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### DATES TO REMEMBER

- **APR 28**  
Spring Work Day
- **MAY 7 & 11**  
Parent/Teacher Conferences
- **MAY 9-10**  
Picture Day
- **MAY 12**  
Spring Picnic
- **MAY 28**  
No School
- **JUN 8**  
Last Day of School
- **JUN 18**  
First Day of Camp

### FROM THE DIRECTOR



Lisa Beck  
DIRECTOR

Although I have been enjoying all the cuddle time with my new baby, I have also missed the teachers, children, and families at BNS. My time away has reminded me of the fact that BNS is such a unique and special place. In particular, I have been thinking a lot about the **strong sense of community** we have at our wonderful little school.

I was so blown away by how kind and giving everyone was when I shared the news of my pregnancy. So many of you asked how you could help, what you could share, and how I was feeling on a daily basis. Once I left on maternity leave, the staff, EC, Trustees, and substitute directors really jumped in to make sure the school continued to provide children with a positive and engaging environment where they can learn, grow, and have fun!

While away, I have heard stories about teachers giving more of themselves to help cover me and children working together to clean up our yard after the storms. I heard that the 3's and 4's teachers worked together to chase down a crafty Leprechaun and everyone came together to celebrate Gisella's citizenship. All of these community experiences that the children are observing and taking part in are teaching them so much about teamwork, cooperation, celebrating and negotiating differences, and sharing strengths and skills. I can't think of a better "lesson" for our future leaders!

I am looking forward to rejoining our wonderful community soon!



# VALENTINE'S SOCIAL (FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>)



**LOVE** was in the air as students proudly escorted their sweethearts to the annual BNS student/parent Valentine's Day party. Always a yearly favorite of this proud father, the party featured children and parents enjoying snacks, creating their own Valentine's cards, decorating goodies, and posing for photos under an XOXO sign.

**Brock Wolf**  
(dad of Celeste, 3s and Fiona, BNS graduate)



♥ Kudos to **Alex Holt**, and her fabulous Social Committee, for the wonderful planning and delivering of the **Wild At Heart Party!**



## WELCOME TO THE WORLD!



### LEE FAMILY

Adeline Sylvia Lee  
Born 7.30.2017  
7 lbs 9 oz



### BLACKETER FAMILY

James Martin Blacketer  
Born 7.31.2017  
8 lbs 7 oz



### DAVIS FAMILY

Esther Tanchanok Davis  
Born 7.3.2017  
7 lbs 5 oz



### BECK FAMILY

William John Beck  
Born 2.5.2018  
9 lbs 12 oz

## DOCTOR'S NOTE



Rebekka Levis, DO, FAAP

Assistant Professor General Pediatrics, New York Medical College  
Division of General Pediatrics, MFCH  
Boston Children's Health Physicians  
Mom of Luke, 3s and Scott,  
BNS graduate

### TOP FIVE FLU MYTHS... LEARNING THE FACTS

**MYTH 1.** It's Spring! Flu season is over!

**FACT:** Timing of flu activity can be unpredictable and varies for different parts of the country. It is often known to start in October, peak between December and February but can last until May!

**MYTH 2.** You can get the flu from getting the flu shot.

**FACT:** The flu vaccine cannot cause the flu. The vaccine is made from an inactivated virus that can't transmit infection.

**MYTH 3.** I'm allergic to eggs! I can't get the flu vaccine.

**FACT:** People who have had any type of allergic reaction to eggs may get a flu shot. If you have had respiratory distress, light headedness, recurrent vomiting or needed emergency medical treatment after exposure to eggs, you may still get the flu shot but it is recommended to do so under the supervision of your physician.

**MYTH 4.** I am pregnant. I should not get the flu shot.

**FACT:** Flu is more likely to cause severe illness in pregnant women than in healthy women who are not pregnant. CDC recommends that pregnant women get a flu shot during any trimester of their pregnancy to protect themselves and their newborn babies from flu. There is a lot of evidence that flu vaccines can be given safely during pregnancy.

**MYTH 5.** You don't need to get a flu shot every year.

**FACT:** The influenza virus changes (mutates) each year. So getting vaccinated each year is important to make sure you have immunity to the strains most likely to cause an outbreak.





## EAT, DRINK & BID!

Please join us for Briarcliff Nursery School's

### 29th Annual Spring Bash

Saturday, April 14th

7:00 cocktails & silent auction

8:00 dinner & live auction

The Briarcliff Manor

25 Studio Hill Road in Briarcliff Manor

Sponsored by Clubfit Briarcliff

**Join TODAY!**

Check out our Energy Center for kids ages 5-12 and Nursery for kids ages 3 months -4 years. **FREE** for kids with membership.

Monday - Friday: 5:00 am - 11:00 pm  
Saturday - Sunday: 6:30 am - 9:00 pm

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## MEET A PARENT



**Matt Davanzo**

Squire Camp Director

Dad of William, 3s – and Jonathon and Matthew, BNS graduates

[www.squirecamps.com](http://www.squirecamps.com)



**Squire Camp** is a children's summer day camp entering its 45th year of business in the Westchester community. When I was an infant, my parents developed Squire Camps as a summer supplement to their work as educators in Westchester's public and catholic school systems. I attended Squire Camps as child, worked there with my parents as a teenager, supported my mother as an assistant director in adulthood, and took over as the full-time Director in 2011.

These days Squire Camps is a set of 4 distinct summer programs for children entering grades K-9 in Hartsdale, NY. Our total choice programs allow children to customize their own high-quality summer experience. Each camper can choose to focus on a full day of thorough sports instruction - Tennis or the combination All Sports - or choose a day filled with a series of courses in Arts, Science, Culture, Swimming, Computers, Sports and more through our Squire Advantage programs. We promote learning through fun, and feel that camp has the ability to promote unparalleled growth and exploration.

As the father of three young children, I understand that taking care of another person's child is the greatest responsibility anyone can have. Our primary concern is providing a safe, happy experience for child and parent alike. Our instructors are certified adult teachers and we promote a caring and nurturing environment, where campers and parents can both feel secure.

We know that summer camp memories can last, so we strive to give campers their best summer ever. It's a great reward to hear from parents that their child has gone on to pursue a passion sparked by an activity they engaged in at camp be it science, art, music, cooking... And these days we have former campers enrolling their own children in Squire Camps based on the memories they made as children. That is what I feel we are all about... providing great experiences that last a lifetime.



## BNS CAMP REMINDER: FORMS DUE 4/16

Your favorite teachers at BNS are gearing up to take campers' learning to new levels.

- Camp runs from June 18 to August 3
- There are 2-day, 3-day and 5-day options available.

**Camp forms are due back April 16 – changes can be made until June 1.**

