

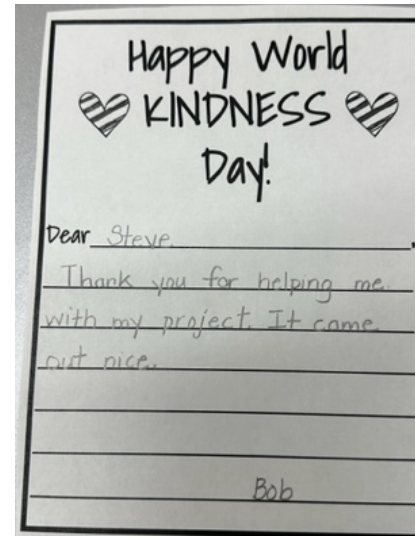


COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Kindness is Everywhere!!

BBA celebrated World Kindness Day on Monday, November 13th. World Kindness Day promotes the importance of being kind to each other, to yourself, and to the world. The purpose of this day is to help everyone understand that kindness brings us all together.

We have a 'Take What You Need' and 'Give What You Can' bulletin board on the first floor. The students and staff wrote little notes. Everyone was encouraged to grab a message if they needed a little pick me up or drop off a note for someone else. During ELA classes, the students wrote messages to someone special. Letters were written to teachers, friends, and family members. Many of the students decided they wanted to write more than one. Several students asked to put a note of kindness on a peer's locker. Everyone loved the notes they found! What a great way to make someone smile!



Random acts of kindness were everywhere! Kindness didn't end on Monday; it continued throughout the week, and it continues now. Everyone loves it when someone says something kind or does them a favor. Keep the random acts of kindness at home...make someone feel special! In a world where you can be anything, be KIND!





Calling all Bakers!

Please join our Cookie Walk for BBA Staff.

As we approach the festive season, we are planning a special treat for our hardworking staff at BBA. The HSA is organizing a “Cookie Walk” where staff can choose their favorite cookies to enjoy during this joyous time. To make this a sweet success, we need your help!

How you can contribute:

We invite you to share your favorite homemade or store-bought cookies to make our cookie walk a diverse and delicious experience for our staff. Whether it's a classic chocolate chip, gingerbread, or a special family recipe, every cookie will be a delightful gesture of appreciation.

Drop-off Details: Please drop off or send the cookies in with your child either **December 18th or 19th**.

Cookie Walk Event:

The cookie walk for staff will take place on December 20th. Staff will be able to stroll through the cookie display and select their favorite treats to enjoy during the festive season.

Guidelines:

- Feel free to get creative with your cookie choices.
- Please attach a label indicating the type of cookie and any relevant allergy information.
- Ensure they are packed securely to prevent breakage.

RSVP Your Participation:

To coordinate our efforts and ensure a variety of cookies, we ask that you RSVP by December 13th by emailing cfries@benbronzacademy.org. Let us know how many dozen cookies you plan to contribute.

For planning purposes, as you begin your baking, we have 39 staff members with whom we would like to share this joy.

We genuinely appreciate your support in making this event a special one for our dedicated staff members. Your delicious contributions will undoubtedly bring smiles and warmth to our school community.

Thanks for being part of this sweet initiative!

Student Council

The initial meeting of the Student Council occurred before the Thanksgiving Break. Students interested in participating attended an informative session and are now preparing campaigns to run for officer positions. The group extends a welcome to any student interested in joining. Mediators Karen Zetoff, Zayda Broderick, Tammy Santavenere, and Erica Misiorski will advise this student organization, offering guidance in exploring various community service endeavors and avenues for student expression.





Bank

TD Bank and Financial Literacy

On December 18, we are excited to welcome Ms. Colette Boncek, Assistant Manager at TD Bank, who will join us to share valuable insights into effective financial management. Throughout the session, Ms. Boncek will explore essential topics to empower our students with

fundamental financial knowledge. The discussion will encompass:

- Understanding various types of payments
- Exploring the functions and advantages of checking accounts
- Unveiling the concept of interest and its role in savings
- Navigating ATM transactions
- Introducing the uses of debit and credit cards
- Learning the basics of writing a check

This interactive session is designed to instill in students the importance of savings, the growth potential through interest, the practicalities of managing a checking account, and responsible usage of financial tools like debit and credit cards. The knowledge and skills gained from this session will be crucial for their future economic well-being. Your child stands to benefit significantly from this enriching opportunity.

Taste Testing Experiments

In our Psychology course, we've initiated an exploration into renowned research and experiments within the discipline. Following discussions on the scientific method, various research approaches, and data collection methods, we're delving into some of the most notable (and notorious) experiments in contemporary psychology. Additionally, we organized a blind taste test, offering students a tangible (and enjoyable) illustration of an experiment. Moving forward, our class will further scrutinize significant research in the field, engaging in discussions on the insights it has yielded.



HOUR OF CODE



The first week of December is Computer Science Education Week. To celebrate, BBA students will participate in *Hour of Code*, a global event that introduces learners of all ages and skill levels to computer science fundamentals. *Hour of Code* includes engaging in code and AI activities, nurturing problem-solving skills, logic and creativity. Over the next two weeks, students will join Karen in the library and begin to develop a foundation for computer science. Those interested in continuing beyond the event can do so through our STEM and Makerspace program. Please click [HERE](#) if you're interested in learning more about the impact *Hour of Code* has had around the world.



Calling All Alumni! We invite you to showcase your remarkable achievements since leaving BBA. Assist us in inspiring our current students by sharing your success stories. Express your interest in a short interview by emailing either cfries@benbronzacademy.org or clamphere@benbronzacademy.org.

Upcoming events:

December 11, 2023
December 15, 2023,
December 18, 2023
December 22, 2023,
December 25, 2023 - January 2, 2024
January 8-11, 2024
January 8, 2024
January 12, 2024,
January 15, 2024,
January 16-26, 2024
January 29, 2024,
February 12, 2024
February 16-20, 2024

HSA Meeting 7:30 pm Virtual
No School - Staff Retreat
TD Bank to visit our Upper School students.
12:30 Dismissal staff and students
Holiday Break
Exams
HSA Meeting 7:30 pm Virtual
12:30 Dismissal- End of Marking Period
No School Martin Luther King Jr. Day
IReady Testing
Parent Information Session 7:30 pm Virtual
HSA Meeting 7:30 pm Virtual
No School Winter Break

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