



**BROOKLYN
FRIENDS
SCHOOL**

April 27, 2020

Dear Lower School Families:

Marvelous May Fridays Begin this Friday, May 1.

Marvelous May Fridays begin this Friday with a Lower School Assembly led by music teachers, Piper Macleod and Nancy Tanney. Come sing, move a bit, and find out what the Lower School Challenge for the week ahead is!

Following the Lower School Assembly, we will host two special community opportunities for all Lower School children.

Please see the schedule for this Friday, May 1 and the detailed descriptions of our two community events below. The Zoom links to all programs for **Marvelous May Fridays can be found here**, as well as on the **The Complete LS Community Gatherings Calendar**. (PLEASE SEE YOUR EMAIL FOR THESE LINKS.)

We hope you will be able to join us this Friday, and every Friday in May, as we will host a magician, storyteller, quarantine fashion show... and even the Second Grade Circus! Stay Tuned!

Schedule for this Friday, May 1:

- **11:30 - 11:45 am: Lower School Assembly, K - 4**
- **12:00 - 12:30 pm: Third and Fourth Grade Lunch Bunch**
- **1:00 - 1:30 pm: Special Guest Artist, Sonia de Los Santos, performs for the Lower School, K - 4**
- **2:00 - 2:30 pm: Join the LS Green Life Team and Take Action for the Earth, K - 4**

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Program Descriptions for This Friday, May 1st:

Marvelous May Friday: Special Guest Artist, Sonia de Los Santos, Performs @ 1 pm

¡Hola amigos de Brooklyn Friends School!

We are excited to announce a very special virtual performance on Friday, from 1:00-1:30 pm, via Zoom Live. **Sonia de Los Santos will be our guest artist. She is a Latin Grammy Award Nominee for her children's Album called, ¡Alegría! and a regular Lincoln Center performer.** Sonia is originally from the city of Monterrey, in the capital of Nuevo León, México, but she lives in NYC. She performed for our Lower School, six years ago, with Dan Zanes and Ernesto Villalobos, during a special Latinx Hispanic Heritage Month Assembly. She is very excited to come back to BFS, but this time, she'll be performing from her living room and we'll be watching from our homes. Get ready to sing, clap and dance to the rhythms of

México and Latin America, during this remote performance. **Lower School Spanish Teachers, Myriam Juarbe and Gabriela Alvarez, will be your hosts.** If you want to learn more about Sonia before the concert, please see visit: [Sonia De Los Santos](#).
¡Hasta pronto!

Marvelous May Fridays: Environmental Action @ 2pm

Be Inspired by the LS Green Life Team and Take Action for the Earth!

We just celebrated the 50th anniversary of Earth Day with a powerful Earth Week 2020, and we don't want to stop there! Join the BFS Green Life Team started by Third Grade environmental activists to raise awareness and inspire action to address climate change! **During this session, we will debut an inspiring Public Service Announcement created by 3C students Adrienne, Bella, Charlie, Lucia, Sarah, and Sylvie.** We will also hear feedback from Middle and Upper School students, including 12th grade environmental action organizer Milly B. **Milly and Natania, Director of Service Learning & Civic Engagement, will then lead an interactive "Waste Audit" activity** in which everyone can learn about the 5 R's - refuse, reduce, reuse, recycle, rot - and brainstorm creative ways to repurpose what we find in our spaces that might otherwise get thrown away.

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In addition to Marvelous May Fridays, please continue to join us for our Tuesday and Thursday enrichment classes and Monday, Wednesday and Friday Choice Time offerings. This past week, approximately 80 students engaged with Woodworking Teacher, Thomas Keasling, in a Monster Making Workshop and 45 children joyfully danced with Helen. Choice Time was low key, and we hope a comforting and relaxing time for your child. Friday's Third and Fourth Grade "Lunch Bunch" provided some fascinating answers and interesting rationale to a series of "Would You Rather" questions.

This week, please join P.E. Teacher, Edson Elcock, for an afternoon workout on Tuesday and Art Teacher, Susan Greenstein, for an Art Workshop on Thursday. These events can also be found on the **LS Community Gatherings Calendar**. (PLEASE SEE YOUR EMAIL FOR LINK)

In friendship,

Jacquelyn Condie, Head of Lower School
Katie Banks, Assistant Head of Lower School for Academics