

Annual Events at Buckingham Friends School

5k Trail Run/Walk

BFS hosts a 5k trail run/walk and a 1 mile fun run. The course follows the beautiful trail system that runs through the hills and wooded campus of the school. Everyone is welcome to walk or run – athletes, amateurs, runners, walkers, adults, children and groups. Proceeds benefit The Kick Leuk Foundation to fight pediatric leukemia.

Art Show

This event is held each year in the spring in conjunction with Grandparents' Day. The show highlights the artistic abilities of our BFS students. A variety of mediums are on display including painting, woodworking, clay and more.

Auction

BFS's largest fundraiser is held the beginning of each Spring in March. This adult only event is attended by the greater BFS community and supported by businesses and services in the Bucks County and surrounding areas. Many volunteer and sponsorship opportunities are available.

Back to School Night

Held in September, this evening begins with a welcome and introduction from the Head of School and the BFS faculty and staff followed by time in your child's individual classroom. The teachers have prepared materials for parents in regards to the curriculum and activities your child will experience throughout the school year.

Book Fair

Sponsored by the Library and coordinated and staffed by parents, the book sale occurs each October in conjunction with Parent/Teacher conferences.

Brick Ceremony

The school community gathers to honor the graduating students as each sets a brick engraved with their name in the school patio. An alum speaks to the class and welcomes them into the BFS alumni society.

Class Picnics

Students from each grade gather at the home of a family from their grade on the last official day of school. Parents help organize and provide lunch. The teacher attends and brings the class's memory book compiled over the school year for all to enjoy.

Frolics

Each Fall and Spring the school community comes together to help beautify the school grounds, spruce up classrooms and learning environments, and assist with any other special projects that may be on the BFS wish list.

Ghost Walk and Halloween Party

Each October on the Friday before Halloween, the eighth grade teacher, students and parents transform the Upper School into a fun and frightful haunted house to help raise funds for the eighth grade trip to Williamsburg. The seventh grade families host the accompanying Halloween party in the auditorium complete with games, snacks and costume contest. Please note this activity is age appropriate for students in Grades 3-8 only and has become a much looked forward to event by the lower school students.

Graduation

Held on the Thursday evening before the Class Picnics, this ceremony brings together the families of the graduates, the Head of School, faculty, staff and alumni in a celebration of the students and their accomplishments as they move forward on their journey of lifelong learning.

Grandparents' Day

Held in May each year usually the Friday before Mother's Day, this annual event celebrates families in a special way, by honoring our students' Grandparents. This day is a school wide event organized by the fifth and third grade parents. Grandparents join their grandchildren in classrooms, are treated to a delicious lunch served in the school gym by the fifth graders, and have the opportunity to enjoy the wonderful artwork on display in the auditorium that the students have worked on during the school year.

High School Admissions Night

Each Spring BFS invites Admissions Directors from a variety of high schools to come and provide information about their schools to BFS students and their parents.

Holiday Concerts

Prior to the holiday break students delight the school community with their festive holiday program. Days and times vary depending on the grade and dismissal for holiday break. Lower school performs during the school day and 3rd grade through 8th grade perform twice, once at assembly and once during a more formal evening program.

Lasagna Dinner

This dinner is held on a Friday evening in November and hosted by the sixth grade with help from their parents. The event is widely attended by current families, friends, grandparents, alumni, faculty and staff. The funds raised from the dinner help to defray the costs of the sixth grade trip to Washington D.C.

MLK Day

BFS and PTAC join to provide special opportunities and activities focused on service and diversity to our students, parents and any others in our community who would like to participate in the meaning of this special day.

Move Up Day

The end of May provides an opportunity for students to experience what it will be like to be in the next grade. They spend time in the classroom with the teacher and receive some pointers on what to expect the next school year. The graduating class has the opportunity to become kindergartners again.

Track & Field Day

Held two weeks prior to the end of school. Teams of blue and gray gather to compete in friendly games on the school fields. Finale includes a school wide tug-of-war and egg toss that even brings back some BFS alumni. All celebrate the end of events with refreshing popsicles.

Upper School Day

In September students in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades participate in a day long off campus developmental workshop. Supported by teachers and administration, activities touch on peer issues, conflict resolution, role-playing, team building and other skills that reflect the Quaker values of the BFS mission. Upper School parents provide snacks and lunch for the day's events.