



# FRANKLIN'S FIRST

Monthly e-blast

*Sharing our news with you*

February, 2018

## Announcements

BFA's Parent Committee will honor the teachers and staff on Valentine's Day with a special luncheon.

BFA will be closed on Monday, February 19, in observance of Presidents' Day.

## BFA's STAR Student, Nina Plotko



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Nina Plotko has been named Ben Franklin Academy's STAR Student for the Professional Association of Georgia Educators STAR Student Program.

Nina was selected for having the highest single sitting SAT score within the top ten students in her class. She also has an exceptionally rigorous high school curriculum, taking nine AP courses throughout high school. Outside of the classroom, Nina is a dedicated volleyball player who made the All Region Volleyball team and coaches younger players. Nina is planning on attending Georgia Tech in the fall and wants to pursue a career in Engineering.

## Philanthropy Project Book Delivery



BFA students sharing books and spending time with children at Willow Branch.

BFA student Adele McLees recognized a need in the community. Adele tutors at Willow Branch after-school program several times each week. Students in this refugee community would benefit from access to children's books. The BFA Philanthropy Project decided to gather used books and deliver them to the students at Willow Branch. BFA students delivered 5 boxes of books and spent the afternoon reading and spending time with the children.

## Annual Fund

**Roses are red  
Violets are blue  
Here at Ben Franklin**

## ***We are grateful for you!***

We are grateful for you! There are several ways you can show love for Ben Franklin Academy this Valentine's Day. If you have not done so already, you can make a tax-deductible contribution to the 2017-2018 Annual Fund. Gifts to this year's Annual Fund will support innovative technology for students and faculty, scholarship assistance, and landscape beautification of our gardens and grounds, including care for our beloved roses. Contribute online today at [www.benfranklinacademy.org/support](http://www.benfranklinacademy.org/support) or by mailing your pledge card and donation to our Development Office.

You can also leave your mark on BFA by purchasing a commemorative engraved brick for our Founders Courtyard. What better way to say "I love you" than by leaving a lasting memory in honor of a friend or loved one? Bricks can be purchased by downloading the order form on our website at [www.benfranklinacademy.org/index.php/together-we-achieved-the-possible](http://www.benfranklinacademy.org/index.php/together-we-achieved-the-possible).

If you have any questions, please contact Angela Cassidy at 404-633-7404.

### **Apogee Scholarship Program - another way to support BFA!**

Did you know that you can support Ben Franklin Academy by directing a portion of your state tax liability in support of the school? Pre-register today to support BFA through the Georgia Private School Tax Credit Program by visiting [www.apogee123.org](http://www.apogee123.org). Applications to the Department of Revenue will be submitted beginning January 1, 2018, in the order in which they were received, so act now to ensure your support. Please contact BFA if you have questions or need additional details.

### **Tax Information for Your 2017 Gift**

If you need information for tax purposes on gifts made in 2017, please refer to the letter of thanks from Martha Burdette received at the time your contribution was made. Ben Franklin Academy remains truly grateful for your generous support of our BFA community. If you would like an additional copy of your letter containing tax information, please contact Amy Barnes in the Ben Franklin offices at 404-633-7404.

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