



FRANKLIN'S FIRST

Monthly e-blast

Sharing our news with you

December, 2016

Winter Holidays

Winter Holidays start with early dismissal on Friday, December 16. School reopens on Tuesday, January 3.

Fall Sports and Activities Banquet

Fall Sports and Activities Banquet will be Thursday, December 8, at 6:00 pm for everyone involved in Golf, Cross Country and Band. Parents are encouraged to attend.

Parent Committee Hosts Annual Faculty-Staff Appreciation Event

Wednesday, December 14, the BFA Parent Committee will sponsor the annual Faculty-Staff Appreciation Event with gifts of holiday cookies for the BFA Faculty/Staff. Contact Angela Cassidy at acassidy@benfranklinacademy.org if you would like to participate in honoring the teachers.

Dr. Burdette Honored by Emory University School of Medicine



Dr. Burdette recognized with the Dean's Teaching Award from the Emory University School of Medicine.

Dr. Martha Burdette received one of the Emory University School of Medicine Dean's Teaching Awards in recognition of "superior teaching of medical and allied health professions students" for many years. Dr. Burdette was honored on December 1 at the Faculty Recognition Reception, where she received her award from Dr. David Stephens, Interim Dean; Dr. William Eley, Executive Associate Dean; and Dr. Jonathan Lewin, Executive Vice President for Health Affairs, Executive Director, Health Sciences Center, and President, CEO, and Chairman of the Board, Emory Healthcare. Dr. Burdette works with medical school students, residents, and fellows referred by the Deans at Emory School of Medicine as part of BFA's clinic work for the community.

We are immensely proud of Dr. Burdette and the tremendous work she does at Ben Franklin and throughout our community. Congratulations on this well-deserved honor!

Annual Fund

It's hard to believe that 2016 is coming to a close! This year brought many changes to BFA's campus as we prepare for even bigger changes in 2017 with the expansion of our Junior House and updates that will touch every corner of our school. All of these exciting undertakings would not be possible without support of friends like you!

As the final days of the year draw near, we hope that you will consider a gift in support of the transformative work that happens each day at our school - both to our physical facilities and within our students, families, and faculty. We continue to raise funds for our *An Expanded Home for Achieving the Possible* Capital Campaign. With more than 80% secured, your gift in this calendar year will go a long way in helping us reach our \$1.75 million fundraising goal.

We hope that you will also consider making a gift of support for our Annual Fund, which will be used to support Scholarship Assistance. Scholarship Assistance is consistently identified as a top funding priority of the school, and in order to address that need in a meaningful way, we need YOUR support! If you have not already made your commitment, we hope that you'll consider BFA this holiday season and remember that any contribution postmarked by December 31st not only supports BFA, but provides a charitable tax deduction for you.

In this season of thanksgiving, we wish to thank our dedicated volunteers, who are working diligently behind the scenes to help us reach our goals on behalf of the students at BFA:

- Brooke Pena
- Chad Martin
- Maripat Newington

You may make your gift online by visiting <https://www.benfranklinacademy.org/support> or mail a pledge card and donation to our Development Office. If you have any questions, please contact Martha Burdette at 404-633-7404.

Apogee Scholarship Program - Another Way to Support BFA!

Pre-register to direct a portion of your state tax liability to Ben Franklin Academy through the Georgia Private School Tax Credit Program by visiting www.apogee123.org. Applications to the Department of Revenue will be submitted beginning January 1, 2017 in the order in which they were received, so if you'd like to participate in this program, please consider doing so as soon as possible! The absolute deadline for submitting paperwork to Apogee is December 15, 2016. Please contact BFA if you have questions or need additional details.

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