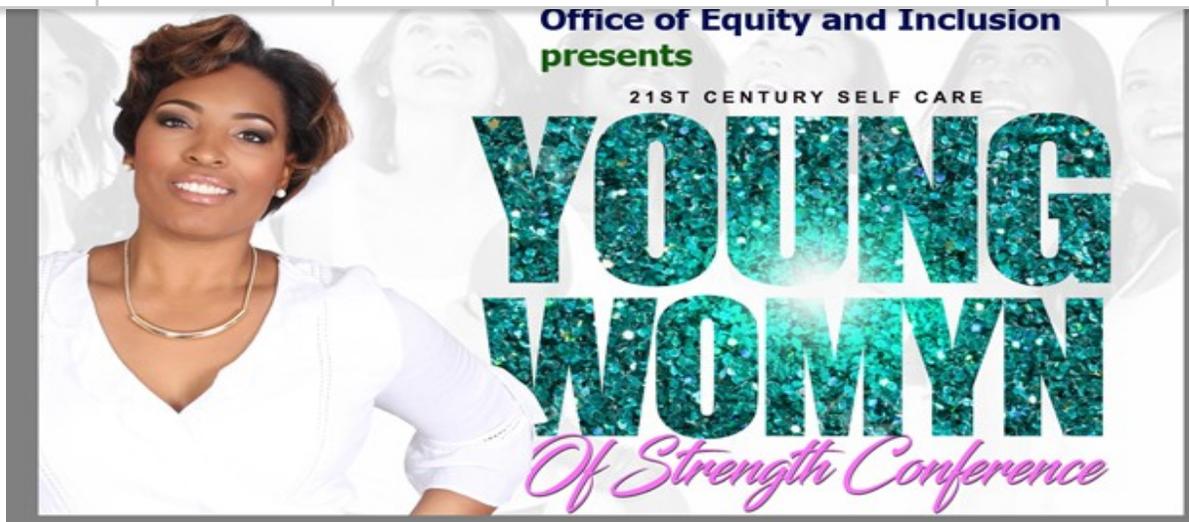
Head of School Candidate Feedback Form

The Board of Trustees and Head Search Committee thank the many parents and faculty/staff who attended the open meetings with the three finalist candidates for the head of school. It is very important to us that you follow up by completing a feedback form, which includes space for all three candidates. The form will expire on Saturday at 11:59pm. Thank you. [See feedback form](#)

Have You RSVP'd, Registered, or Applied?

Deadlines are coming up for three important BFS happenings. Please make sure you've made arrangements to take part in . . .

- The BFS Library's **Grim, Grimmer, Grimmett** podcast Halloween celebration with Newbery-award winning author Adam Gidwitz, **Oct. 30** for 3rd through 6th grade students and families. [DETAILS and RSVP form](#)
- The 6th Annual Young **Womyn of Strength Conference** at the Upper School, **Nov. 3** for 7th-12th grade young women. Jada Monica Drew (pictured below), an International Diversity Trainer, Social Justice Consultant, and Author, is the keynote speaker, and the theme is "21st Century Self-Care." [DETAILS and Registration Form](#)
- The PAT's Winterfest on Dec. 1. The application process for vendors will close soon. [DETAILS and Application Form](#)



To honor the BFS commitment to Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month, this edition of THE LIFE is presented in Español (with English subtitles). Hear the beautiful music of Mexican musician Ernesto Villalobos (who recently led a collection for our lower schoolers); get an inside look at an 8th grade Spanish class; and learn how our middle school students are recognizing Latinx changemakers, who generally have been under-represented in American society.

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Into the Home Stretch of Latinx/Hispanic Heritage Month and Preparing for the All-School Celebration on Fri. Nov. 2

What better way to celebrate just about anything than with food? That's just what we'll be doing at BFS on the evening of Friday, Nov. 2 at our first All-School Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Celebration. And we'll be doing it community-style, with food contributions from all members of the BFS extended family-- cafeteria and maintenance staff, teachers, administrators, parents and students.

CALLING ALL CHEFS!

Advancement Report



Giving and Growing with Friends

Did you receive your Brooklyn Friends Fund brochure in the mail yet? A dedicated parent volunteer will be reaching out to you soon, so please consider giving today.

Brooklyn Friends School asks all parents, alumni, faculty, and our extended community to contribute to the Brooklyn Friends Fund. The Fund helps build and sustain our vibrant community. The academic program, the arts, athletics, service learning, inclusion and equity, technology resources and facilities all benefit from a robust giving program that you can be a part of.

To make your gift today, go to brooklynfriends.org/donate →

PAT News

SAVE THE DATE FOR WINTERFEST '18

Mark your calendars for **December 1, 2018** and bring your shopping list. Come for the kids' activities, the singing, the book browsing, the hammering, the Crystal Cave, the face painting, the sweet treats...stay for the holiday market! An entire gym full of

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wrapping paper, and more! [Details at the WinterFest website.](#)

Would you like to sell your own crafts and creations at WinterFest? [Click here to download the vendor form.](#)

Are you a culinary whiz or work at or own an f&b establishment? You can donate to WinterFest [Eats or signup to sell your treats here!](#)



MS Coffee Hour Mon, Oct, 22, 8-9am

Please join Glen Pinder, Nitya York, and the MS Department Chairs as they discuss the restructuring of the MS department chairs and their vision going forward. (Location: 3rd fl. conference room)

PAT Service Learning Committee Kick-Off Meeting

Tuesday, October 23 @8:30 in the **Pearl Street Cafeteria**

ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME in joining this committee, which serves to foster and support this year's initiatives of our Service Learning and Civic Engagement Department.

Afterschool Announcements

- **Today, Oct. 19, Preschool Afterschool will end at 5:30pm** so we may prepare for PS Parent Orientation, which begins at 6pm.
- **Nov. 1 is the deadline for Afterschool balances and/or Private Music Lessons.** You may pay with a credit card (3% service fee added) or e check through your [My Backpack](#) account, or send a check payable to Brooklyn Friends School, att: Afterschool. Any outstanding balances after this date will result in discontinued Afterschool classes and/or music lessons.
- The deadline to drop Afterschool classes was Oct 8. Refunds and credits will no longer be given for dropped classes after this date.
- Because of the trip to Nature's Classroom, there is no Afterschool for 4th graders on Oct 24 & 25. If 4th graders return DURING Afterschool hours on the 26th, Afterschool will be provided for them on that day.

Please Help the School maintain a safe environment at Pearl Street during afterschool hours. Unless enrolled in afterschool or in a supervised activity such as sports, rehearsals, library or tutoring, students **need to leave the building promptly** at the time they are dismissed (or by 3:45pm for those waiting in the cafeteria.) Parents/ caregivers need to supervise and accompany their students during dismissal time, especially when waiting for siblings. In no case should students (with or without parents/caregivers) use the rooftop playground, the gym, the space adjacent the meetinghouse, or any other area once the regular school day ends.

It's Sign-up Time for Parent Conferences

Preschool, Lower School and Middle School parents may [go directly here](#) to start the process for November Parent-Teacher Conference Sign Ups. (Upper School starts on Oct. 25 at 7:00pm.)

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November parent conferences, and more.

For new parents and those who need a refresher, [GO HERE](#) to view a brief but helpful video explaining the process.

Sports Section



Another Winning Week!

Congratulations to the Middle School Girls Volleyball team on their undefeated season with 10 wins and counting! Congrats also to the Girls Varsity Volleyball team for earning the ISAL league title. And a very big shout out to all our fall teams for another winning week:

- MS Girls Volleyball defeated Staten Island Academy and have the honor of being ISAL League Champions.
- MS Boys Soccer had wins over Garden and Staten Island Academy
- Girls JV Volleyball enjoyed a victory over Dwight
- Girls Varsity Soccer defeated FASNY and York Prep
- Girls Varsity Volleyball defeated Birch Wathen and earned the title of ISAL League Champions. Now they move on to playoff action.
- BFS Boys Varsity Soccer had a win over Churchill and captured the regular season title of ISAL League Champions. Now they move on to playoff action.
- Cross country participated in meets at Cadman Plaza and Van Cortland Park.

Soccer Jamboree Coming Up on Thurs. Oct. 26

Fifth and sixth grade boys and girls are encouraged to sign up for the Brooklyn independent schools' annual soccer jamboree, which takes place on Thursday after school in Brooklyn

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)**Fans wanted!**

See our spirited teams in playoff action next week. See the schedule and sign up for a fan alert at bfsathletics.org.

- For weekly game highlights, [go here](#)
- For comprehensive information on the athletic program, [go here.](#)
- For all athletic schedules (practices and games), [go here.](#)

We encourage all students to be a part of the program and represent BFS as a student-athlete by joining the BFS athletic teams during the school year. There are 37 teams during the fall, winter, and spring seasons – 20 Upper School teams and 17 Middle School (grades 7/8) teams. Students who wish to JOIN THE TEAM (especially those new to BFS) should reach out to Athletic Director David Gardella, e-mail dgardella@brooklynfriends.org; phone 718-852-1029 ext. 234. Fall schedules are posted on bfsathletics.org

The BFS Communications Office regrets the difficulties Lower School parents experienced last weekend accessing your student's classroom posts. We believe the issues have been resolved; however, if you still have not seen the posts, or if you cannot sign in to the BFS website dashboard, it is important for you to send an e-mail message to info@brooklynfriends.org and explain the problem to us. All parents should have a USER NAME and PASSWORD for the BFS website. This is distinct from your My BackPack and Magnus web accounts. Many parents have found [the attached fact sheet](#) helpful in navigating online resources; we hope this is of use.

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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