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E-NEWS



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Next week at BFS

10/19 Saturday, **2:30pm** – Celebration of the Life of Dr. Stephen Wortman, Meeting House at 110 Schermerhorn Street

10/21 6pm – "Raising Children with Integrity" A Presentation and Worship Share on the BFS Testimony of the Year

10/22 8:30am: Parent Coffee Hour on **Kids and Phones** (Grades 3, 4, 5) | **6pm**: Mythbusters - The Truth Behind Standardized Testing (US Families)

10/23 Indigenous Peoples Celebration at BFS, culminating in 6pm dinner and program at Brooklyn Monthly Meeting, 110 Schermerhorn St.

10/23–10/25 4th Grade Trip to Nature's Classroom

10/24 5:30 pm: PS Curriculum Night | **6pm**: MS Halloween Dance & Social

10/25 MS/US Report Writing Day: No School for MS/US Students |

4pm: Online sign-up for November Parent Conferences begins

4pm: Gr. 5/6 Soccer Jamboree at Brooklyn Bridge Park [REGISTER](#)

All events & details are online: brooklynfriends.org/calendar

Top Stories



Once a Friend, Always a Friend

It's not the number of people that attend an institution that is an indication of its success, but rather the amount that return. This is an apt observation that applies to Brooklyn Friends. I count myself among many alumni colleagues that have returned to BFS as an employee to share our professional skills with the same community that helped foster them when we were students. I had the opportunity to catch up with **Giancarlo Colageo Milea** (pictured), an alum who is now working as a History teacher. "It feels great to be back," he said, adding that it is bittersweet replacing the teacher that referred him for the position, former History chair Ed Herzman. "It feels like I am picking up where I left off." As someone

who works with the alumni community, I can confidently say “Same here, Giancarlo.” – *Lekeia Varlack Judge'99, Director of Alumni*

Learn about the many other BFS Alumni-Colleague connections [HERE](#).



“No Planet B” – BFS and the Climate Strike

This week's edition of THE LIFE goes behind the scenes to discover the impetus for the BFS student body's participation in the Sept. 20th Global Youth Climate Strike. (80 percent of Upper Schoolers took part, along with students, families and BFS colleagues in all grades.) View video footage and photos from the rally at Brooklyn Borough Hall and the march over the Brooklyn Bridge. Listen to interviews with the two Upper School student leaders, Otto and Millie. Sit in on their climate strike conversations with lower school students, and learn about their plans for continuing their advocacy and action right at home at BFS. [Season 4, Episode 3: No Planet B](#)

School News You Can Use

Middle School Buzz

A fly on the wall said there was an excellent Middle School Parent Coffee Hour yesterday on the new **MAP Growth Test** that has been administered to students in grades 5-8. See the presentation slide show [HERE](#).

Early Literacy Resource Website for Families

The Lower School is pleased to share a new resource for families on Early Literacy, created and curated by K/1 Learning Specialist Caroline Segarra.

Check it out [HERE](#) (and bookmark the URL – you may also link through the Parent Dashboard). This resource site has

- early literacy skills and resources that support your child's learning and literacy skill development

- book recommendations
- relevant articles on topics such as ADHD and Dyslexia
- news and research on literacy and learning
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“Lesson” Number 1 – ***What are Sight Words?*** The answer is below; the explanation is on the site.

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Horizons at Brooklyn Friends is so excited to invite Gr. K-5 families to our 2nd Annual Super Science Saturday, held at Pearl Street on Nov. 16 at 10am. Our Super Saturday program is a way to engage Horizons Students in science, literacy and social-emotional growth throughout the school year and we would love to include our BFS families and students in the fun as well! Super Science Saturday is appropriate for students K through 5th grade, with middle school and high school students welcome to volunteer. The day will feature a guest zoologist and their animal friends from Rizzo's Wildlife in the morning followed

by a slimy science experiment from Mad Science! A lite breakfast and lunch will be provided. **You can sign up [HERE](#).** Participation is completely free for all students and families!

Start Spreading the News

Dr. Bettina Love, professor of education at the University of Georgia, sought after speaker, and author of ***We Want to Do More Than Survive, Abolitionist Teaching and the Pursuit of Educational Freedom***, is coming to town. Following her keynote talk at the BFS Young Womxn of Strength Conference on Saturday morning, Nov. 2, Dr. Love will address adult members of the community at the Pearl Street Meetinghouse at 10:45am. Tickets are \$20 (free to BFS colleagues).

[Download Conference Flyer.](#)

Advancement Report



This. Is. The. Moment.

This year marks a transformative change. With just three months into the academic school

year, **100% of BFS Colleagues in all of the educational divisions** (Family Center, Preschool, Lower School, Middle School, and Upper School) have made personal gifts to the Brooklyn Friends Fund. Overall All-School Colleague giving, which includes facilities, cafeteria, operational and support departments, is at 98% participation.

BFS Colleagues have demonstrated dedication in achieving the many dreams we have for students, families, alumni, and the entire community by investing personally in Brooklyn Friends Fund. But, the strength of our community comes from the **collective investment of all members**.

BFS is our professional home, and we hope our energy is contagious. Join us in this effort to make our community dreams a reality. Give or make your pledge by December 31st because **this is the year, this is the moment**.

Click Here to Make Your Gift Now! Thank you.



Thu 10/24

Winterfest Planning Committee Meeting
8:45 -9:45 am Pearl Street Cafeteria

Mon 10/28

Learning Differences Affinity Group Meeting
8:30- 9:30 am Pearl Street Cafeteria



CALL FOR STUDENT ARTWORK!

Middle and Upper School student artists, submit a design to the WinterFest wrapping paper design contest! The winning designs will become wrapping paper to be sold at WinterFest on **Saturday, December 14th**. Artists should submit their designs by **Monday, November 11th** to winterfest@brooklynfriends.org. Any type of artwork is acceptable, but all entries must be submitted by email as a jpg or png, 300 dpi.

Notes from the Health Office



Cold and flu season is creeping up upon us -- a good time to brush up on several simple, good sense tips to prevent illness and promote wellness in the community. [Get the details here](#). **A special reminder to Preschool parents:** it is a NYC Health Department requirement for your child to get the flu shot. Documentation should be uploaded to Magnus Health by Dec. 1.

Quaker News



“Raising Children with Integrity” on Monday, Oct. 21, 6 to 7:15pm

Many BFS families have expressed interest in gaining a deeper understanding of Quaker thought, principles, and practices. Attending Monday's presentation and worship share is a good way to do so. We look forward to seeing you there. [RSVP is requested.](#)

Families also are invited to a very special **Indigenous Peoples Celebration of Mother Earth** at the Meetinghouse at 110 Schermerhorn Street on **Wednesday, Oct. 23 at 6pm**. This event will have singing with Bear Fox and dancing led by Josh Sargent, and dinner from City Beets Catering. **RSVP to mherrity@brooklynfriends.org Use Oct. 23 in the subject line.**

Sports Section



The Playoff-Bound Girls Varsity Volleyball Team

This Week in BFS Sports

- MS/US Cross Country participated in an ISAL Meet at Van Cortlandt Park
- MS Girls Volleyball defeated Staten Island Academy 2-0
- Girls JV Volleyball defeated Berkeley Carroll 2-1
- Boys Varsity Soccer defeated Rudolf Steiner 3-0
- Girls Varsity Volleyball defeated Rudolf Steiner 3-0

From now until the end of the month, most of our Upper School teams will be involved in playoff action. Blue Pride!

Winter Season starts on Nov. 1 For all Athletic Schedules, go to bfsathletics.org

5th/6th Grade Girls & Boys – [Register](#) for the annual Soccer Jamboree at Brooklyn Bridge Park. It takes place on Friday, Oct. 25, and participants should meet in the BFS lobby at 3:15pm.

Middle School Girls – [Register](#) for the Nov. 12 Basketball Clinic with St. Francis College Women's Team. This special event is open to 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls. It takes place **3:30pm-4:45pm, in the BFS Lower Gym.**

Athletics Information Site - [Click Here](#)

Weekly Highlights - [Click Here](#)

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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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