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# E-NEWS



Remember: the PAT is now the BFF!

Oct. 11, 2019

## Next Week at BFS

**Sun. Oct. 13** 11am Brooklyn Monthly Meeting for Worship, BFS Families invited to join at 110 Schermerhorn Street. [DETAILS](#)

**Mon. Oct. 14** *Indigenous Peoples Holiday; School Closed*

**Tues. Oct. 15** Due date for 2020-21 Applications for Preschool, K, Gr. 1

**Wed. Oct. 16** 8:30am Preschool Coffee Hour on *Bedtime Routines: Dream or Nightmare?* | 8am BFF Black History Month Committee Meeting | Gr. 12 onsite SAT, Gr. 11 onsite PSAT, and Gr. 9/10 City as Classroom in the Upper School

**Thurs. Oct. 17** 8:00am MS Coffee Hour: MAP Growth Test | 6:00pm CSS Profile Workshop for Senior Families | 5:45pm "Discover the Upper School" Open House

**Fri. Oct. 18** 8:30am Gr 3/4 Parent Math Workshop

All events & details online: [brooklynfriends.org/calendar](https://brooklynfriends.org/calendar)



## A Student, Her Teachers, and A Very Special Honor

A teacher's influence lasts forever, but it isn't always acknowledged. Not so this week as we say congratulations to **Sarah Levy** and **Lyubov Obertnaya** who were awarded the **University of Chicago's Outstanding Educator Award**. What makes this honor all the more meaningful is that Sarah, Upper School English (photo at right), and Lyubov, Upper School Science (center photo), were nominated by BFS alumna **Amina Washington**, Class of 2019 (photo at left). Every year, UChicago gives newly admitted students the opportunity to recognize the educators who have made a difference in their lives. Thanks, Amina, for recognizing the outstanding teaching at BFS and for spreading BFS love in the Windy City and beyond!



### You're Invited: A Rare Opportunity to Hear Dr. Bettina Love, Acclaimed University of Georgia Professor, Speaker, and Author

There's a wonderful added dimension to this year's 7th Annual Young Womxn of Strength Conference on Sat. Nov. 2. The Conference Keynote Speaker, **Dr. Bettina Love**, will hold two sessions with the community -- her keynote address to the 7th-12th grade conference attendees to begin the day, and a separate, second talk with adults at 11am, both at the BFS Upper School. Click on the photo above to hear Dr. Love's TedX Talk on Hip Hop, Grit, and Academic Success, and plan to attend. [LEARN MORE](#) and Register.

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## Advancement Report

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### BFS and Running: Perfect Together

Running the **New York Marathon** on **Sunday, November 3rd**? Join BFS parents, colleagues, and friends in running for Brooklyn Friends. Post a photo on instagram, tag Brooklyn Friends, and share your bib number so we can track runners and cheer you on! Remember to include hashtag #bfsrunsnyc

Fill out our Marathon Runners [Form here](#).

Want to represent BFS in the marathon? There's no better time to sport your Brooklyn Friends spirit wear! Contact the Advancement Team today at [bfsdevelopment@brooklynfriends.org](mailto:bfsdevelopment@brooklynfriends.org) or you can purchase spirit wear on [brooklynfriends.org/spiritwear](http://brooklynfriends.org/spiritwear).

If you have family and friends running and would like to make a gift in honor of their achievement, please visit [www.brooklynfriends.org/donate](http://www.brooklynfriends.org/donate).

*Make a Gift*

## Quaker News

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### A Focus on the Testimony of Integrity and Indigenous Peoples

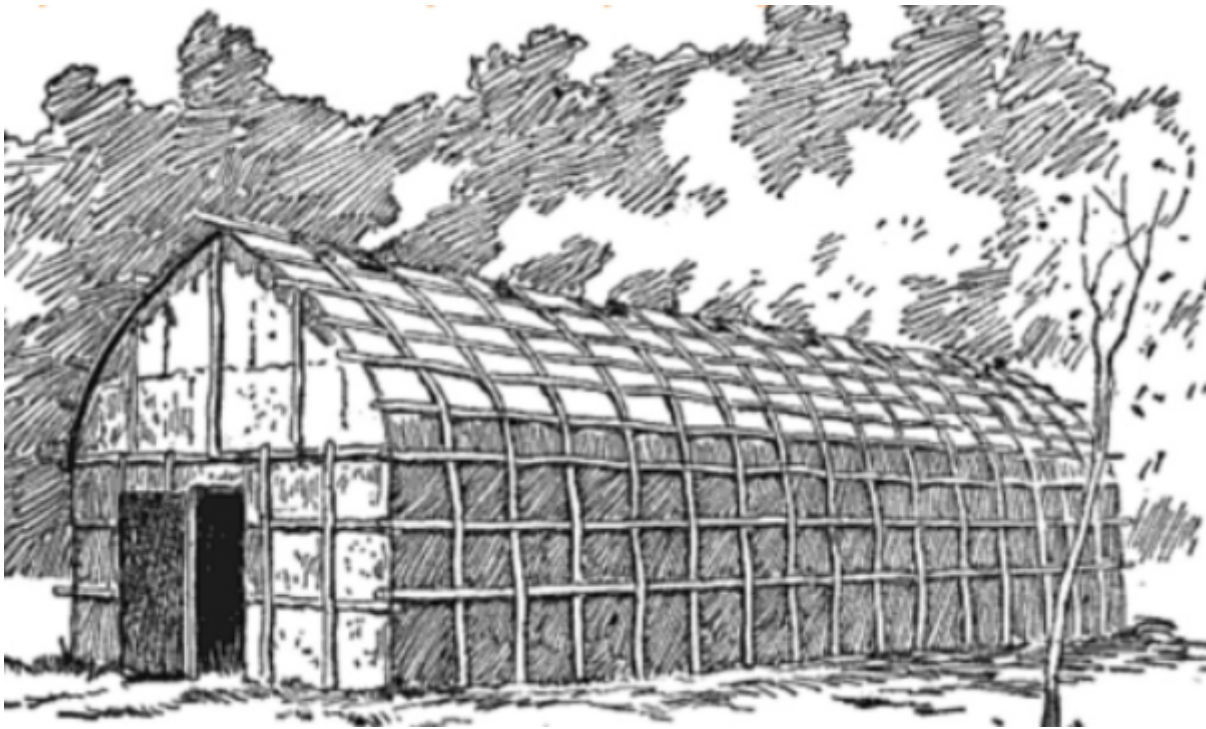
**Monday, Oct. 21** All BFS parents/guardians are invited to an evening event, "**Raising Children with Integrity: A Presentation and Worship Share on our Testimony of the Year**" on Monday, Oct. 21, 6:00 - 7:15 pm, in the Pearl Street Meetinghouse.

- The evening will start with a presentation on the Quaker Testimony of Integrity and its roots in Quaker history. Participants will then meet in small groups to consider queries and share reflections. We will come back together as a whole group to process and summarize.
- This event is hosted by Spiritual Life sub-committee of the BFS Board of Trustees, with support from Brooklyn Monthly Meeting's BFS Care Relationship Committee and the BFS All School Quaker Life Committee.

Child care/homework help provided. [RSVP HERE](#).

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*"Native North American contributions to our collective culture and society are immeasurable. The founders who wrote our U.S. Constitution, based on their democratic ideals, were influenced in part by Native American way of government. The six nations of the Iroquois Confederacy (or Haudenosaunee (ho dee noe sho nee—People of the Long House) thrive today." (from The Field Museum)*

**Wednesday, Oct. 23** The BFS Office of Quaker Life and Brooklyn Monthly Meeting host their annual **INDIGENOUS PEOPLES CELEBRATION OF MOTHER EARTH** on Wed. Oct. 23, 6:00-8:30pm at 110 Schermerhorn Street. This event includes singing with Bear Fox and dancing led by Josh Sargent, in recognition of Haudenosaunee/ Algonquian traditions, wisdom, and knowledge, which are vital to today's world and the future. Dinner is from City Beet Kitchens. Please plan to join us at this free community event. **RSVP requested to [mherrity@brooklynfriends.org](mailto:mherrity@brooklynfriends.org) Use Oct. 23 in the subject line.**



## CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF STEPHEN WORTMAN

Also at the Schermerhorn Meeting House on Saturday **OCT. 19** at 2:30pm, there will be a celebration of the life of Dr. Steve Wortman, longtime BFS Latin teacher and advisor who died unexpectedly over summer break. Students in grades 9 to 12 who knew or were students of Dr. Steve are especially welcome to attend.

## Reminders and Resources

- Are you an LGBTQ-identified parent willing and able to represent BFS on the family panel at **LGBTQ Connect** on Wed, Oct. 16, from 6 to 8 p.m. ? The event will take place at 129 Pierrepont Street in Brooklyn Heights. Please reach out to [Crystal Backus](#), Director of Admissions Outreach. [EVENT INVITATION.](#)
- **An Important Middle School Coffee Hour for Parents on Thursday, October 17 8:00-9:00 am, Pearl Street Meetinghouse**  
The topic for this event is the new NWEA MAP Growth Test (Measures of Academic

Progress). The Middle School recently concluded the first round of MAP benchmark testing in grades 5-8. At this meeting, more information and details about the test, as well as guidance for interpreting your child's results, will be provided. The results themselves will be made available shortly after this Coffee Hour via families' My BackPack accounts.

- BFS does not automatically distribute the annual **Student & Family Directory**, but you can receive a PDF or printed copy by request: [ORDER FORM FOR DIRECTORY](#)
- **Calendars for Caregivers:** Families, please let your children's caregivers know that they can get their own BFS student-art created calendar – just ask Cheryl at the Front Desk.

## BFF Volunteers Wanted and Welcomed

The Brooklyn Friends & Families (BFF) Black History Month Celebration Committee is holding a meeting **Wednesday, October 16; 8:00 – 9:00am in the Pearl Street Cafeteria**. Whether you are brand new to BFS or part of a longtime family, please consider coming to this gathering, meeting fellow parents, and learning more about how you can have an impact on one of the largest community celebrations of the school year.



## Fantastic Fans Support a Volleyball Triple-Header (with Triple Wins)

There was a triple header for girls volleyball yesterday and the teams had the enthusiastic support of a dedicated group of Upper School teacher-fans. Pictured above, clockwise from bottom left are Giancarlo Melia, Dr. Jon DeGraff, Larry Williams, Paul Romano, Marna Herrity, Joel Kwabi, and Dr. Kamauru Johnson. Their support was rewarded as the girls had three victories in a row over Churchill School.



You can be a Panthers fan too! Enjoy the beautiful fall weather at a BFS soccer game and take an elevator ride to the upper gym to see our spirited girls volleyball teams in action in the next few weeks. See the schedule and sign up for a fan alert at [bfsathletics.org](http://bfsathletics.org).



**Varsity Girls Soccer Team**

## This Week in BFS Sports

- MS/US Cross Country participated in an ISAL Meet at Van Cortlandt Park
- MS Girls Soccer tied Friends Seminary 2-2
- MS Boys Soccer defeated Churchill 7-0, Mary McDowell 7-1 & Berkeley Carroll 2-0
- Girls Varsity Soccer defeated York Prep 5-0
- Boys Varsity Soccer defeated Churchill 2-1 and York Prep 3-2
- MS Girls Volleyball defeated Churchill 2-1 and York Prep 3-2
- Girls JV Volleyball defeated Churchill 2-0 and Avenues 2-0
- Girls Varsity Volleyball defeated Churchill 3-0 and York Prep 3-0

## Middle School Girls– Register for the Nov. 2 Basketball Clinic with St. Francis College Women's Team

This special event is open to 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls. It takes place on 11/12/19, 3:30pm-4:45pm, in the BFS Lower Gym. [REGISTER HERE.](#)

For all Athletic Schedules, go to [bfsathletics.org](http://bfsathletics.org)

**Athletics Information Site - [Click Here](#)**

**Weekly Highlights - [Click Here](#)**

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