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This Week at BFS *Week 1*

Mon 11/11 8:30 am - Planning Meeting for the BFS Spring Fundraising Celebration. All are welcome.

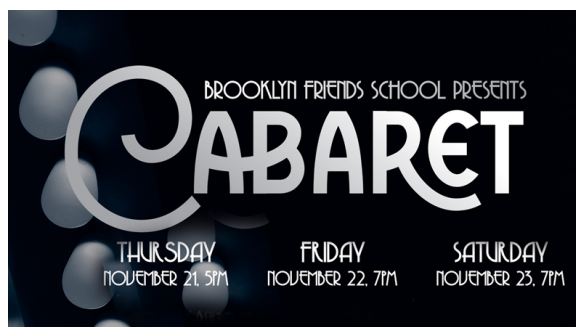
Tues. 11/12 3:30 pm: Girls Basketball Clinic with St. Francis College Athletics | **6 pm:** Asian Pacific-Islander Potluck

Wed. 11/13 8:30 am: Pre, K, Gr. 1 Parent Workshop

Fri. 11/15 No School for PS/LS PS/LS Parent Conferences | **8 am:** Middle School Parent Coffee Hour on the Math Curriculum

Sat. 11/16 10 am - 4 pm: Work Day in the Quaker Cemetery | **10 am - 1pm:** Horizons at BFS Super Science Saturday

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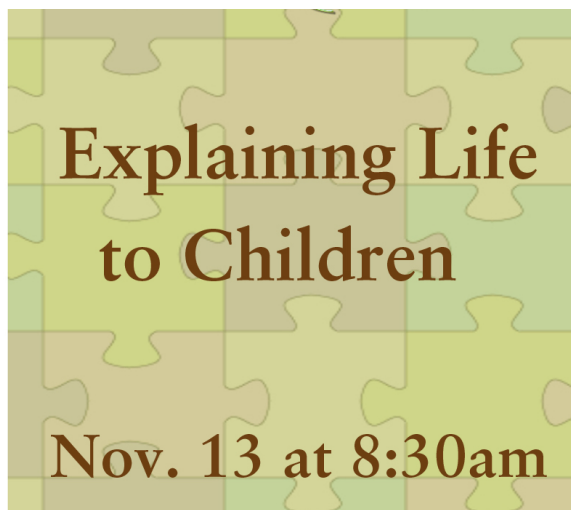
Wilkommen, Bienvenue, Welcome . . .Cabaret Is Coming to BFS

More than 40 students from 7th to 12th grade – along with an orchestra and a directing/choreography team – have been preparing since early September for the BFS fall musical, **CABARET**. Show dates are Nov. 21, 22, and 23. [See a video](#) about the rehearsal process, read some important background about this award-winning Broadway show and [RESERVE TICKETS HERE](#).



Nov. 12 Potluck

BFS community members with Asian/Pacific Islander heritage and their families are invited to come together for a community-building potluck on **Tuesday, November 12 from 6-8 pm in the Pearl Street Cafeteria**. Colleagues, parents, kids, grandparents, partners, etc. are all welcome to share in this experience – and good food! If you plan to join us, please complete this [rsvp/potluck form](#). Asian dishes are welcome, but not required. Questions? Contact Laurice Hwang lhwang@brooklynfriends.org



Nov. 13 Parent Workshop

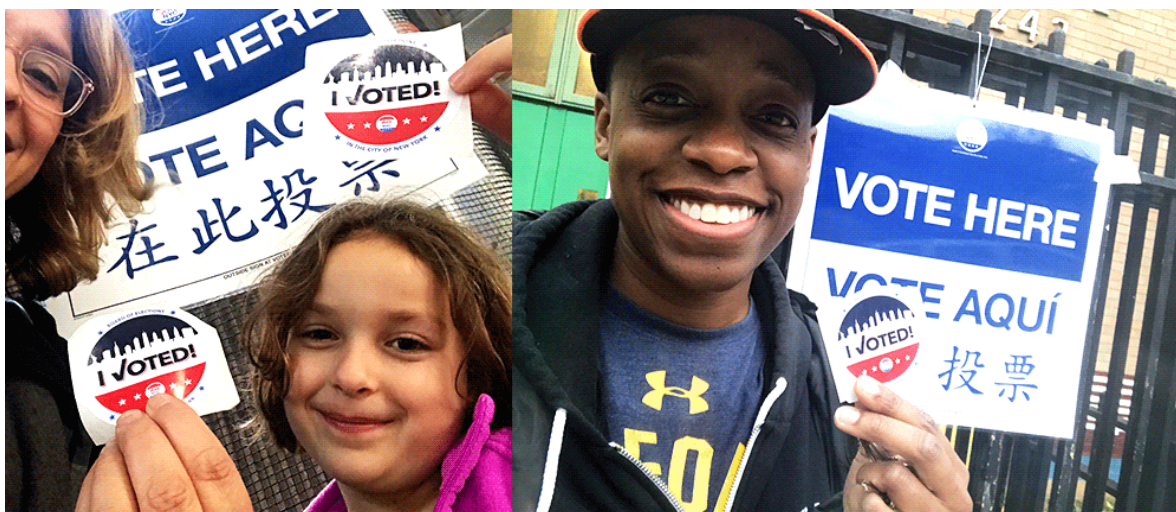
Explaining Life to Children: Too Much, Not Enough, Just Right

Especially for **Preschool, Kindergarten and First Grade** parents, this workshop will be led by Noelle Dean, a social worker in New York City for more than 20 years. At Bank Street College of Education, Noelle is the “feelings teacher” in the School for Children’s lower school, an adjunct in the Graduate School, and a part of the Emotionally Responsive Practice (ERP) team. Time: **8:30 – 10:00 am in the Third Floor Seminar Room**

Meeting on Monday to Plan for May 1st

Monday, Nov 11 at 8:30am in the Pearl Street Cafeteria
Spring Fundraising Celebration Planning Meeting

We are beginning to plan our spring fundraising celebration (name TBD!) that is scheduled for the evening of Friday, May 1st. Please join us at our first meeting Monday morning. There are exciting changes to the general format of this year's event and we need creative planners to shape this new celebration!



Thanks to all who shared their #BFSVotes selfies with us!

School News You Can Use

Senior Class to See the Film, *Harriet* on Tuesday Afternoon

An exciting opportunity has arisen for the Class of 2020 to see the movie ***Harriet*** at the Regal Theater on Court Street at 3:30 on Tues., Nov. 12th. Last year, on the 11th-grade field study, the grade visited the exhibits at the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Cambridge, Maryland, so it is particularly significant for the grade to see this movie together. Students need to sign up outside the deans' office if they intend to go. Dismissal will be from the movie theater unless parents requests that students are to be escorted back to BFS using this [link](#). *Thanks to the BFF Black History Month Committee for sponsoring this opportunity.*



Financial Aid Applications Due on Dec. 6

The Financial Aid Committee reminds families that the financial aid application deadline for the 2020-21 school year for currently enrolled students is **Friday, December 6, 2019**. In order to be considered for financial aid for 2020-21, your [TADS](#) applications must be in good standing by that date. This means applications for all households must be complete and ***all supporting documentation must be received*** by TADS by Dec 6. Families must re-apply for aid every year.

IMPORTANT! Families seeking to apply for Financial Aid ***for the first time*** need to be in touch with [Vanessa Reynolds](#), Financial Aid Coordinator, as soon as possible (718-852-1029 ext. 526), so that she may explain the process to you.

Kindergarten - Gr. 5 Students: Join Us for Horizons Super Science Saturday, Nov. 16

Reminder to BFS Families! Horizons at Brooklyn Friends invites you to our 2nd Annual Super Science Saturday, held on Nov. 16 from 10am -1pm. Our Super Saturday program is a way to engage Horizons Students in science, literacy and social-emotional growth throughout the school year, and we want our BFS families and students to be part of the fun as well! The program is geared towards 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 light breakfast and lunch will be provided. [Sign up HERE.](#)



Coming and Going at Pearl Street

Help the School maintain a safe environment at Pearl Street during afterschool hours. Unless enrolled in BFS 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 the latest** for those waiting in the cafeteria — where children must be supervised at all times by adults.) Children should not be playing or rough-housing in the corridor or stairs by the meetinghouse, and we expect parents and caregivers to be mindful of this.

Advancement Report



Brooklyn Friends School is excited to announce our inaugural giving day.

The first \$20,000 received between 8 pm November 25 and 8 pm November 26 will be matched dollar for dollar by a generous parent donor.

During this season of gratitude we hope you will rise to this challenge and make your impact on BFS by giving to the Brooklyn Friends Fund.

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#bfscommunity
#bfs20for20

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SAVE THE DATE FOR WINTERFEST 2019! Saturday, December 14th 11am-4pm

Friends of the Library Book Fair begins on Fri, Dec. 13 and continues through Sat. Dec. 14.

[Get a preview of all that is planned HERE →](#)

**Tickets Sales and Volunteer sign-up will be live shortly*



VOLUNTEER! This day of fun with the BFS community is also an important FUNdraiser - all dollars raised go back to our school. WinterFest still needs parent assistance for planning with baking prep, designing craft activities, and more. If interested, please e-mail winterfest@brooklynfriends.org ASAP for more details.

Nov. 11 is the deadline for the wrapping paper design contest.

Send submissions in 300dpi jpg format to winterfest@brooklynfriends.org

There is no craft market this year, but **any students, colleagues or families interested in selling their own arts + crafts at the event are welcome to purchase a table.** Please let the committee know by Nov. 15 by e-mailing winterfest@brooklynfriends.org or by completing [this form](#).

Wait, Wait, There's More! Books Galore on Friday & Saturday

The Annual **BFF Friends of the Library Book Fair** with curated selections from Stories Bookshop + Storytelling Lab, will be held in the **Pearl Street Library** on Fri. Dec. 13, 7:30am to 6pm and continues 11am to 4pm during WinterFest. Stop by and don't forget to support classroom libraries by purchasing books from your teacher's wish list!

Sports Section



Battle of the Panthers – Blue vs. Red on Nov. 26 at Barclays Center

The Browning School – an all boys K-12 institution on the Upper East Side of Manhattan – has extended an invitation to the BFS Boys Varsity Basketball team to play their Varsity basketball team at the Barclays Center, home of the Brooklyn Nets, on Tuesday evening, Nov. 26; *time to be announced, estimated at 9:30 to 10 pm*. [This is the last day of school at BFS before Fall Break.] Browning's mascot, like ours, is a Panther, and their school color is red, making for a great contest between Blue and Red panthers. Even better is the superb venue, which is close-by BFS and transit-friendly.

This high school match-up will take place following a collegiate basketball double-header; admission is \$15. [REPLY TO ENEWS](#) to get on a mailing list to receive additional details about the event. *Let Blue Pride Shine in Brooklyn!*

It's Already Winter for BFS Athletics

While Basketball is the name of the game in Winter Season (there are six teams!), student-athletes also participate in squash, swim, and indoor track. There is a bowling club, too, on Fridays for Upper Schoolers. Students, if you haven't done so already, fill out our [Team Sign-Up Survey](#). (The form is good for spring sports as well). **For all Athletic Schedules, go to bfsathletics.org**



BFS Panthers, Meet the SFC Terriers

Sixth, 7th and 8th grade girls are invited to attend the **Nov. 12 Basketball Clinic with the St. Francis College Women's Team**. While all Middle School basketball players are expected to attend, all others are invited. You don't need to make a team commitment to participate. The clinic takes place **3:30pm-4:45pm, in the BFS Lower Gym**.

Schedules of All Team Practices and Games: [Click Here](#)

Athletics Resource Site: [Click Here](#)

Weekly Highlights: [Click Here](#)

Sign up for Fan Alerts



Congratulations to BFS Coach **Lydia Gonzalez**, who completed her 5th consecutive TCS NYC Marathon on Nov. 3! Just three weeks ago, she ran in the Chicago Marathon with her best time of 3:30:35 – that feat qualified her for the 2021 Boston Marathon, which she intends to run next April. Coach Lydia has been running for almost her entire life and takes pride in all of her sports and activities. Lydia coaches all three seasons at BFS: fall JV Girls Volleyball, Winter Varsity Girls Basketball, and Spring Varsity Girls Softball. She says that helping student-athletes has truly inspired her to continue her work in the field and gain more knowledge to help others. It's been a real pleasure for her fellow coaches and student athletes to watch Coach Lydia continue to grow and work towards achieving all of her goals. She is also eager to share her training and running experiences with the BFS community. **BLUE PRIDE!!**

Quaker News



Join Brooklyn Friends School and Quaker families on **Saturday, Nov. 16** from 10am to 4pm (shifts are two hours) for a day of raking, planting and getting the Quaker Cemetery (inside Prospect Park) ready for the winter. The beautiful, historic Quaker Cemetery is located near the park entrance at Prospect Park SW and 16th Street, along Center Drive. Beverages and snacks will be provided. Please bring your own water bottle and/or mug to cut down on our carbon footprint. If you have them, please bring a rake and gloves. [Sign Up Now →](#)

In the Community



Susan Greenstein Art Show in Windsor Terrace, Nov. 16 & 17

Lower School art specialist **Susan Greenstein** is having an Open Studio Event next Saturday and Sunday (Nov. 16 and 17) at her studio at 229 Windsor Terrace. This is part of the Park Slope Windsor Terrace Artists Group Open Studio Art Tour. [EVENT DETAILS](#). Susan's work can be found in private collections across the US, and she has exhibited extensively in New York City, New Hampshire, and Delaware Fine Arts Museum. In addition to her teaching at BFS, Susan is a member-artist of 440 Gallery in Park Slope, where she directs the Young Artist program at the gallery.

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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