WELCOME TO BROOKLYN BLUE FEATHER ELEMENTARY

2335 Gerritsen Ave
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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
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
PHYSICAL THERAPY
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.
Parent support is essential in providing your child with the best at BBF
- Monthly Clinics (30 minute meetings)
- Parent Support Group
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 Scarangello
Principal:
Denise Polanco-Nieves
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.
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.
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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