



# E-News

September 9, 2016



## Next Week at BFS

**9/12:** *SCHOOL CLOSED* (Eid al-Adha holiday)

**9/13:** First day of Preschool | *6pm:* Preschool parent orientation

**9/14:** *6pm:* Family Center parent orientation

**9/15:** First day of Family Center | *6pm:* Upper School Curriculum Night | *8am:* MS Coffee Hour (Meet & Greet with Glen and Nitya)



## High Hopes and Great Expectations for 2016-17

Brooklyn Friends School begins its 149th academic year with a solid record of achievement by students, faculty, trustees, alumni, and parents. Enrollment for 2016-2017 is 909 students from Family Center through Upper School, with 150 new families joining the school. [Read More](#)

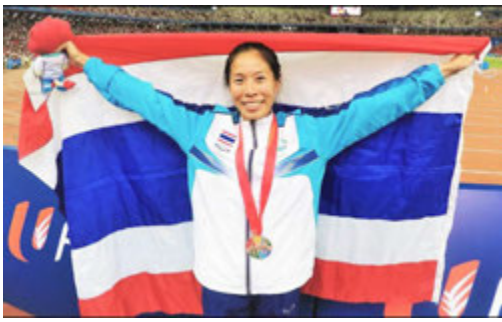
## Getting to Know the Three New Assistant Heads at BFS

In early July, BFS welcomed three new members to our community who will serve in leadership positions: **Nitya York** as Assistant Middle School Head of Academics; **Paul Beekmeyer**, Assistant Upper School Head for Academics, and **Alexandra ("Alex") Davis**, Assistant Upper School Head for Student Life. [Read More](#)



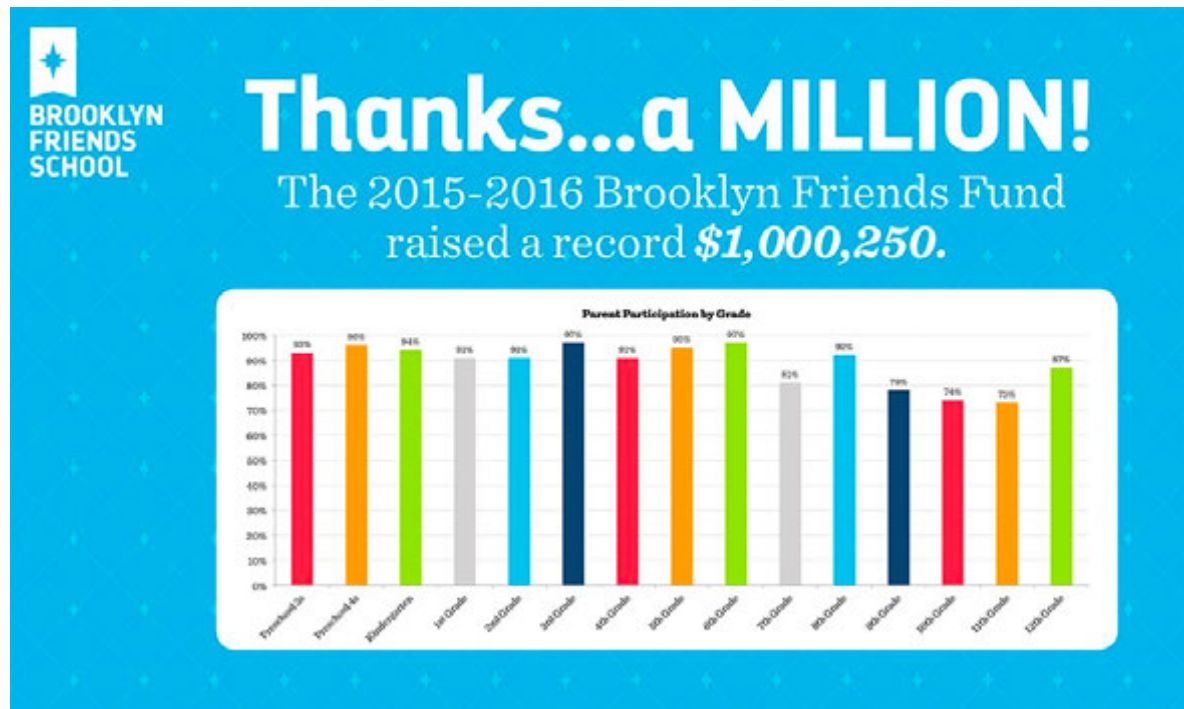
## A Special BFS Connection to the Summer Olympics

Jane Vongvorachoti, who taught physical education and coached at BFS from 2013-15, competed as a marathoner in the Summer Olympics. The Brooklyn Daily Eagle



interviewed Jane and Athletic Director David Gardella post-Olympics, in which Jane shared the inspiring message she told herself at age 11, "Just watch. I will make it. You'll see. Just watch. Never stop dreaming and live your dreams." [Read More](#)

## Advancement Report



### Thank you for making history together!

Through the unprecedented generosity of our community, the 2015-2016 Brooklyn Friends Fund set a new philanthropic standard at BFS. Together, we raised \$1,000,250 for our students, teachers and school. More than 1,100 donors and 88% of our current parents supported the effort. Each and every gift is deeply appreciated.

The 2016-2017 Brooklyn Friends Fund Committee is currently in formation. Be a part of the success story! Please call or email Kathryn Collins for more information about getting involved: [718-852-1029 x243](tel:718-852-1029) [kcollins@brooklynfriends.org](mailto:kcollins@brooklynfriends.org).

## School News You Can Use



### My Backpack

Make sure your data is accurate and up to date **(by Sept. 13)**. Data is used for the printed BFS Directory and our automated phone calling system which is activated in emergencies and severe weather conditions. Link [here](#).

### Magnus Health Forms

Completion of all forms is urgent, but especially for students going on overnight trips the week of **Sept. 19**. (Grades 5, 6, 8, 9, 12).

## Photo IDs

Returning parents use the same card as last year. New parents should go online [here](#) and follow instructions. Photo IDs may be picked up from Cheryl at the front desk for parents who submitted online forms with photos by Aug. 29 and parents who had photos taken at Sept. 6th's Orientation.

## Newly Enrolled Students Self-Identification Form

Please complete [here](#).

## BFS Website Dashboard

Every parent, new and returning, has a username and password for the Dashboard which gives you quick links to My Backpack, access to the lunch menu, Student & Family Handbook, and announcements by division. If you forgot or don't know your username and password, send an email message to [Jeffrey Stanley](#), BFS Website Coordinator.

## Metrocards

Metrocards (K-12) have been distributed. Contact Cheryl Foote at the Pearl Street Front Desk (ext. 200) with any questions/concerns. Eligibility is based on grade and walking distance. Half-fare cards are for bus only.

## Breakfast Cards

Cheryl has breakfast cards available for purchase. Breakfast begins at 7:30am in the Pearl St. cafeteria and the last order for hot meals is 8:55am.

## Haiku / PLearning

Haiku, the learning (homework) system for grades 5-12 is now called **PLearning**. All students and parents have a *new* username and password. For parents, the username is firstname.lastname (eg: Amy.Adams) and the default password is friends. You will be prompted immediately to change your password.

## Sports

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We're looking forward to another year of *Blue Pride*. The Panthers completed the 2015-16 school year with 30 interscholastic teams (grades 7-12) and a record of 156 wins, 78 losses, and 5 ties. This year, more students came out for pre-season sports than ever before. Games begin on Sept. 13 for Upper School and the week of Sept. 19 for Middle School. There is still time to join any of the teams; 7th/8th grade girls soccer especially would welcome more athletes on the team. Athletes, their families, and spectators have easy access to team schedules through the [sports section](#) of the BFS website.

Need more info? Contact Athletic Director [David Gardella](#), [718-852-1029](tel:718-852-1029) x234.

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