Dear friends,

As 2020 comes to an end, I want to wish you a Happy New Year! To say that this has been a tumultuous year is a wild understatement. 2020 has challenged us individually, as families, and as a community. COVID-19 has had a dramatic impact not only on our lives, and the lives of our staff, but the children and families we serve have felt the impact very directly. A significant number of our students lost loved ones. A significant number of our students’ families saw job losses and economic insecurity because of the pandemic. As well, a significant number of our students and their families experienced food insecurity.

BKS reopened our Centers to children on August 12th. We offer each family one of the following learning model options to choose from: 1) In person all 5 days; 2) Hybrid or blended learning (3 days in-person and 2 days of remote learning); and, Remote learning only (2 days a week of instruction only). These models allow for each family to choose the option that best fits with their needs for safety and learning.

If Covid-19 has taught us anything, it is that the more flexibility and resiliency we can build into our organization and Centers we run, the better we are able to serve our students in this challenging time.

I am grateful for your commitment to BKS and our work. Thank you for helping some of Central Brooklyn's youngest learners continue to learn during this difficult time.

Regards,

Melisha Jackman
Executive Director

Thank you to our Silver level Yuletide supporters, The Hendel Ruggie Donigan Team at COMPASS.

You help us meet the needs to our students.

BKS’ Centers are OPEN for in person and distance learning for our students. Our paramount concern is the health and safety of our students, their families, and our staff and families. Educating our students will continue to be challenging as we move forward in the Covid Era.

BKS relies on the support of individual donors to provide key support for education programs, training for our teaching staff, and importantly the continued flexibility to respond to the impacts of the pandemic.

Please help support BKS and our efforts to help our students have an equal first step in their education. You can give here.

Thank you to our Silver level Yuletide supporters, The Wilding Woods Team at COMPASS.
2020 marked the 100th Anniversary of The Yuletide Ball. This year presented a number of challenges, but with your help, Yuletide 100 at Home raised the largest net proceeds in more than 5 years. Thank you!

If you have not had a chance to watch the Yuletide 100 at Home broadcast, you can watch it here.

We want to thank our co-chairs, Rachel Apthorpe, Martha Bakos Dietz, Paula Dunbar, and Kathy Weigle. Thank you to Laura Trevelyan, Stephen Greaves, NMP, and Alix Padow for your support of BKS.

Thank you for supporting BKS.