The Bronxville School PTA

Another GREAT Year!

We love our teachers & staff ♥ BXV-PTA
Welcome to the Bronxville PTA All-School Meeting

Today we hope to accomplish two important goals:

Provide a PTA annual report:

- Mission of the PTA
- Financial Overview
- PTA Structure: Executive Board Councils and Committees
  - Introduce our PTA Executive Board Member Volunteers
- Programming: What we are proud of and what we are excited about in the future

Bring our community together to connect and socialize around our common interest of fostering academic excellence for our children
President’s Report

Mission of the PTA:

- Bring our community together with energy and enthusiasm around the work of our school in educating and enriching our children
- Facilitate communication and connection between the school and home
- Key to our success is our involved and active parent volunteers

Executive Board:

- Executive committee: President: Jennifer Heathwood, President-Elect: Amy Krause, Treasurer: Jill Bethea, Secretary: Amy Brown
- Council and Committee Chairs, Immediate Past President, Teacher Liaisons and the Superintendent, Board of Ed Liaison and Foundation Representative

Meets 6 times per year with additional special meetings as needed
Treasury

- Treasurer: Jill Bethea; treasurer-elect: Katrina Nay
- Work closely with the treasurers of other councils
- Responsible for budgeting, banking, reimbursements, bookkeeping, liaising with accountant on taxes
- We are most proud of decentralizing the treasurer function
  - Treasurers on individual councils are more involved
  - Bookkeeper who helps to answer questions and keep the treasurer positions less time consuming.
  - Making progress towards having metrics to correlate participation in various events with the expense of having the event and revenue (if any)
- We are excited about working towards balancing the budget so that the PTA is set up for long term success
  - Areas of untapped potential revenue around apparel sales and teacher appreciation
  - Opportunities to partner with the administration and the Bronxville School Foundation for special projects
Estimated Net Revenue 2021-2022

Total Revenue: $212K

- Membership: $65K
- Fall Socials: $50K
- Spring Socials: $30K
- Memorial Day: $30K
- Apparel: $53K

Total: $228K
Estimated Programming Spend 2021-2022

- High School: $50K
- Middle School: $30K
- Elementary School: $25K
- Athletics Council: $32K
- Arts Council: $20K
- Committees*: $28K
- Other**: $30K

**Total**: $215

*DEI, Bold, BWell, New Families

**Admin, Communications, etc.
Membership

Membership Co-Chairs: Victoria Thiessen and Tempe Zucker

- Membership Toolkit
- School Directory
- PTA Membership
- State PTA Upload
- Sales Forms
- Thank You Gifts

Raised $65,000 through Dues
- Record number of parent and teacher members

Most Proud of: Putting together a process to use the Membership toolkit platform for PTA ticket sales and achieving record membership numbers

The team distributed “Thank You for Joining” totes this year.
Elementary School Council

The **ES Council provides a strong connection** between the parent community and the administration and teachers. We plan community-building events and programs for families as well as countless experiences for students that enhance their lives in school. From guest speakers to book fairs to community service to musicals to special Bronxville traditions, we’re all about making the School the very best that it can be for our youngest learners.

We’re **most proud** of helping parents to get to know our new principal and finding creative ways for our students to experience joy in school after a difficult two years.

**Next year**, we’re hoping for more **in-person events** and the return of the **special field trips**.

Elementary School Executive Council Officers:
Alanna Leavell, President
Tara Hansen, President Elect
Meghann Paisley, Secretary
Shelly Klose, Treasurer
Middle School Council

The Council is the **liaison between parents, students and the administration**. We partner with the school and coordinate volunteer committees through regular meetings.

**Most Proud of...** As COVID restrictions were lifting, we are proud of the **outstanding socials** that the committees were able to pull together for the students. For parents, we are proud of the working relationship we fostered to support the continued success of our math curriculum.

**Looking forward to...** We are excited to bring more school community engagement through activities and events as well as continued partnership with the faculty and administration.

Middle School Executive Council Officers:
Caroline Dimitri, Chairperson
Deirdre Doheny, Vice-Chair
Joyce Barnes, Secretary
Lindy Devereaux, Treasurer
High School Council

The High school council supports the student body, faculty and administrators and acts as the main conduit for information flow from school to parents.

The council is comprised of an executive team, grade chairs, and miscellaneous committees: not limited to graduation, senior shadowing, hospitality, band and orchestra liaisons just to name a few. Volunteers are always welcome!

This year’s main goal is returning to “normal” as we head into spring with many activities being reinstated along with trying to get parents “back into the building.” (Our May council meeting will be in person.)

The high school council really differs from the other councils as high school activities are for the students, by the students and we act in a supporting role.

High School Executive Council Officers:
Amy Wiser, Chairperson
Emily Liggitt, Vice Chair
Sarah Clifford, Secretary
Larissa Modesitt, Treasurer
Arts Council

Supports arts programming and student artists

- Performing, fine and visual arts
- Engage, grow and showcase the artistic pursuits of Bronxville students.
- Three Chairs that bring different artists experience:
  - Justine McEnerny & Lyndal Vermett Fine/Visual Arts
  - Lyndal Vermett & Bridget Lockwood: Performing Arts

Most proud of: Plans to hold a comprehensive Arts Festival for the first time this spring. Open Mic Night and Spring into the Arts.

Looking forward to: Creating a public art installation that will ideally engage all our students and create a beautiful symbol of unity. And, working on an arts career panel that will connect students to professionals in the artistic world and share with them best practices for achieving success in areas such as fashion, architecture, graphic design and the performing arts.
Athletics Council

HS parent volunteers representing athletes from all different school sports.

- Executive board of made of two chairs - Laura Pettee and Tricia Reilly, treasurer - Sara Kenny, spirit - Liz Doyle and and apparel chair - Sarah Pulkkinen.
- Collaborate with Joe Haven- Athletic Director and Anthony Vaglica - HS AC liaison, and student AC committee.

We are **most proud that Homecoming returned**!

- High school events included B day, the Bonfire, uniform switch day
- Community event included Food truck night and games under the lights

After years of planning we have completed the **branding** of the main gym with team banners depicting all team's from the past and present and their accomplishments.

Also, a tradition starting last year which is **senior banners** has been a huge hit and one we hope to continue.

Plans for next year will hopefully include the return of **Harlem Wizards** and other community sporting events.

We are always welcome to new volunteers and any ideas to make high school athletics more spirited for everyone.
BASC Council

Faculty Directors: Anthony Vaglica and Carole DelJuidice
ES PTA Parent Rep: Heather Scholes
MS PTA Parent Rep: Carolyn Mattson
Treasurers: Dean Vanderwarker and Jon Beer

Most proud of the growth of the program. We have tailored it based on parent feedback to really reflect the needs of the community. The elementary program has grown exponentially and has a robust offering of courses and opportunities for the students.

Excited to work on taking BASC to the next level of after-school experiences and programming.

Happy, healthy scenes from BASC
B*Well Committee

B*Well serves our K-12 community to inform and educate parents about what their children are experiencing in terms of social development, mental health, and alcohol/drug use.

The B*Well committee is lead by co-chairs Jennifer Redman, Jennifer Hommeyer, Val Otto, & Deirdre Doheny.

This year we are proud of

- Continuing our series on Wise Mind Parenting sessions
- Introducing the Teen Mental Health First Aid course to our HS Social issues Awareness Club
- Planning another all school book read *The War for Kindness*
BOLD Council

BOLD: Bronxville Organization for Learning Differences

- Goal: foster inclusion and support families with students who fall under the umbrella of special education. This includes students with IEP and 504 plans as well as students in the self-contained program.

Most Proud of: We started the year with our first ever back to school Fall Social held at the Bronxville Field Club and brought back the BOLD Socials at Coals

Bold Conversations: Parenting an Anxious Child with Alexandra Yaghoobi and a terrific Q&A session with Dr. Ned Hallowell

College Transition Alumni Panel hosted by Aaron Kind

Looking forward to: A workshop on social pragmatics, Autism Awareness month activities and more BOLD Socials

Niamh Hartnett Merluccio, Chairperson
BXV Unity Committee/DEI

The DEI committee is made up of parent representatives from each school. The goal of the committee is to offer opportunities for our community to share, learn and celebrate diverse backgrounds.

**Most proud of this year...**our series of Family Events: Hispanic Heritage Month Panel and Film Screening, Celebrating Diwali, Celebrating the Year of the Tiger and Blackboard Jungle Film Screening and Talk

**Still to come this year...** the first ever International Fair a collaboration with the BHS International Club

**SAVE THE DATE:** Friday, April 29th, 5-7 pm

Celebrating Diwali as a community is one of many events we hosted this year.

Lia Gravier, Co-Chairperson
Teresa Brady, Co-Chairperson
New Families Committee

Welcoming new families and help make the transition to the Bronxville School smooth.

Most proud of this year: In past years, we have paired each new elementary and middle school family up with a buddy family and this year for the first time we paired new high school families up with a buddy family. We were also able to hold an in person welcome social for all the new families to meet each other.

Excited to: continue helping new families create strong ties to our community

First day of school!

Carlie Patterson, Chairperson
Apparel Committee

The Apparel Council delivers school spirit and drives revenue for the PTA.

We are most proud of...

- Enormous support from the community! We are on track to deliver a total of $140K in sales, + 88% vs last year!
- Our amazing vendors and our team!

Save the date...Our Memorial Day sale will start on May 24th!

Current Committee Members

- Co-Chairs: Mariana Mingo & Sarah Pulkkinen
- Treasurer: Ashley Ching

‘22-‘23 Committee Members

- Chairs: Cara Kernan, Courtney McCarthy, Ashley Murphy & Jennifer Siegert
- Treasurer: Ashley Ching
Memorial Day 2022

The original BXV Memorial Day is back and better than ever!

This is a very joyful & fun community event FOR ALL, that is possible thanks to the tremendous help and support of many parents and faculty members. Students of all ages participate in this amazing school tradition. It’s an incredible way to execute on the PTA’s mission to bring our Bronxville Community TOGETHER.

This year, Memorial Day festivities are led by Karina Wyllie and Lindsay Lavorgna, joined by Kristen Woolery as the Council Treasurer. In addition to a GREAT team of moms that are co-chairing the different subcommittees.

The Memorial Day WEEK-LONG FESTIVITIES will include:
Adult Spring Socials, Adult Raffle, Country Fair, Used Book Sale, Kids’ Dollar Raffle, Cupcake Cafe, Joy Run and Kids’ Dash, and of course, Dog Show and Parade!

Save the date for this year’s events: Friday May 20 - Friday May 27.

PS: Not around during Memorial Day weekend? Don’t worry! All the planning starts before and you can still volunteer. Also, our week long celebration ends the Friday BEFORE Memorial Day weekend, so there are no events during that Saturday or Sunday. You can relax & enjoy the Long weekend with your family!
The Social Media and Communications Chairs work together to provide updated information to the community through Instagram, Facebook and the PTA website.

- Follow us on Instagram @BronxvillePTA
- Visit us at BronxvillePTA.org
- Bronxvilleptany.membershiptoolkit.com/
- President@BronxvillePTA.org
- PresidentElect@BronxvillePTA.org

Our vibrant instagram account gets the word (and photos) out on our PTA programming.

Our website is home to evergreen information and seasonal updates.
Thank you!

Thank you to my executive board and all our volunteers!

Most Proud Of:

- The way we have come together, been creative and improvised to provide amazing programs despite the challenges of Covid

Excited about:

- Spring! Athletic events, Arts Festival, International Night, Bold and BWell speakers, Memorial Day, Moving Up Ceremonies, Musicals, Prom, Graduation and more.
- 100th Anniversary!
- Can’t wait to see what this army of volunteers can do next!

Thank you for being a member of the PTA. We welcome you to be a part of our committees and help shape our future programs. Thank you for joining us tonight!
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Member Meeting
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