Dear friends,

As we celebrate Thanksgiving this week, it is a time to take stock of what we are thankful for during this most challenging year. I hope you plan time to rest and recharge with your loved ones (those in your bubbles and those through zoom and social distance). I am thankful that BKS is an essential service and that we are open for both in person and distance learning even though K-12 is closed. I am grateful for the dedication and engagement of our parents, and am grateful for our staff and their “one-team” spirit that they bring to our classrooms and offices everyday.

I would like to share a story with you that highlights the power of the voices of our parents and the role that each of us can have in creating change. This fall a parent from our Tompkins Children’s Center was concerned about the air quality in her daughter’s school due to the extreme heat during the wintertime. Her daughter is asthmatic. The parent found out about an obscure air purification program that the Department of Education was offering and passionately advocated with the BKS team to get and use these air purifiers. The perseverance and resilience has allowed for every BKS classroom to receive two air purifiers from the Department of Education. “Ashe” or YES! to the power of our parents’ voices to produce change in the system!

Today, the air purifiers are combating airborne allergens, antigens, and viruses. We are living our strategic priorities each day and this instance is a strong testament to our collective work. When parents are our partners we can make magic happen!

Regards,

Melisha Jackman
Executive Director

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

Covid Safety at our Centers

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. I hope you will enjoy watching our short video detailing our safety and health precautions for our centers. Thank you to Stephen Greaves for creating this video.

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We hope you will join us for our virtual Yuletide Ball broadcast on Saturday, December 12, 2020 at 7:30 pm. To learn more about Yuletide or support Yuletide, click here.

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