

BRONXVILLE ALUMNI NEWS BSF

Dear Fellow Alumni,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families well, even as we all continue to forge ahead through what has been an incredibly trying year. For me, I like to look at the bright side: the down time afforded us by the quarantine has given me opportunities to pursue some of my favorite pastimes ... for instance, just this weekend, I was able to finish three books, and, believe me, that's a lot of coloring!

As for the Bronxville School, it and its stalwart administration have absolutely "made the best of it," as one of the few NY districts that has been able to hold in-person learning for the majority of the 2020-21 school year to date. The ability to safely get students into school has made a huge difference in the lives of these kids, never mind in the lives of the parents who are sending them off with a smile each morning!

Foundation grants this year have played a critical role, giving the school innovative tools to maintain a safe and technology-enabled learning environment for our students. The Foundation depends on you and all of our donors; we hope you will support us again this year! And for our young alumni, as the Bronxville School nears its 100-year anniversary (established 1922), please consider a gift of \$22 in honor of this milestone. A gift of any size is welcome and greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

John Kelty '84, V.P. Alumni Committee

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The Foundation Thanks Peggy Williams for 16 Years of Service



Peggy Benziger Williams retired as Executive Director of the Bronxville School Foundation last spring after sixteen years of service. Given her departure in the midst of the pandemic, members of the Foundation and the School were not able to celebrate Peggy for her incredible service and dedication in the way they had hoped. As the parent of three alums, an alum herself, and a valued member of the community, Peggy has accumulated a wealth of Bronxville School history and has been a tremendous asset to the Foundation. In her tenure, she has overseen the approval of 452 grants, totaling \$7.4 million, while maintaining excellent relationships with school faculty and families, board members, alumni and our generous donors. We wish you great health and happiness in your retirement, Peggy! You will be deeply missed!

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THE FOUNDATION'S WORK

The last year certainly has been an unprecedented time for our school community and the Bronxville School Foundation, as it has been for so many communities around the world. When the school pivoted to a virtual learning plan in the spring, many of the resources provided by past Foundation grants were instrumental in enabling the faculty to continue to foster effective learning for our students and keep things as normal as possible under the challenging circumstances. The Foundation's critical support of nearly every technology initiative in recent years enabled the School to transition quickly to virtual learning.

Just prior to campus closing in March, the Foundation had received more than thirty grant applications for the spring grant cycle. While the pandemic forced us to postpone consideration of some very worthy grants that were not practical in the current environment, the awarded grants covered a broad array of initiatives relating to curriculum, facilities and equipment, professional development, technology, and health and wellness.

Many of the awarded grants have already been implemented. In some cases, the pandemic has created implementation delays or slight grant modifications. However, the Foundation is committed to providing the grant writers and the administration with the flexibility required to responsibly accomplish the goals of each grant.

One silver lining to the school closing last spring due to the pandemic was that it allowed construction to move forward quickly on several capital projects including a new Guidance Suite and Learning Commons in addition to the expansion of the Cafeteria and Atrium at the Meadow Avenue entrance of the school. As an off-cycle grant last winter, the Foundation also provided \$575,000 in funding for the construction of the Design & Innovation Center, and its doors opened this fall, adding 1,100 square feet in new physical learning space for in-person STEM coursework.

Since August, the Foundation also has approved several off-cycle grants to support the school's re-opening and operating plans. These grants helped the school open safely and prepare for and sustain live, hybrid and virtual learning models. The Foundation funded a \$40,000 grant for the application of Purezone to high-touch areas at school. Purezone is an antimicrobial film that has been shown to combat the growth of coronavirus on surfaces. The second grant provided \$114,000 in funding to outfit Zoom classrooms with large screen monitors, webcams and microphones and provide teachers with home use equipment on days when fully virtual instruction is necessary. Two other off-cycle grants funded important professional development to aid teachers as they worked to pivot to hybrid learning, make adjustments to their curriculum, and rethink how best to develop a productive and cohesive classroom culture.

These grants fill the gap between what the school budget allows and transformative education demands, and the Foundation will continue to support other initiatives as new needs are identified. Given the unique circumstances this year, we believe that the Foundation's work is more important than ever as we work with the school to provide a safe learning environment that delivers an exceptional, flexible, learner-centric experience to students whether at school or home.

2019-2020 GRANTS: 33 AMOUNT: \$1,009,166



World Languages Initiatives



Local Live Streaming



MS Robotics



STEM Facilities & Equipment

FACILITIES

Design & Innovation Center
IDE Classroom Redesign Phase III
MS Art Room Renovation

EQUIPMENT & MATERIALS

MS Science 3-D Printer
Unruly Splats: ES Coding & Active Play
Bronco TV 4K Recorder & Equipment
Milo the Robot for ES & MS Special Education
Robotics Kits for MS Technology Class
Acoustical Shells for Performing Arts
Moving Lights for Auditorium
PE Audio Visual Equipment
Portable Recording Studio for Performing Arts
ES Sensory Path Hallway
HS Vertimax Speed Training Equipment
Wireless Sound Systems for Indoor & Outdoor Events
LocalLive - Streaming for Sports & Special Events

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Leadership Learning for Curriculum Leaders
Enhancing Reading Comprehension
for MS & HS World Languages

PROGRAM & CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

ES Diversity Book Club Author Visit: Grace Lin
Canine Integrative Therapy
for ES & MS Special Education
Technology Curriculum Enhancements
for ES & MS Special Education
First Grade Math Curriculum Updates
Hadestown: Eighth Grade Introduction
to Interdisciplinary Studies
MS & HS Book Club
HS STEM: Interdisciplinary Pilot
HS World Language Fellows: Inquiry-Based Project Program
Project Let Us Seed Fund You:
Seed Money for HS Entrepreneurship Classes
HS Int'l Thespian Society Troupe: Yr. 2
Bronco TV Studio Consultant
for Technical Support & Maintenance

HEALTH & WELLNESS

HS Portable Meditation Cart
MS & HS One Love Curriculum
HS Social Issues Awareness Club Speaker: Kevin Hines
Wise Corner Mindfulness Pilot
for Fourth Grade & Resource Room Classrooms



Acoustical Shells



Bronco TV



Unruly Splats



MS Art

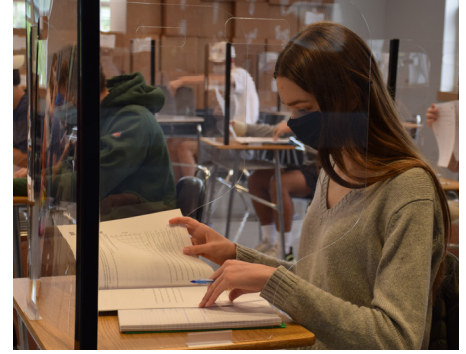
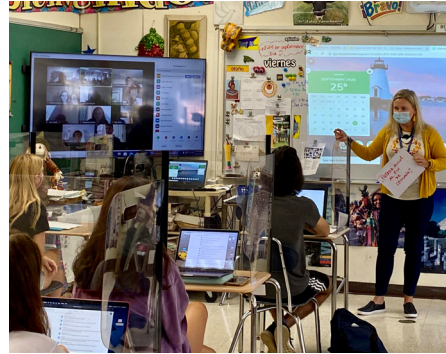
BSF ACADEMICS & FACILITIES

A lot has changed at school this year! For a virtual tour, please visit the Foundation's website at <https://www.bronxvilleschoolfoundation.org>.

Transformed Classroom Spaces



Adjustments for Teachers & Students



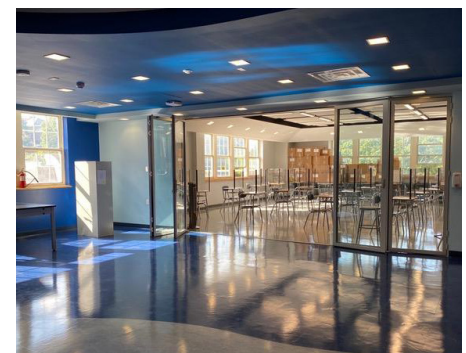
New Facilities



Cafeteria



Design & Innovation Center



Learning Commons

Our fall athletes adjusted to the new normal this year, donning masks for their modified game schedules. Though attendance at home games was limited to two spectators per athlete, fans were able to enjoy a live streaming option on LocalLive Networks, made possible by a grant from the Bronxville School Foundation.

The Bronxville School Athletic Department also announced the launch of its new website. The new site <https://athletics.bronxvilleschool.org/> is the work of former Athletic Director Karen Peterson, the PTA HS Athletic Council, and current Athletic Director Joe Haven.

We encourage you to follow the Broncos using LocalLive from wherever you live! Please take a look at the game schedule when our athletes are back in action and tune in at <https://events.locallive.tv/school/bronxville-hs>.



Class of 1969 Establishes Coughlan Prize in Creative Writing

The Class of 1969 recently established the Kevin Brooks Coughlan Prize in Creative Writing to be awarded each academic year to the Bronxville High School student judged to have written the finest work of creative prose or poetry. The prize was established and endowed by members of the Class of 1969 to honor their departed classmate, Kevin Brooks Coughlan.

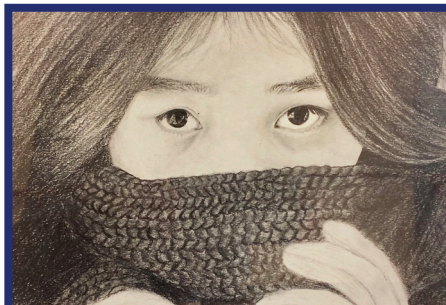


Kevin Coughlan (center) in his junior year in 1968.

In June 2020, the English Department chose Olivia Cevasco as the first recipient of the Coughlan Prize. In her wildly imaginative short story "Thule 186," Olivia envisions an alien civilization on the brink of collapse, searching for a viable new planetary home -- Earth. Olivia's young heroine, Halley is chosen by Thule's mysterious despot, the Tribune, to lead the mission to Earth, the same mission that ripped her father from her years earlier. Channeling George Orwell, Orson Scott Card and Suzanne Collins, Olivia's page-turner skillfully blends politics, adventure and science fiction, ultimately questioning the costs of knowledge and trust. The Class of 1969 is delighted this kind of creative talent and imagination will honor not only the recipient, but also Kevin, every year.

Visual Arts

Artists clockwise from left: Ruby Howell '20, Dallas Agnew '23, Jason Pascual '21, and Maryasa Kritvitskaya '17.





The Annual Katie Welling Memorial Run/Walk had to adapt and adjust as so many of us have in the last year. Given Covid-19 restrictions, safety and flexibility became the chief goals as Katie's Run pivoted to a virtual event. In late November, school faculty and families, community members and alumni were invited to run/walk/bike on a safe route anywhere or indoors on treadmills or stationary bikes. The virtual event raised \$21,000 from over 200 participants and donors. A silver lining was that friends far and wide were able to participate even though they were not in Bronxville. Katie's virtual event clearly showed that the bonds built in this community stretch far wider than our one square mile.



Alumni gifts include donations to our Annual Alumni Campaign, Alumni Brick Walk, Class Gifts and the Katie Welling Memorial Run. Our donor list includes gifts as of May 2019 since we did not send out a newsletter acknowledging gifts last spring. Alumni donation to the Foundation benefit every aspect of current Bronxville students' experience.

PAY IT FORWARD!

Audrey Waite Ashley '42	Tom Edelman '69	Ray LaRaja '83	John Bierwirth '04	
Claire Mirwald Collins '45	Carol Evans-Jepperson '69	John Kelly '84	Mollie Murphy '04	
Bob McGrath '45	Jim Fernald '69	Ed Martin III '84	Alex Doyle '05	
Charlene McGowan '46	Frank Garcia '69	Eddie Sulimirski '84	Matt Nagle '05	
S. Gilmer Towell '46	Marty Hopwood '69	Jennifer Wilson-Buttigieg '85	Wyatt Yankus '05	
Anne Carroll Conway '47	Andy Ingalls '69	Amy Thornton Charlton '85	Sean Murphy '05	
Rebecca Stout Underhill '48	Joyce Gandolfo-Lore '69	Julie McNally Daher '85	Ali Beck '06	
Bumpy Dietrich McGrath '49	Evie Merrill '69	Didi Bender Romley '85	Matt Murphy '06	
Bob Riggs '51	John Moore USMC (Ret.) '69	Melissa Epley Warble '85	Michaela Lynch Dagostino '07	
Howard Broek '52	Ann Fishburn Orminski '69	Steu Marshall '86	Lee Fabiaschi '08	
George Childs, Jr. '52	John Schoen '69	Christopher Ashley '87	Christie Gietl '08	
Corky Frost '52	Brooks Norris-Shea '69	Saskia Brookfield Martin '88	Peter Mullen '08	
Richard Miller '52	Blaine Stoddard '69	Jennifer Clarke McGrath '88	Billy Murphy '08	
Jacqueline Konetchy Allen '53	Dick Walker '69	Melissa Mills '88	Chris Tannen '08	
Joan Bourhill Howard '53	Bill Weir '69	Chris O'Connor '88	Jessica Murrer Husband '09	
Jacques Theriot '53	Randy Ely '70	Markus Peters '88	Wade Madden '09	
Jake Warren '53	Kent Fannon '70	Stefan Peters '89	Nora Gerson '10	
Nan Tobin Webber '53	Candace Marshall Monaco '70	Elisa Shevlin Rizzo '89	Henrietta Miers '10	
Lynn Williams '53	Pete Bevis '71	Kimberly Wilson Wetty '89	Michaela Donohue '11	
Robert Webber '53	Linda Graef Jones '71	Mary Wentzel O'Connor '89	Nicholas Janney '11	
Douglas Horne '54	J. Grant Troja '71	Kelly Mulcahy Dolan '90	Ashley Gietl '12	
Oliver Stafford '54	Clyde Reetz '72	Charles Dohrenwend '91	Cole Madden '12	
Marcus P. Beebe '55	Buzz McGrath '73	Loulie Walker James '91	Sean Murphy Triandis '12	
Joan Hartley Hotchkis '55	Karen Skinner Twomey '73	Katie Moseley Krieg '91	Courtney Campbell '14	
Perry Ann Hugill Kurtz '55	Andy Paul '74	Michelle Crisci Meyercord '91	Madison Campbell '14	
Patricia Lee Roess '55	Thomas McGehee '75	Robert Deichert, Jr. '93	Meredith Donovan '14	
Frederic Janes '56	Albert Petite Jr. '75	Chris Mestl '93	Owen Hayes '14	
James Carroll '56	John Sharp '75	Peter Borducci, Jr. '94	Lise Hudson '14	
Bruce Warwick '56	Peggy Benziger Williams '75	Kellie Grogan '95	Claire Sargent '14	
Anne Spencer Flannery '57	Stacey Hughes '76	Emily Eustis Liggitt '96	Charlotte Warble '15	
Louise Scheldrup Scribner '57	Maggie Griffin Marrone '76	Katharine Lord '96	Mary Finley '17	
Linda Young Delaney '58	Sarah Mollman Underhill '76	Jennifer Walsh Wells '96	Claire Kraemer '18	
Gatesy Gill '58	Karen Moyer Benziger '77	Catherine O'Connor Williams '96	Jack McSherry '18	
Gay Stieglitz Morison '58	Alex Ciaputa '77	Sandra DeFeo-Borducci '97	Gabriel Morato '18	
George Pellinger '58	Bill Gay '77	Kate Shearer '97	Margot Richards '18	
William Woodhull '58	Roger Goodell '77	PJ Doyle '98	Martha Thomas '18	
Thomas Carroll '59	Elizabeth Hunt '77	Clayton Pope '98	Lyric Abbott '19	
Janice Ray Smotherman '60	Betsy Clark Robertson '77	Sarah Stapleton '98	Hannah Beldotti '19	
Joan Morse Eaton '61	Mike Sargent '77	Stephen Kenney '98	Jay Burstein '19	
Suzanne Dyer Wise '62	Sharon Cooney Shuttleworth '77	Peter Goodson '98	Olivia G.H. Colavita '19	
Adrienne Sullivan Smith '62	Paul Benziger '77	Scott Burns '98	Quinn Patrick Daly '19	
Tad Campion '63	Brian Byrne '78	Marnie Sanborn Burns '99	Isabella P. Dibbini '19	
Pat Edwards '63	Susan Kelty Law '78	Mariel Rittenhouse Goodson '99	Peter X. Dolan '19	
Charlie Peake '63	Guy Longobardo '78	Matt Butler '00	Olivia Rose Doyle '19	
Jill Richards Weed '63	William Mullally '78	Elizabeth Hayden Fitzgerald '00	Madeline Hanley '19	
Mary Koether Ballard '64	Joe Pepe '78	Joseph Manganiello '00	Zachary A. Flangos '19	
Gordon Harriss '64	Mary Taylor Behrens '79	James Fitzgerald '00	Samantha Huss '19	
Larry Ransom '64	Beth Taylor Aherne '80	Leah Gogel Pope '00	Kirsten Jane Ircha '19	
James McElyea '66	Helen Knapp '80	Michelle Carroll Dallhoff '02	Denise Frances Kinas '19	
Buz Minor '66	Mariellen Sullivan Carpenter '80	Olivia Cassin '02	Margaret Knight '19	
Christopher Bastis '67	Lisa Sorensen '80	Jenny Barr De La Rosa '02	Margaret Knight '19	
Robert R. Chace, Jr. '67	Catherine Biddle '81	Elizabeth DuBois '02	Jack Kochansky '19	
Peter Doyle '67	George Hardart '81	Aubrey Galloway '02	Alexandra Brumbaugh '19	
John Merrill Ely '67	Jack Randall '81	Margaret Hayden Grossman '02	Olivia Paige Lewis '19	
Christy Patt '67	Nina Richter '81	Lynn Kau '02	Quin Madden '19	
Tom Hutton '68	John Zidik '81	Jennifer Doyle-Kenney '02	Paul Magaud '19	
Mary Liz Schramm Mulligan '68	Tim Faselt '82	Amanda Beck Murphy '02	Margaret McAllister '19	
Nancy Protzman '68	Mark Flower '82	Alexandra Glazer Murphy '02	James Millard '19	
Betsy Lawyer Allinson '69	Ed O'Toole '82	Thomas Shearer '02	Shelby Summer Mitchell '19	
Henrietta Buschman-Jordan '69	John Priore '82	Margaret Fuller '02	Anna Normand '19	
Gale Dewar '69	Ranny Smith Hanau '83	Alex Yankus '02	Jenny Pettee '19	
			Cory Ramundo '19	

Many thanks to the Class of '69 for their generous class gift.

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 David Weild V '19
 Vance Marie Wood '19
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 Michael Burstein '20
 Sophie Cappello '20
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