

"This is a place that explodes the myth that skills and innovation can't happily coexist."

Head of School

BE YOUR BEST

Belmont Day lower school students learn how to be so many things: strong readers and writers, critical thinkers, resolute researchers, confident public speakers, versatile artists, caring friends, and good citizens. They gain greater perspective and empathy, as well as invaluable life skills like listening, cooperating, and respecting others' opinions and differences. They become more self-reliant and resilient, more analytical and astute. They expand their dreams, hone their abilities, and embark on a lifetime of realizing their potential.

Be here.

We do hope you'll pay us a visit. This is a special place, and that fact becomes palpable—and irresistible—when you're here. Don't take our word for it: come discover why Belmont Day is where your child should be.

INCALCULABLE BENEFITS

Math matters. And at BDS, our students learn to appreciate the discipline not merely for its utility, but for its elegance.

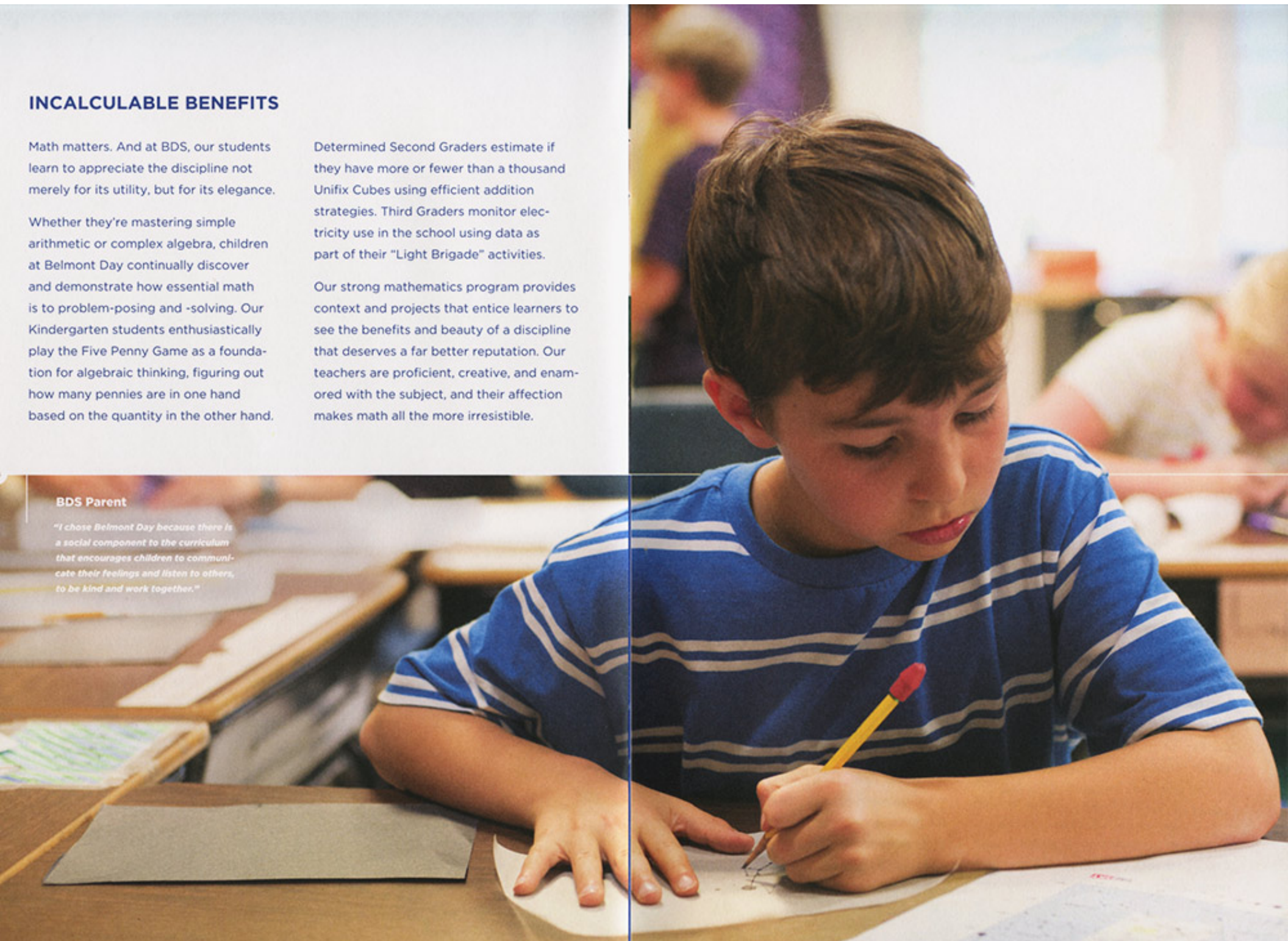
Whether they're mastering simple arithmetic or complex algebra, children at Belmont Day continually discover and demonstrate how essential math is to problem-posing and -solving. Our Kindergarten students enthusiastically play the Five Penny Game as a foundation for algebraic thinking, figuring out how many pennies are in one hand based on the quantity in the other hand.

Determined Second Graders estimate if they have more or fewer than a thousand Unifix Cubes using efficient addition strategies. Third Graders monitor electricity use in the school using data as part of their "Light Brigade" activities.

Our strong mathematics program provides context and projects that entice learners to see the benefits and beauty of a discipline that deserves a far better reputation. Our teachers are proficient, creative, and enamored with the subject, and their affection makes math all the more irresistible.

BDS Parent

"I chose Belmont Day because there is a social component to the curriculum that encourages children to communicate their feelings and listen to others, to be kind and work together."



LEARNING EVERY WHICH WAY

Creative, compelling, challenging, and curious: lessons at Belmont Day capture the imagination and engage the intellect.

Some examples might give you a taste. Consider our Second Graders, who take an imaginary trip around the world over the course of the year. They make stops in each of the continents. While learning map and globe skills, they examine and compare the geography, culture, and customs of the various countries they visit.

Walk down our Fourth Grade hallway, and you might see student artwork related to ancient Egypt—diagrams of burial chambers, a map of the pyramids, and the like. Or you might see scenes from *The Iliad* carefully illustrated on paper cutouts of Greek earthenware. Notice the QR codes next to the works, which lead you via smartphone to multimedia information provided by the students.

Typical of Belmont Day was the hunt for “stroobly.” While reading a book, the students grew curious about this odd word, which has fallen out of use. So our librarian helped them learn more. Together, they skyped with a lexicographer and gained insight on this archaic Pennsylvania Dutch expression. They even found a pamphlet from the 1940s explaining its history and meaning (“disheveled,” in case you were wondering).

BDS Faculty

“Our goal is to have students connect what they are learning to something in their own lives. It is exciting to see students make connections between their own cultures and traditions and others which may be very different from their own.”

B Partners with a purpose.

Our Pre-K through Eighth Grade model benefits students of all ages. Younger children look up to and learn from older students, who take on the responsibility of serving as mentors and advisors. Cross-graded partners meet on selected Fridays—a delightful facet of our strong community.

