# **BRONXVILLE ALUMNI NEWS BSF**

## **CENTENNIAL EDITION 1922-2022**

Dear Bronxville Alumni,

I wish you and your families the best of health and happiness in 2022, considering the trying times we have experienced. The past few years have not been easy, but the Bronxville School has done a tremendous job navigating our continually changing learning environment. With three children who at one point were in the Elementary, Middle, and High Schools, I personally witnessed the resolve throughout the entire School.

As you may know, the Bronxville School marks its 100 year anniversary in 2022! I invite you to look through the centerfold of pictures which represents some of the fantastic history. The Foundation has played a critical role in helping the School grow and evolve over the last 30 years. In the past year alone, more than \$550,000 in grants enabled the School to open safely, maintain a cohesive learning environment, and pilot new and innovative programs.

To mark the 2022 centennial, please consider buying a brick of your own in the Alumni Walk or in the name of a friend or favorite teacher. The Foundation's success is due in large part to our alumni gifts, so we hope you will support us this year. Every size gift is welcome and greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

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Chris Krieg, V.P. Alumni Committee

### Claudia Keenan Reflects on Writing Portrait of a Lighthouse School

A determined woman led the charge, quite insistent that the Bronxville School celebrate its 75th anniversary with a book that would do justice to its illustrious history. What a thrill when Frieda Riggs, a longtime Bronxville resident in her late 80s, and chair of the school history committee, invited me to write it.

In 1995, the internet did not yield the riches it does today. I set forth with a sheaf of documents the committee had gathered, an introduction to the high school librarian who kept the key to a closet stacked with old documents and photographs, and a copy of *Transformation of the School: Progressivism in American Education, 1876-1957*, by the eminent historian of education Lawrence Cremin.

Scarcely a month into my work, a remarkable cast of characters emerged from the past: teachers who harked back to the 1920s, the descendants of superintendents and principals, and an essential source, Helmuth W. Joel, son of a Prussian artillery captain, who taught history at Bronxville for 37 years.

Each of these 75+ respondents shared vivid memories of women and men who counted among the nation's most dynamic educators. Through two years of conversations, correspondence, and archival research, I learned how progressive education arrived and endured in the village. The story is one of collaboration, innovation, and devotion: a story about people learning and teaching. Now merged with the goal of critical thinking, the theory and practice of progressive education flourish in the second century of the Bronxville School.



The Bronxville School marks its centennial in 2022! Our recognition of this significant milestone is all the more important given the amazing work and dedication of our administrators, faculty, and staff in the last two years. The Foundation is very proud of our partnership with the School, particularly as we continue to navigate the Covid landscape and work to identify needs and best practices in our evolving learning environment.

Since its inception, the Foundation has worked with educators, students, parents, and the community to build a solid infrastructure of innovative programming, equipment, and technology. With the significant challenges of the pandemic, the impact of the Foundation's work has never been more evident. An extensive technology network and related professional development previously funded by the Foundation enabled faculty and students to adapt quickly.

Last year, the Foundation funded over \$250,000 in off-cycle grants that enabled the School to reopen safely, technologically upgrade classrooms for hybrid learning, and assist teachers with important curriculum development and training to help prepare for all possible learning scenarios. While many other schools in the region were struggling, the Foundation helped the Bronxville School to continue to provide an excellent experience to students through innovative academic and extra-curricular initiatives. In the spring, the Foundation went on to approve more than \$300,000 in additional grants to provide resources that will help faculty and students continue to adapt to evolving needs and pilot exciting new programs.

A number of new off-cycle grant requests this year have stemmed from grants that were approved and implemented last year. Based on the success of the High School's outdoor musical, another outdoor production was staged this fall, and the Foundation again funded the rental of audio equipment. In addition, feedback from faculty using the Juno audio systems has been so positive that the Foundation approved a grant to purchase the systems for Middle School classrooms as well. Grants also have been approved that will allow the Elementary School and Middle School to build on the "Design Thinking" debrief sessions on what we learned from Covid-19.

As the School celebrates its 100th anniversary, the Foundation's work is more critical than ever. The pandemic forced innovation and change at a pace that was not previously thought possible. Many of the Foundation's most recently approved grants seek to capitalize on the learning of the past two years and advance that learning to the next level. The Foundation's continued investment in innovation uniquely positions the School to continue to adapt to meet future challenges. Think of what we can accomplish in the next 100 years!

### Donate online at https://www.bronxvilleschoolfoundation.org

## 2020-2021 GRANTS: 34 AMOUNT: \$567,000



**Outdoor Play Audio Support** 



"Design Thinking" Workshops



Interactive Playground Surface



Portable Podcast Equipment

#### FACILITIES

PUREZONE Application by GUARDXPRO Zoom Classrooms & Teacher Home Use Equipment IDE - Budgets for Classroom Redesign & Technology Interactive Thermoplastic Surface for Elementary School Playground

#### **EQUIPMENT & MATERIALS**

Bronx River Research II Equipment Middle School Science Microscopes Portable Podcast Studio Elementary School Audio Systems Bronxville UFSD Cable Channel High School Musical - Outdoor Sound Assistance Video Camera for Bronco TV Chambers Field Sound System Updates Expansion of First Grade Book Libraries Keiser Trainers for Fitness Center Football GoRout Technology

#### **HEALTH & WELLNESS**

"Design Thinking" Debrief Sessions -What We Learned from Covid

Staff Appreciation - Bronxville Adult School Classes

#### PROGRAM & CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

Delivering a Dynamic & Compelling Talk Elementary School Math Curriculum Enhancements Winning Mindset Training for Athletes Printmaking for Visual Arts World Languages Symposium Open Your Mind to Language Events Food Scrap Recycling Program Heimlich Heroes Program Lincoln Center Chamber Music Program

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Leading Adult Learners -Support for Teacher Leaders High School "Design Thinking" Strategy Projects - Phase 2



Orchestra Initiatives



Athletic Equipment Upgrades



**Bronx River Research** 



**ELA Book Libraries** 





A- Elementary School on West Side 1920s; B - High School on East Side 1920s; C- Chambers Field Facing North - 1932; D - Baseball 1949; E - Orchestra 1958; F - Football Cheerleaders 1967; G - Art Sculptures 1972; H - Meadow Ave. Courtyard 1981; I - Performance of *Carousel* 1993.





J - Completion of the C Wing Construction 2004; K - Chorus Practice 2011; L - Dress Rehearsal for *9 to 5* in Renovated Auditorium 2016; M - Renovated Art Studio 2018; O - The PTA's Light Up the Night 2020; N & P - Interior & Exterior of the Newly Completed Meadow Avenue Atrium - 2021.













The Annual Katie Welling Memorial Run/Walk was virtual again this year and raised over \$24,000 from more than 200 participants and donors. Beyond the Bronxville area, people participated from California, Illinois, Massachusetts, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Washington, DC, and Nicaragua. We are so thankful to all of the runners, walkers, and bikers for helping us to capture the spirit of this wonderful event and make it a success.















# **ALUMNI WALK/REUNIONS BSF**

## We Are Grateful Alumni Reunions Were Back This Year!



Class of 1971

Class of 1991

## Buy a Brick in the Alumni Walk to Mark the Centennial



Please consider buying a brick in the Alumni Walk for a special staff member or alum to mark the Bronxville School's centennial! Created in 1994, the Alumni Walk has grown through brick purchases by graduates of all ages. As a strong showing of support for the school by alumni, more than 2,300 bricks have been placed in front of the flagpole and in the new section in front of the auditorium terrace.

Purchase your own brick or one for another student or teacher and think how much fun it will be returning to the Bronxville School for a visit to find the name "written in stone" in the Alumni Walk. To buy a brick for the centennial, please visit the Foundation's website at www.bronxvilleschoolfoundation.org.

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#### Barry Gumb

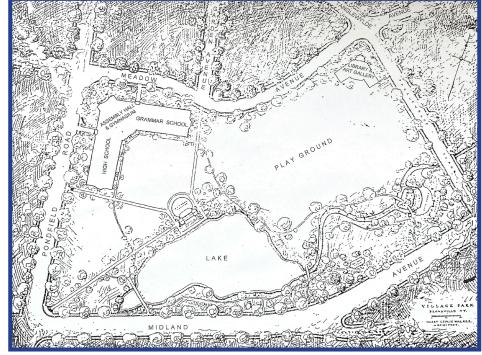
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Harry Leslie Walker's architectural rendering of the school buildings and surrounding landscape, featuring the new center section of the school that was completed in 1930.

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