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January 12, 2020

## This Week at BFS **Week 2**

**Mon Jan 13** Winter and Spring Specialty Afterschool Classes Begin**Tues Jan 14** 8:30am BFF Committee Meeting for the Spring Celebration | Author **Ibi Zoboi** visits the Middle School**Wed Jan 15** Storyteller **Robert Greene** visits the Preschool & Kindergarten**Thurs Jan 16** 6:00pm Lower School **Specialist Night** for PS, K and Gr. 1 Parents**Fri Jan 17** "Simple and Powerful" tribute to Dr. King**Sun Jan 19** 11:00 am BFS Families are invited to Quaker Meeting for Worship**Mon Jan 20 SCHOOL CLOSED** Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

- On Friday, Jan. 17, please enter the school buildings in silence as we conduct the annual "Simple and Powerful" tribute to Dr. King.
- There is an error in this week's lunch menu: Friday Jan. 17 is empty. This will be corrected soon.

## Top Stories



### Learning from the Experts: Storyteller Robert Greene and Acclaimed Author Ibi Zoboi to Visit with Students This Week

On Wednesday, January 15, the PS/LS Library is delighted to host Brooklyn-based storyteller, actor, and educator, **Robert Greene** (pictured). This will be Robert's third year visiting BFS' preschool and kindergarten. He will be leading improvisation and acting games, creative movement, and storytelling activities with our students.

The Middle School Library hosts **Ibi Zoboi** (pictured) on Tuesday, January 14. Ibi's work includes the *New York Times* bestseller, ***My Life as an Ice Cream Sandwich***, her middle



grade debut, and the Young Adult novels ***Pride*** and ***American Street***, a National Book Award Finalist. She is also the editor of ***Black Enough: Stories of Being Young and Black in America***.

Ibi is a Haitian American writer, community organizer, and educator who grew up in New York City. Her work includes community-based programming for teen girls in both Brooklyn and Haiti, and working for organizations such as Teachers & Writers Collaborative and Community Word Project.

**PARENTS:** Please download and [print this form to order Ibi's books](#). The form needs to be returned, with payment, on Mon. Jan. 13. Thank you!

## What Are *Your* Dreams for BFS as We Enter a New Decade?

For our schoolwide **MLK Simple and Powerful** event this year, the Office of Equity and Inclusion will be launching a project similar to last year's #IHAVEADREAM campaign. While last year's programs focused on our students' wishes and aspirations (*see image below*), this year we will be asking the adults in the school community to share their thoughts about their dreams for BFS as we enter a new decade.

**[PLEASE GO HERE TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY.](#)**

Because we wish to provide the opportunity for as many people as possible to participate, the deadline for responses will be Friday, February 7, 2020. If you need assistance in accessing the form, send an email to [bfsenews@brooklynfriends.org](mailto:bfsenews@brooklynfriends.org).

### Kindergarten dreams for BFS from January 2019

an ice skating rink... a marshmallow machine... a trampoline...  
 a football field... a water slide going into the ocean...a pool with  
 a diving board and a water slide... an orange juice machine...  
 a tennis court... a swing set ... longer roof times...  
 a pool that is warm in the winter and cold in the summer...  
 a water slide... an ice rink for playing hockey... an amusement  
 park with rides on the roof... chocolate fountains instead of  
 water fountains... roller coasters on the roof... someone to  
 teach us magic... a huge outdoor skating board park on the  
 roof... classroom furniture made out of chocolate...a water  
 slide you could jump off of... a building shaped like a heart.

## RE-ENROLLMENT BEGINS JAN. 17

If you haven't done so, please [read this letter](#) from the BFS Enrollment Office outlining the dates and procedures for re-enrollment. Re-enrollment contracts are contingent upon good academic standing and fulfillment of financial obligations with the school as of January 2020. The re-enrollment process begins on **Jan. 17, 2020** and returned contracts with the required and non-refundable deposit are due back on **Jan. 27, 2020**.

## Advancement Report



With our 20th head of school leading us into a new decade, 2020 is looking bigger and brighter than ever.

BFS has big dreams for 2020 and we need your help to make all our dreams a reality. All dreams, big and small, contribute to the BFS tapestry. Be part of our dream-making by taking part in the Brooklyn Friends Funds. Donate today at [brooklynfriends.org/donate](https://brooklynfriends.org/donate)

### *Make a Gift*



### Help Us Plan for a Spectacular Spring Celebration!

The volunteer committee for the BFS Spring Fundraising Celebration will hold a meeting on **Tues. Jan. 14, 8:30am** in the Pearl Street Cafeteria. We welcome your participation; please plan to join us or stop by to learn more.



## Division Heads Share School News and Perspectives at Jan. 9 General Meeting

BFS Families and Division Heads **Maura Eden, Jackie Condie, Glen Pinder** and **Lisa Arrastia** engaged in conversation and Q&A at Thursday morning's BFF General Meeting. With our community's expectations and goals at the heart of the conversation, topics ranged from pedagogy to community events. *Thank you to all who attended.*



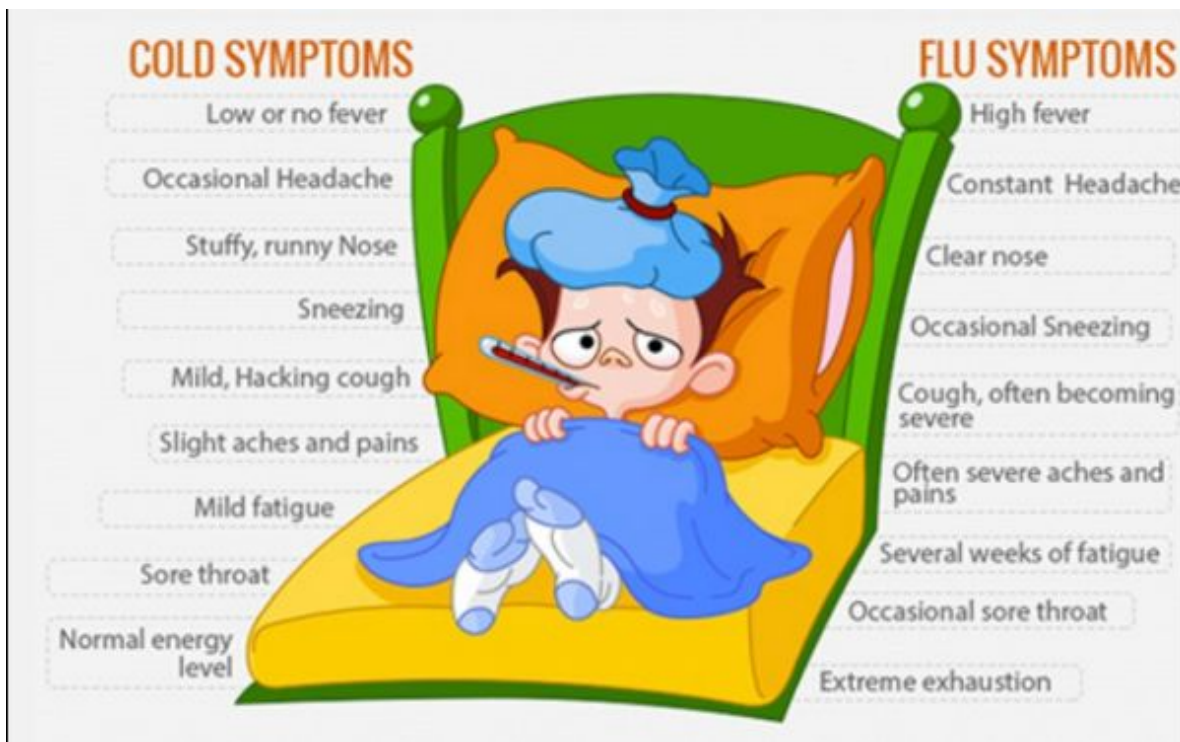
## Parent Volunteers Needed: Help Promote the 2020 Horizons Reading Challenge

The Horizons Reading Challenge kicks off this January and we are seeking parents to volunteer to help with our sign up tables. Time slots are 8am - 8:30am and 2:30-3:30 pm on January 22, 23, 24, 27, 28 and 29. Any period of time you can give is needed and appreciated. To volunteer, please e-mail [Aubrie Therrien](#), Horizons Executive Director. *As a thank you, Horizons would like to offer all parents who volunteer tickets to the Celebrate Horizons gala at City Vineyard on March 11, 2020.*



Horizons is a highly successful program at Brooklyn Friends School for neighborhood public school students; the premise is that every child deserves a quality education and varied opportunities to thrive. The Horizons Reading Challenge is a great way for kids to read for a cause and nurture their love of reading. Throughout the month of February, **Lower School students** set a reading goal and fundraising goal for Horizons that culminates in our Read-a-Palooza event on February 22, 2020.

***Get a head start!*** You may sign up your child for the 2020 Challenge ***now*** and **[GET THE DETAILS HERE.](#)**



## Important Notice from the BFS Health Office

During this time of year, cold and flu season is at its peak! This past week alone, the Health Office has had to send a number of students home due to illness. It is important to note that no child with a fever of 100 or more should be in school. In order for BFS to maintain a safe and healthy community, please [consider the following guidelines](#) in preventing the spread of illness. Thank you.

## Quaker News

### A Special Invitation to Quaker Meeting for Worship

***BFS Families are invited to Quaker Meeting for Worship***

***11–12 Meeting, 12–1 Social Hour,***

***110 Schermerhorn Street***

***Sunday, January 19th, 11 am***

Brooklyn Monthly Meeting at 110 Schermerhorn St. extends a special invitation on the third Sunday of every month to all BFS parents and children to attend Quaker Meeting for Worship followed by a social hour.

Parents, come discover what your children experience each week at “meeting” and gain insight into the Quaker values that inspired those of BFS. Whether you practice another faith or are a non-believer, we welcome you to experience Quakerism with us.

Quaker Meeting for Worship runs from 11 to 12 each Sunday and is followed by Social Hour with light snacks and coffee.

Learning activities with adult supervision (First Day School) are available for children 4 and up. Parents are encouraged to arrive shortly before 11, sign their children in, attend Meeting and then the children will rejoin them for the final 10 minutes of Meeting. Childcare for young children is available. All children are welcome to attend Meeting if they are comfortable in the silence.





Come enjoy the silence and Brooklyn Monthly Meeting community!

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## Sports Section



### A Bold Beginning for Basketball and Plenty of Action for Swim and Squash in Week One of 2020!

- **Girls Varsity Basketball** returned to action and defeated Birch Wathen Lenox 43-36 at Lenox Hill Neighborhood House and enjoyed a hard-won road victory over

Saint Ann's 43-34.

- **Boys Varsity Basketball** defeated Churchill 59-47 on the road for their 8th win in a row. They later had a tough loss 68-74 to Martin Luther.
- **Boys JV Basketball** defeated Churchill 59-28 on the road and enjoyed a victory over Birch Wathen Lenox 77-48 at home.
- **MS Girls Basketball** had back to back victories, defeating Mary McDowell 38-2 in the lower gym and Leman Prep 13-8 in an away game.
- **MS Boys Basketball** also scored back to back wins by defeating Mary McDowell 60-44 on the road and Leman Prep 42-37 at home.
- **Boys & Girls Varsity Squash** participated in a Match versus Leman Prep at RX Squash and they won! The energy was high and everyone was excited for their second win of the season!
- **Boys & Girls Varsity Swim** participated in an ISAL Meet at Leman Prep Pool and another Meet at St. Francis College Pool.
- **MS Boys & Girls Swim Team** participated in a Meet at Leman Prep Pool.

Follow all the action at [bfsathletics.org](https://bfsathletics.org) and come cheer the teams – there are many home games in the next few weeks.

Also this week in BFS Sports, the girls basketball teams will meet with representatives from the front office of the New York Liberty on Jan. 13.

**All winter athletic games, home and away, are now on the [BFS website calendar](#).**

- For detailed schedules of all team practices and games [Click Here](#).
- For the BFS Athletics Resource Site [Click Here](#)
- For Weekly Game Highlights [Click Here](#)

*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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