

WELCOME TO BROOKLYN BLUE FEATHER ELEMENTARY

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OUR GOAL

- ▣ To service individuals with a diagnosis of Autism, Multiple Disabilities, Other Health Impairment, and Emotional Disturbance from ages 5-12
- ▣ To teach our students functional skills that will foster independence
- ▣ To teach students academics based on individual learning needs/styles



OUR CLASSROOMS

- ▣ 4 Classroom Settings (Students: Behavior Trainer: Behavior Trainer Assistant)
 - 8:1:4
 - 8:1:2
 - 10:1:2
 - 8:1:1



WHAT WE USE

- ▣ ABA (Applied Behavior Analysis) methodology
- ▣ Student Program Books (Student learning portfolio)
- ▣ PECS (Picture Exchange Communication System)
- ▣ Word Sign
- ▣ Sign Language Interpreters
- ▣ AAC Devices (Communication Device)
- ▣ HUGS+ (Help, Understanding, Guidance, Support) HUGS+ is a comprehensive program that addresses the behavior support needs of our school-age children. It is specifically for children who display on-going episodes of challenging behavior.
- ▣ Common Core Learning Standards
- ▣ Child's IEP
- ▣ Physical Education, Art and Music
- ▣ Foxx and Azrin Toileting Program



CURRICULUM/ PROGRAMS UTILIZED

- ▣ Wonders Literacy
- ▣ My Math
- ▣ Science and Social Studies (based on NYC Scope and Sequence)
- ▣ Rozzy STEM
- ▣ Edmark (functional reading program for higher support learners)
- ▣ Attainment (ELA and Math for higher support learners)
- ▣ Handwriting Without Tears
- ▣ Collins Writing Program (Reading Response, Math and Poetry Journals)
- ▣ STAR ABA Curriculum Instruction (Discrete Trials, Routines, Pivotal Response Training)



SCHOOL DAYS

- ▣ The school day starts: 8:45am
- ▣ The school day ends: 2:45pm
- ▣ We are a 12 month program
- ▣ BBF follows the Department of Education Calendar



RELATED SERVICES

- ▣ Our Program offers the following related services:
 - ▣ Speech
 - ▣ Occupational Therapy
 - ▣ Physical Therapy
 - ▣ Counseling

*All services are mandated as per your child's IEP



OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY



SPEECH



PHYSICAL THERAPY





TRIPS

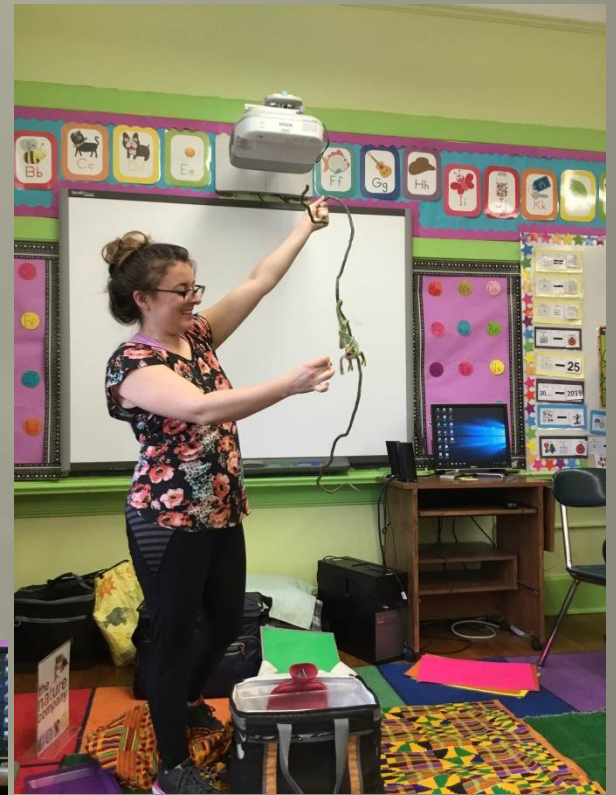
- ▣ Our students take field trips to areas in NYC where they can further expand their knowledge & understanding. These include Green Meadows Farm, Aviator Sports, Brooklyn Children's Museum, Puppetworks, Bowling, etc.
- ▣ Our students also participate in local community trips which include the pizzeria, ice cream shop, and the park.











PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

- ▣ Parent support is essential in providing your child with the best at BBF
 - Monthly Clinics (30 minute meetings)
 - Parent Support Group



STUDENT LUNCH

- ▣ Parents are responsible for sending their child to school with a nutritious lunch and a light snack everyday.
 - NO HOTDOGS or POPCORN are permitted as these are choking hazards. In addition, parents must send fruits and vegetables pre-cut to avoid choking incidents.
 - NO items containing NUTS, as we have students with severe allergies.



Assistant Principal: Cheryl Whiting



Program Coordinator: Margaret Looman



BCBA Coordinator: Laura McCabe



School Psychologist: Matthew Schultz



Social Worker: Margaret Black



School Nurse: Susan Sullivan



Assistive Technology: Nicholas Scarangelo



Principal: Denise Polanco-Nieves



PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

- ▣ Help organize various school wide events such as: Picture Day, Spirit Day, Spirit Week, Family Movie Night, Read-a-thon, and Graduation
- ▣ Fundraise to enhance student experiences at BBF such as technology, the arts, and literacy.



TIPS ON HOW TO GET YOUR CHILD ACCEPTED INTO BBF

- ▣ Prior to your child's CSE turning 5 meeting, visit your local public school, district 75 schools, and non public schools.
- ▣ Write a list of pros and cons for each school visited which you can use at the CSE meeting to advocate for the school that best fits your child's needs.
- ▣ Central Based Support Team (CBST) will make the final decision on school placement for your child.



Helpful Tips

- ▣ If you are interested in having us screen your child, please email your child's most recent IEP to debbie.torres@ahrcnyc.org.
- ▣ If you have gone through the CBST process, please encourage your CBST case worker to email your referral packet to cheryl.whiting@ahrcnyc.org.



Questions?

- ▣ If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to any member of our BBF team:
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