

BRONXVILLE ALUMNI NEWS BSF

Dear Alumni,

Thanks to your generous donations, in 2024 we awarded over \$700,000 in grants to continue our school's tradition of excellence. Your support allowed us to touch every aspect of our students' lives in meaningful ways.

For our sports programs, we provided a strength and conditioning trainer as well as a mental performance coach. In the Arts, we funded a residency with The Picture House, provided new MacBooks to enhance our fine arts program, and added a beautiful mural in the main Elementary School corridor which highlights how the school embodies the Bronxville Promise. Our Special Education students will benefit from a new community garden this spring and were offered equine-assisted learning courses. Our high schoolers participated in a college essay workshop this fall, have access to cutting-edge A.I. course offerings, and our elementary students now have new flexible seating options in their classrooms. These examples just scratch the surface, but they give you a glimpse of the exciting new opportunities our generous community provides for our children.

Finally, for the continued safety of our students and staff, we approved a grant to build a new security vestibule at the main flagpole entrance. While we will preserve the gracious front entrance we all love, this addition will ensure that everyone is safe and secure, allowing them to focus on what matters most: learning and growing.

We would love you to come back and visit to see these exciting changes firsthand! This year, we were fortunate to welcome back ten graduating classes, from the very engaged Class of 1974 (Happy 50th!) to the more 'tired' classes of 1994 and 1999 (Pete's was also happy to have you back!) Our exceptional student guides would love to show you around and hear all your stories.

Stay well in 2025, and please consider supporting the BSF. Go Broncos!

Catherine O'Connor Williams '96
VP Alumni Committee

Landscaping Project Beautifies Bronxville School

Many of you will recall a time when the front of the Bronxville School was prominently bordered by a green hedge line and shrubs and trees lined the front of the impressive facade. Those of you who have been to and through the school since the early 2000's also likely noticed the slow disappearance of that hedge line and those shrubs and trees. In February of 2024 a committee was formed to recreate the landscaping of yesteryear. It was important for a number of reasons and to a diverse group of stakeholders. To quote Superintendent Dr. Rachel Kelly, "it was important for the outside of the school to represent all the good work that takes place within the building."

There were a number of moving parts with the project and they all needed to follow a precise sequence for everything to land perfectly. Multiple bids were solicited, contractors were interviewed, designs reviewed, community feedback sought and money raised. Ultimately, we were able to lay irrigation across the entire front property, re-create the hedge perimeter, install hundreds of new plantings, using native species as much as possible, and widen the sidewalk along Pondfield by nearly three feet, creating a much safer walkway for our students and the community to enjoy. The final result is something that generations of Bronxville students and residents can all benefit from. None of this could have been accomplished without the generous support of all those involved, including the Bronxville PTA, the Landscape Committee, The Village of Bronxville, The Bronxville School Administration and my fellow Board of Education Trustees. The PTA under current and past leadership really went above and beyond and for that, we are all very grateful.

Separately, the Foundation and the PTA partnered to build an outdoor classroom behind the school, which officially opened in fall 2024. A photo featuring the new space in use is featured on the back cover.

Eddie Lennon '99
Trustee, Bronxville Board of Education





Picture House How To Videos



Baroque Bows



Bronxville Promise Mural



Artificial Intelligence Classes

FACILITIES

Community Garden for Special Education
Flexible Seating for First & Third Grade Classrooms
Framed Performing Arts Photography
Security Vestibule for Pondfield Road Entrance
Sound System for Main Gymnasium

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Bronxville Promise Spirit Steps
Harlan Cohen Speaking Engagement
Playground Peace Path
Strength & Conditioning Specialist
"Visualize the Bronxville Promise" Mural

EQUIPMENT & MATERIALS

Baroque Bows
Fine Arts Technology Upgrade -
MacBooks, iPad Pros & Apple Pencils
Middle School Technology Class Recycling Equipment
Bronxville Football Sleds
Playground Musical Equipment

PROGRAM & CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

Artificial Intelligence Classes
Civil Discourse in High School
College Essay Workshop
Equine-Assisted Learning for Special Education
Mental Performance Coach for Athletes
Middle School Mental Health Training
Middle School Advisory Curriculum for Belonging

PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE PICTURE HOUSE

Creating "How To" Videos in First Grade
Guest Speakers for Bronco TV & Film Club

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

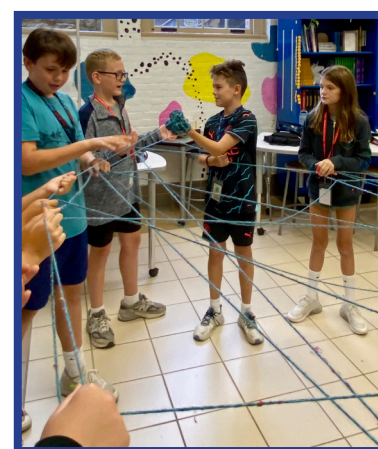
AP Conference for World Languages
AP Conference for Social Studies
Finland Trip for Educators
Critical Thinking Professional Development
Gilder Lehrman Professional Development
Nat'l Convention of Teachers of English
Nat'l Council for Social Studies Conference



Equine Assisted Learning



Visual Arts Technology Upgrades



Curriculum for Belonging



Football Sleds

Spotlight on Sustainability

The Foundation's grants program has enabled faculty, students, and parents to map out and implement the following exciting sustainability initiatives at the Bronxville School:

1. *The Special Education Community Garden:* With great guidance from the PTA's Sustainability Committee, the Foundation awarded a grant to fund the construction of a working garden, tools and supplies, and related curriculum development and programming for our Special Education students as phase one for what ultimately could grow into a larger school initiative.

2. *The Elementary School Food Scrap Recycling Program:* Eliza Brennan '22, Remi Mellinghoff '23, Charles van Tienhoven '23, Sydney Tuck '22, and Maggie Lockwood '22 were awarded a grant to launch a food scrap recycling program in the Elementary School. Their objective was to educate students about the importance of composting to reduce waste, and the food scrap recycling program is thriving in our lunch rooms today.

3. *Middle School Technology Class Recycling Equipment:* Middle School students create innovative designs with the use of 3-D printers, and the Technology classroom now has equipment that recycles the waste material from the 3-D printers, courtesy of a Foundation grant. Using this equipment, students grind down the 3-D printer waste and recycle it using molds of different objects that can be useful to our community.

4. *Bronco Barn Water Bottle Filling Stations:* Parents from the PTA's Sustainability Committee and teachers along with Environmental Club members Julia Perry '24, Tony Tao '24, Natalie Theissen-Rodriguez '25, and Liberty Wilson '25 were awarded a grant to install bottle filling stations at Chambers/Hayes Fields, providing students an easy location to fill their own reusable water bottles and reduce disposable plastic bottle waste.

5. *Project "Let Us Seedfund You" (LUSY):* Originally a concept brought to the Foundation by AJ Radik '21 and Lainey Neild '21, this grant provides seed funding to the High School's Entrepreneurship classes in an effort to support and encourage the spirit of innovation in Bronxville students. Marcus Jun '25, Mason Lo '25, and Gamunu Withana '25 recently received seed money for their nonprofit organization, Novelty Innovations, to build student kits that focus on permaculture, which is an approach to a self-regenerative ecosystem. The kits, which include soil and microgreen seeds, invite students to engage in a hands-on experience designed to learn about permaculture and maximize harvests.



Buy a Brick in the Alumni Walk to Honor Someone Special



Please consider buying a brick for a special staff member or alum 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. Created in 1994, the Alumni Walk has grown through brick purchases by graduates of all ages. More than 2,500 bricks have been placed in front of the flagpole and the auditorium terrace. This year, a brick was laid in the Alumni Walk for Margaret McAllister from the Class of 2019 and her Food Service Staff colleagues for their dedication to the Bronxville School. To buy a brick, please visit the Foundation's website at www.bronxvilleschoolfoundation.org/alumni-2/buy-a-brick/.

BSF REUNIONS

We Love to Hear from the Alumni Community

It was WONDERFUL to see so many classes coming together for reunions this year!

The Foundation would like to help all Bronxville School alumni to stay connected and hear your feedback. Did you recently move, change your email address, or do you have exciting information you'd like to share with us? The best way to stay in touch with the Bronxville School is to make sure we have your current contact information so we can send you the alumni newsletter, invitations to events, and other important alumni news. Please visit www.bronxvilleschoolfoundation.org/alumni-2/ to update your current contact information and complete our brief alumni survey.



STAY CONNECTED





The Class of 1969 was honored for its contribution to Bronxville's football program at the varsity game on Saturday, October 26, 2024. There was a moment of silence for Bob Linder '69, who had passed away a few weeks earlier. Bobby was team captain, as well as an All County and All American football player. His lifelong friend and teammate Dennis Kammerer, also BHS '69, did the coin toss before the football game. The day also celebrated the lives of other senior teammates BHS '69 who have passed away over the years.



BSF SPECIAL EVENTS

The Foundation Launches Technology Innovation Fund at Winter Fête

On January 25, 2025, the Bronxville School Foundation hosted a Winter Fête, welcoming members of the Bronxville School community, past and present, for a wonderful evening of festivity. Almost ten years since the Foundation's last large community celebration, over 250 friends of the Foundation came together to enjoy a beautiful evening. Superintendent Rachel Kelly and many members of the school administration, Board of Education, and PTA attended, as well as current and former Foundation Board members, including Mayor Mary Marvin and Village Trustees Mary Behrens '79 and Helen Knapp '80.

In the months leading up to the Winter Fête, the Foundation's Development Chair, Anthony Civale, and a small committee have been working with the school administration to establish a Technology Innovation Fund (the "Tech Fund") to help the school navigate the rapidly evolving world of technology and artificial intelligence, and the Foundation officially launched the Tech Fund the evening of the Winter Fête. The Tech Fund was generously seeded by twenty families in the community, many of whom were in attendance at the Winter Fête. Other community members enthusiastically donated to the fund the evening of the event. The Tech Fund has already raised approximately \$900,000.

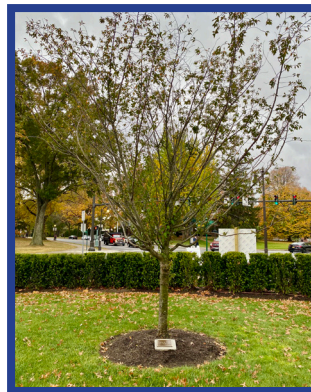
By investing in such things as curriculum redesign, advanced technological tools, teacher training, and facilities enhancements, the Tech Fund will help foster a cutting-edge and forward-thinking educational environment where Bronxville students are empowered to become the innovators and leaders of tomorrow. Rapid advancements in technology and A.I. impact all departments, so curriculum redesign will aim to develop a balanced approach to technology integration and include non-stem departments such as the arts, humanities, theatre, and much more. Faculty training will also delve into the intersection of technology use and student well-being and include strategies to promote healthy technology habits among students and educators.

Please visit the Foundation's website at www.bronxvilleschoolfoundation.org/donate/ to make a donation or email bsfoundation@bronxvilleschool.org if you would like to learn about the Tech Fund in more detail.





This beloved Thanksgiving tradition, which honors the memory of Katie Welling '02, was an in-person event this year with a virtual option for out-of-towners. The event, which benefits the Bronxville School Foundation, also honors Tom Welling, Katie's dad who passed away in 2022. In its eighteenth year, the turnout for Katie's Run was extraordinary with over 400 participants and donors. Beyond the Bronxville area, people showed their support from California, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Washington, D.C. This year, a new tree has been planted in honor of Katie at the corner of Pondfield and Midland Roads, with a plaque inscribed 'Katie's Tree-Live, Laugh, Love.' Thank you to all of the participants for making the event so special!





ALUMNI DONORS

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 for the period between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024. Alumni donations to the Foundation benefit every aspect of current Bronxville School students' experience.

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The New Outdoor Classroom

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