



**BEDFORD VILLAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION  
BVESA**

**August 9, 2022**

**Dear BVES Families:**

A very warm welcome to all new and returning families! BVESA is our school's version of a PA (Parent Association). At BVES, parents, staff, and teachers work together to enrich the educational experience of our children. ***BVESA thrives on parent support!*** There are many ways each of you can become involved throughout the year.

**BVESA Membership**

One way to support BVESA is through yearly membership dues. These dues are a *suggested* donation of \$40 ***per family, per year*** (not per child). Membership dues directly benefit your child(ren) and are used by BVESA to enhance our children's school experience. *\*Please note BVESA dues are different from Classroom Dues collected by your child's assigned Class Parent.*

**Amazon Smile**

BVESA also participates in *Amazon Smile*. When you shop online, Amazon donates a portion of eligible purchases back to BVESA! To participate:

- 1) Visit [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)
- 2) Choose Bedford Village School Association Inc as your foundation.
- 3) Shop via Amazon Smile and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products back to our school.

**What Does BVESA Do?**

BVESA organizes and supports student curriculum enrichment experiences throughout the year. Using funds raised through membership dues and various events, BVESA brings outside talent and experts to BVES for school wide assemblies and programs. Additional BVESA funded and supported events include, but are not limited to, field trips and associated transportation, providing classroom supplies, as well as scholarships for after school enrichment (BVREACH). Each year BVESA awards a scholarship to a college bound Fox Lane High School Senior and BVES Alumni.

**Volunteering + Participation**

BVESA oversees and funds more than 40 parent committees run by parent volunteers. Time commitment varies for each committee. Simply put, we could not do it without our amazing volunteers! To learn more about committee openings and roles, please contact BVESA Vice President, Allyson DeLorenzo Reuben, for more information.

**BVESA Meetings**

BVESA Meetings are held every month. Please check the district calendar or our website, BVESA.COM, for updated dates and times. Meetings are open to all. Please join us, stay informed, become involved, and share your thoughts! The first 2022-23 BVESA meeting will be ***Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 AM*** at BVES.

**BVESA Events**

Events and activities are publicized on the district calendar, BVESA.COM and through BVESA emails. We no longer send paper copies home. Please contact Claudia Neary, BVESA Communications, if you are not receiving BVESA communications.

**Kindly visit Class Room Parent (<https://bv.es.classroomparent.com>) to submit 2022-2023 BVESA dues.** Please contact Lauren Ritter, BVESA Secretary, with any BVESA dues related questions.

We look forward to a wonderful school year, and most importantly....

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**THE BVESA BOARD**

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