



## COMMUNITY CONNECTION

As we approach the end of 2023, we trust this message finds you in good spirits, inspired by the remarkable efforts your students are making to enhance their learning at BBA. We want to express our deep gratitude and admiration for the BBA staff, families, and students; we truly feel like a family. Witnessing your students not just develop but flourish is an immeasurable gift. We eagerly anticipate witnessing their achievements in 2024!

### Architects Among US! STEM Activity in the Maker Space.

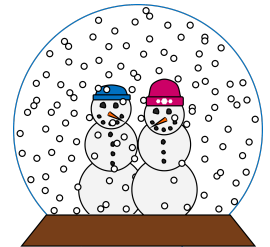


In collaboration with the Social Studies curriculum, Lower School used Design Thinking in STEM class to plan, create, and problem-solve constructions of Northeast Landmarks.



### “SNOW”TIFICATIONS,

The test notifications for weather alerts have been sent out. If you did not receive the alert, please contact Elaine in the main office. A reminder: if your district is closed, but BBA remains open, it is your discretion whether to transport your child to school. In the event of a weather-related district closing without bus transportation, the day will be excused for your child.



### Student Council

The elections are scheduled for December 20, 2023. Students will deliver their speeches to the student body through Google Meets, and voting will follow. Campaigning efforts have been in full swing, with campaign signs adorning our walls. Stay tuned for the outcome of the elections!

## Calling all Bakers!

Please join our Cookie Walk for BBA Staff.

As we approach the festive season, we are planning a special treat for our hardworking staff at BBA. The HSA is organizing a “Cookie Walk” where staff can choose their favorite cookies to enjoy during this joyous time. To make this a sweet success, we need your help! We have several dozen coming in, but could use a few more.



### How you can contribute:

We invite you to share your favorite homemade or store-bought cookies to make our cookie walk a diverse and delicious experience for our staff. Whether it’s a classic chocolate chip, gingerbread, or a special family recipe, every cookie will be a delightful gesture of appreciation.

**Drop-off Details:** Please drop off or send the cookies in with your child on either **December 18th or 19th.**

### Cookie Walk Event:

The cookie walk for staff will take place on December 20th. Staff can stroll through the cookie display and select their favorite treats to enjoy during the festive season.

### Guidelines:

- Feel free to get creative with your cookie choices.
- Please attach a label indicating the type of cookie and any relevant allergy information.
- Ensure they are packed securely to prevent breakage.

### RSVP Your Participation:

To coordinate our efforts and ensure a variety of cookies, we ask that you RSVP by emailing Cyndi at [cfries@benbronzacademy.org](mailto:cfries@benbronzacademy.org). Let us know how many dozen cookies you plan to contribute.

For planning purposes, as you begin your baking, we have 39 staff members with whom we would like to share this joy.

We genuinely appreciate your support in making this event a special one for our dedicated staff members. Your delicious contributions will undoubtedly bring smiles and warmth to our school community.

Thanks for being part of this sweet initiative!

## ServSafe Certification



Our students Mia and Malik recently participated in ServSafe as part of their Consumer Science class. The National Restaurant Association developed this program to help set a standard for food safety training in the industry. The course covers personal hygiene, cross-contamination, time and temperature, cleaning and sanitizing, and more. They both had to take an online course and pass an exam to earn their ServSafe Food Handler Certificates. Earning this certificate verifies that they have basic food safety knowledge and is a desired achievement for individuals seeking employment in the food industry. Congratulations to you both. We are proud of you!

## Hour of Code

We are wrapping up the second week of Hour of Code at BBA; students have delved into AI activities, fostering problem-solving abilities, logic, and creativity. Under Karen's guidance in the library, students are laying the groundwork for computer science. Those eager to continue their exploration beyond the event can do so through our STEM and Makerspace program. If you're curious about the global impact of Hour of Code, click [HERE](#) for more information.



**Attention all Alumni!** We invite you to showcase your remarkable achievements since your tenure at BBA. Assist us in inspiring our current students by sharing your success stories. Express your interest in being interviewed by emailing either [Cfries@benbronzacademy.org](mailto:Cfries@benbronzacademy.org) or [clamphere@benbronzacademy.org](mailto:clamphere@benbronzacademy.org).

## Getting Comfy for a Cause.

Now in its 11th year, PJ Day for the Kids aims to raise funds and honor the courageous children battling cancer at Connecticut Children's Medical Center. Since its inception in 2011, hundreds of thousands of children in Connecticut and Massachusetts have worn their PJs to school, collectively raising over \$1,400,000 in support of kids at Connecticut Children's. Each year, PJ Day inspires more schools and businesses across Connecticut to participate, fostering a growing tradition of support. BBA's PJ Day for the kids was held on December 14th and was an outstanding success. Initially targeting a goal of \$200, we exceeded expectations by raising \$765.



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**Upcoming events:**

December 15, 2023,  
December 18, 2023  
December 22, 2023,  
December 25, 2023 - January 2, 2024  
January 8-11, 2024  
January 8, 2024  
January 12, 2024,  
January 15, 2024,  
January 16-26, 2024  
January 29, 2024,  
February 12, 2024  
February 16-20, 2024

No School - Staff Retreat  
TD Bank to visit our Upper school students  
12:30 Dismissal staff and students  
Holiday Break  
Exams  
HSA Meeting 7:30 pm Virtual  
12:30 Dismissal- End of Marking Period  
No School Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
IReady Testing  
Parent Information Session 7:30 pm Virtual  
HSA Meeting 7:30 pm Virtual  
No School Winter Break

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