THE BROOKLYN WALDORF SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT REPORT Fall 2015

### 2014/15 DEVELOPMENT YEAR IN REVIEW

We are happy to welcome parents, Faculty, and the Board of Trustees back to school as we kick off a new year. We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Pedagogical Administrator, Dina Fieck, who joined us in May. This year, we will continue our efforts to create a community that is inclusive, diverse, and enriching. We will also consistently aim to strengthen the foundation necessary for the Faculty to provide an engaging education that nurtures the whole child.

Last September, the Development Committee, led by Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, Alex Blades, began its third year, meeting regularly to continue to increase visibility of our Annual Fund, nurture a culture of giving, and setting the lofty goals of \$300,000 with 100% family participation. We are ecstatic to share that both goals were reached! We would like to thank our faculty, the class champions and every donor who contributed to making this happen.

Our annual Winter Fair was a tremendous success, thanks to our enthusiastic community of volunteers. We welcomed over 1500 guests into Claver Castle to share the beauty of our school with the greater community and raised over \$35,000. Our deepest heartfelt gratitude goes out to all who donated their time and talents to make this event so rewarding and magical for the children.

At the All-School Meeting in March, Administrators, Board, Faculty Council, and Staff presented the school's financials, admissions numbers, and future plans to parents (we also sang a few songs together). All School Meetings will take place on October 27, 2015 and April 12, 2016.

In May, we gathered for our Sixth Annual May Fair & Scootathon in Prospect Park. Families, teachers, students and friends gathered together to welcome spring. Many parents and the students of Grades 5-8 scooted 15 miles around the park loop, raising over \$50,000 for the school. It was a beautiful celebration and community picnic.

Later that month, we held Grandparents & Special Persons Day welcoming over 100 guests! The students were overjoyed to introduce their teachers and classmates to grandparents and friends, who had the opportunity to learn about the rhythm of our school day by experiencing lessons firsthand.

To culminate a wonderful year, we excitedly gathered to celebrate our second gighth grade class Graduation in June led by Ms. Betsy Gimenez. We send all of our best wishes for success and happiness to the Class of 2015 in their transition to High School!

As we begin the 2015/16 school year, Annual Fund Appeal Letters are being distributed, with this year's goal set for \$300,000 in donations.

The Brooklyn Waldorf School aims to find ways for every community member to cultivate the spirit of giving, to share responsibility and to serve through a variety of endeavors. Thank you to all who have given to this effort. Please consider a visit to the Development Office to find ways to engage in supporting our community and sharing your generosity.

Sincerely,

The BWS Development Committee





"The beauty of the Waldorf school is that it is designed entirely to keep children intact until they are ready to move out into the world as whole individuals."

–JOSEPH CHILTON PEARCE, AUTHOR

## **Annual Fund Giving Circles**



# 2014/15 ANNUAL FUND DONORS

Heartfelt thanks goes out to everyone who contributed to the Annual Fund. We've made every effort to present a complete list. If you notice an omission, please contact the Development Office.

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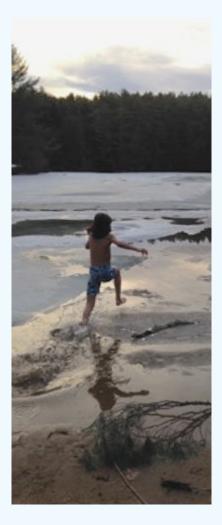
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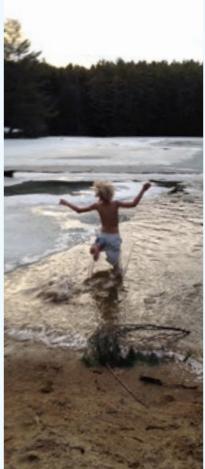


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# WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME THESE FAMILIES TO OUR COMMUNITY.

**Eden Easter** - Nursery **Parents: Adrienne Westwood, Seth Easter** Eden's family joins us from a Waldorf-inspired program.

Noa Geva - Nursery Rio Geva - Kindergarten Parents: Mae Minguet, Ori Geva Noa and Rio have been in our summer camp for years. They liked it so much they decided to join our school.

#### Phaedra Wahba - Nursery

Parents: Roanne Adams Wahba, John Wahba Phaedra's family knew about BWS from friends before she was born, Parent-Child was their first hands on experience. We're thrilled that they are joining our Nursery program.

#### Ava Berlow - Nursery

Parents: Nellie Fleischner, Benjamin Berlow The Berlows join us from Parent-Child. They are especially happy that Waldorf Education is alive and well in Brooklyn.

Violet Lozoraitis - Nursery Parents: Casey Coyle, Kahlil Lozoraitis Violet's family dipped their toes in our Parent-Child program; they liked it so much, they to moved closer so they could have some more.

**Ezekiel Washington** - Nursery **Parents: Euriphile Joseph, Omar Washington** Ezekiel's family is excited to be at a school so close to home

**Georgia Katz** - Kindergarten Parents: Danielle Katz, Julian Katz Georgia's family joins us from Parent-Child.

Sophia-Amira Sussewell - Kindergarten Parents: Ruksana Patel, Thomas Sussewell Sophia-Amira's family sought out Waldorf education after a friend introduced them to it.

**Francis Stinchcomb** - Kindergarten Parents: Benedikta Karaisl von Karais, Matthew Stinchcomb Francis' family has neighbors who attend our school.

**Noelle Saulnier** - Kindergarten **Ella Saulnier** - Grade 2 **Parents: Skei Saulnier, Jeremy Saulnier** The Saulniers come to us from Berkeley Carroll and a Waldorf-inspired playgroup.

**Elizabeth Grogan** - Nursery **Parents: Catherine Moutenot, John Grogan** Elizabeth's family was seeking a Waldorf experience; they came to the right place.

<b>Georgia Parachini</b> - Kindergarten Parents: Sarah Trogdon, Christopher Parachini Georgia's family has friends at the school.
<b>Cielo Guarneri</b> - Kindergarten Parents: Yamila Diaz Rahi, Giuliano Guarneri Cielo's family is familiar with the school through friends.
<b>Kira Campbell</b> - Kindergarten <b>Parents: Cameo Brown, Tarik Campbell</b> Kira's family has cousins and friends at Waldorf schools in California.
Maxson Wizoreck - Grade 1 Parents: Suzanne Troiano, Barry Wizoreck Maxson's family joins us from the New Amsterdam School.
<b>Kyrick Tudor</b> - Grade 1 Parents: Margaret Tudor, Richard Tudor Kyrick's family is new to Waldorf education and is looking forward to learning more.
<b>Emma Barragam</b> - Grade 1 <b>Ines Barragam</b> - Grade 3 <b>Parents: Stephanie Barragan, Andres Barragan</b> The Barragan family comes to us from Meadowbrook Waldorf School in Rhode Island.
<b>Sunita Weems</b> - Grade 1 Parent: Marianne Weems, Sunita's family joins us from the East Village Community School.
<b>Rowan Fortmiller</b> - Grade 2 Parents: Danica Mills, Frederick Fortmiller Rowan's family comes to us from the Caedmon School.
<b>Taylor Exantus</b> - Grade 2 <b>Parents: Amina Phelps, Ash Exantus</b> Taylor's mother is Operations Coordinator for BWS.
<b>Sayen Navarro</b> - Grade 3 Parents: Courtney Smith, Iván Navarro Sayen's family joins us from PS 84.
<b>Solomon Ormes-Delton</b> - Grade 3 Parents: Mia Ormes, Brandon Dalton Solomon's family loved our Winter Fair and wanted more.
<b>Zoe Sinjin</b> - Grade 6 <b>Parents: Kira Smith,Pete Heitmann</b> Zoe's family joins us from Brooklyn Children's School.

