

BKS' Monthly Newsletter

Lesson Plans



April 2021

Dear friends,

April is an important month for BKS. On April 10th, we marked the start of our 130th year as an organization working to provide high quality early childhood education to some of Brooklyn's youngest learners. Over the next 12 months, BKS will be celebrating our achievements from the last 130 years, but importantly we will also look forward to how BKS will continue to shape the future of early childhood education in Central Brooklyn.

Our BKS team regularly comes together for virtual professional development, these are days for learning and goal setting in order to continue our collective efforts to enact and grow in our three strategic priorities. These priorities are:

1. High quality outcomes for all children
2. Strong relationships with our families and community partners.
3. Building our adult culture of learning and inquiry.

A huge takeaway for me from our last virtual session and my recent visits to centers, is the importance of having learning experiences that are tangible and connected to a larger purpose. Having a strong purpose is essential to keeping our priorities clear, while guiding our actions and decisions especially as we are preparing for the 2021-2022 school year and the next five years.

I continue to be grateful for your commitment to BKS and our work.

Regards,

Melisha Jackman
Executive Director

"Curiosity is the wick in the candle of learning."

- William Arthur Ward



BKS is proud to run with NBR for this year's virtual 10K!

Brooklyn Kindergarten Society is partnering with North Brooklyn Runners to support our Music & Movement program. North Brooklyn Runners (NBR) will host a virtual time trial 10K between June 10th to the 13th.

While the race is free, you are encouraged to make a donation and raise money for BKS. [You can register and donate here.](#)

We made it easy for you to contribute and to raise money for the organization. 100% of all gifts go to support BKS. Thank you North Brooklyn Runners for your support.

Let's all get moving together!

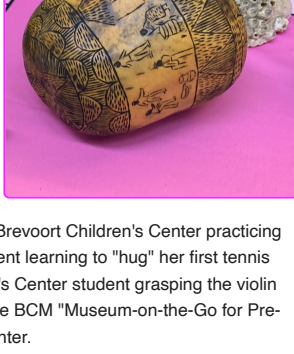
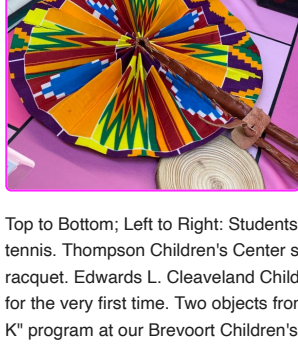
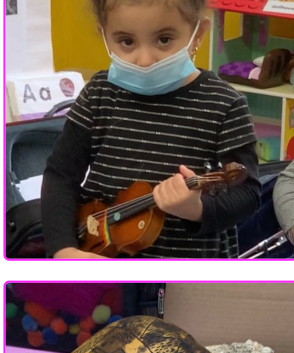
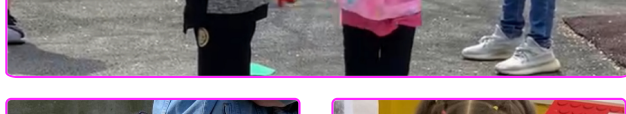
Movement, Music, & Exploration

BKS is excited to have our enrichment programs return to our Centers this spring.

The pandemic curtailed our ability to provide enrichment programs to our students, but we are now able to bring them back. Brooklyn Kindergarten Society is committed to nurturing our earliest learners to ensure that they reach their absolute potential. BKS works in partnership with our families to continue to be the stewards of passion, dedication, inspiration and so much more.

Our enrichment programs have grown out of important partnerships that we have formed with other community organizations in order to support our students' learning. The programs focus on three themes: movement, music, and exploration.

- **Movement!**
 - We are partnering with [Kings County Tennis League](#) to provide weekly tennis lessons (movement) to our students.
- **Music!**
 - We partner with the [Noel Pointer Foundation](#) to provide violin instruction twice a week to our three, four and five year olds!
- **Exploration!**
 - We are also kicking off a new partnership with the [Brooklyn Children's Museum](#) (BCM). This month, three of our centers began participating in "Museum-on-the-Go For Pre-K." This opportunity allows our teachers to share themed assembled museum kits highlighting items from BCM with their children.



Top to Bottom; Left to Right: Students at Brevoort Children's Center practicing tennis. Thompson Children's Center student learning to "hug" her first tennis racquet. Edwards L. Cleaveland Children's Center student grasping the violin for the very first time. Two objects from the BCM "Museum-on-the-Go for Pre-K" program at our Brevoort Children's Center.

Happy Mother's Day

Mother's Day is just around the corner. Send a virtual bouquet to a special mom in your life and show your support for BKS!

[Send a card to a special mom in your life and support BKS!](#)

BKS Thanks Parlour Vegan Bakery for their fundraiser supporting our students!



On behalf of all of our students, staff, and families; BKS would like to thank [Parlour Vegan Bakery](#) for their support. Parlour Vegan Bakery sold a special "Biggie Tribute" cookie with 50% of the profits coming to BKS.

Parlour is a vegan bakery located in Plantation and Boca Raton, Florida. All of us at BKS are delighted to see that our work to provide high quality early childhood education to communities in Central Brooklyn is recognized across the country. Thank you for thinking of us, thank you for spreading the love!

Parlour Vegan Bakery helped to support BKS' Nutrition program which provides high quality organic fresh foods for our students. Eating well means kids are ready to learn.

#SpreadLoveIsTheBrooklynWay
#SpreadLove

If you or your business would be interested in supporting BKS and our students or if you would like information on how to partner with BKS, please contact John Linder at jlinder@bksny.org.

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