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We hope that you enjoyed a happy, healthy, relaxing, and heartfelt Thanksgiving with family and friends.

We wish to thank you for making our BCS Community Feast: A Circle of Thanks such a special evening of thanksgiving and community building. It was wonderful to see so many families, students, staff, and alumni come out and fill our cafeteria with celebration, laughter, warm conversation, and a bountiful medley of appetizing dishes and desserts.



Your spirited support and hearty applause for the student performers---Kori's American Sign Theater classes signing to Gladys Knight's rendition of *Let There Be Peace On Earth*, the YWCA After School's Dance Club, The Eliminators, dancing to a pastiche of contemporary pop songs, and the BCS Cheerleaders leading us in rousing cheers robust with school pride---encouraged them and brought smiles to their faces.

We are forever thankful for your trust, support, and the ongoing ways in which you stand with us to make a difference in your child's life and to live our school's mission--one child at a time.

With gratitude,  
Scill, Amanda, Imani (BCS School Leaders)  
Tracey (BCS Parent Coordinator)

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU & SHOUT OUT TO THE FAMILIES,  
STAFF, STUDENTS, ALUMNI, PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD AND  
SLT MEMBERS WHO VOLUNTEERED, CONTRIBUTED  
DISHES, PROMOTED THE EVENT, AND CAME OUT FOR THE  
COMMUNITY FEAST!**



## **TO STAFF: THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

A warm and special shout out to BCS and YWCA After School staff: Adam Cw., Aiesha, Antonio, Brandi, Christine P., Chrissy, Deb, Ed, Flo, Helene, Janet, Joyce, Kia, Lesley, Mai, Maria, Mercedes, Obie, Radia, Robin, Sandy, Stephen, Steven, Tanisha, Taron, and Tiffany.

A huge thank you and deep appreciation to the Community Feast Planning Committee (Aiesha, Janet, Tanisha, & Tracey) who gave their time and talent to make the feast an enjoyable event for everyone.

A round of gratitude to Ed for his technical support for the Community Feast; Sandy for her support with outreach to families and general publicity; Steven for editing our gratitude video and working with students in his after school cooking class to make apple tarts for the Feast; Tiffany for recruiting and organizing student volunteers to support with decorations, set up, greeting and serving during the Community Feast; and, Brandi for leading the clean up brigade.



## TO PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD & SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM (SLT): THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

A special shout out and deep appreciation to the PTA Executive Board: Akilah, Brett, Briam, Eddie, Linda, Marilyn, & Patricia (member-at-large) and to SLT members: Cynthia, Jennifer, Lucia, Ron, Tish, Sierra (student), Janet, Stephen, and Ed.



A warm shout out to 6th grade parent Kerry Sancho for supporting with the set up and decorations.

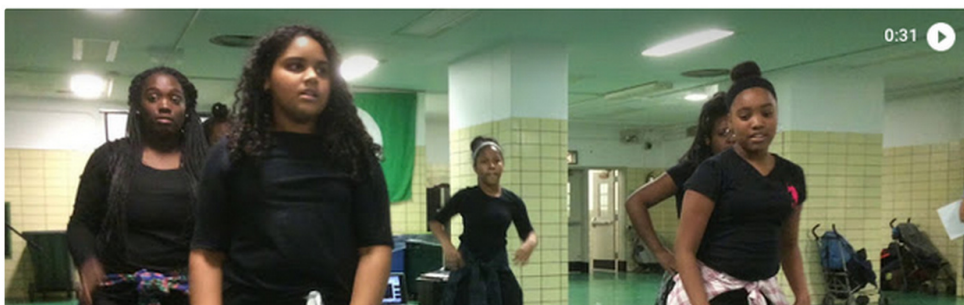
## TO KORI & STUDENT PERFORMERS FROM THE AMERICA SIGN LANGUAGE THEATER CLASS: THANK YOU!

A warm and special shout out to Kori and to students from her American Sign Theater classes who demonstrated the core values of courageous, responsibility, collaboration, open-mindedness, and persistence as they signed to Gladys Knight's rendition of *Let There Be Peace On Earth*.



## TO OBIE & STUDENT PERFORMERS FROM THE YWCA @ BCS LOWER GRADES AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM'S DANCE CLASS: THANK YOU!

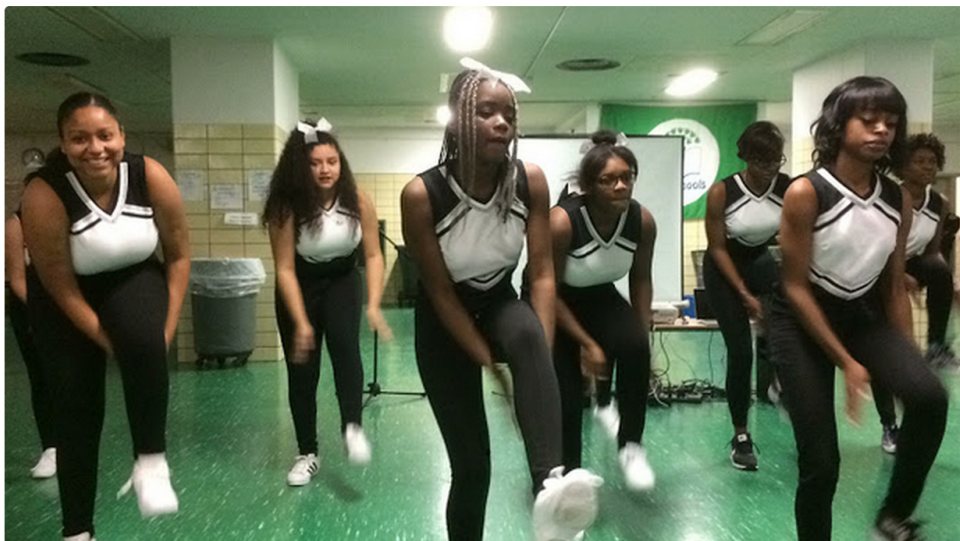
A warm and special shout out to Obie and **The Eliminators**, the dance troupe in the YWCA @ BCS Lower Grades After School Program, who demonstrated the core values of courageous, responsibility, collaboration, open-mindedness, and persistence as they danced to a medley of contemporary pop songs.





**TO CHRISSY, TIFFANY, AND OUR BCS  
CHEERLEADERS: THANK YOU! THANK  
YOU! THANK! THANK OU! THANK YOU!**

A spirited and special shout out to Chrissy, Tiffany, and the cheerleading squad who demonstrated the core values of courageous, responsibility, collaboration, open-mindedness, and persistence as they danced to a medley of contemporary pop songs.



**TO TIFFANY & OUR STUDENT VOLUNTEERS: THANK YOU!  
THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

A special shout out and deep appreciation to our student volunteers. They showcased the core values of responsibility, collaboration, persistence, kindness, and open-mindedness as they

transformed the cafeteria into a celebratory community dining space and graciously served everyone--bringing smiles to their faces.

Abigail M., Alan R., Amadou B., Ayana B., Christopher R., Diamond S., Elijah H., Godwin F., Israel J., Jada B-L., Janaya C., Jasira C., Jeremy N., Jovani H., Juvonte M., Kyame I., Marjory M., Najah A., Naseem S., Nicarla C., Shakira B., Shanolia L., Shaquia J., Taina P., Tania L., Ty'asia B., and Uly L. in addition to Mekhi G. and Jalon for interviewing students and staff for the *gratitude video*.

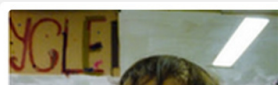


## FIRST COMMUNITY FEAST HELD DAYS AFTER HURRICANE SANDY

The first BCS Community Feast was held in November 2012, days after Hurricane Sandy devastated much of Red Hook, Gowanus, and the surrounding area of the school.

The BCS community, spearheaded by founding principal Alyce Barr, came together for our first Community Feast. Part pot luck, part home cooked dinner, part swap meet, we offered food, supplies, and company for nearly two dozen BCS families in the spirit of allyship and kindness.

A special shout out to current staff who came out and supported the inaugural Community Feast: Christine P., Deb, Helene, Isabel, Julie, Maria, Scill, Stephen, and Tracey.





**TO ANYONE WHO WE DID NOT INDIVIDUALLY SHOUT OUT, FORGIVE US. PLEASE CHARGE IT TO OUR HEADS AND NOT OUR HEARTS! WE ARE SORRY. KNOW THAT WE TRULY APPRECIATE YOU FOR COMING OUT AND SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY FEAST!!**



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