



Falk

Laboratory School

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Building a Vision for Play at Falk



Over the past couple of years, we've been on a journey to reinvent Falk's play spaces and build an environment that honors all forms of recreation. Next summer, this mission will [culminate in a comprehensive playground renovation](#).

FALK NEWS



Grandparents & Special Friends Day

On October 23, Falk welcomed [more than 300 grandparents and special friends](#) to the school for classroom tours, read-alouds, sing-alongs, crafting and more.



Behind the Scenes of Falk's Annual Musical

Falk theater has been a [source of community, confidence and lasting memories for decades](#)—but its impact on students doesn't end there. It's also an opportunity to develop as leaders and take ownership of learning.



Honoring Retired Art Teacher Pamela (Krakowski) Armstrong

During a [recent post-conference art tour at Falk](#), we were reminded of Pam Armstrong's tremendous influence on art education, particularly through her book "Entering a Child's World." To honor her remarkable contributions to Falk, [we invite all alumni to record a short video](#) sharing their favorite memories—and any remaining artwork—from Armstrong's class. Videos will be collected through VidDay until December 20 and shared with Armstrong as a surprise celebration of her work.

ALUMNI FEATURE



Ben Dines, Class of 1975, still [remembers his time at Falk like it was yesterday](#). "Falk was just special," he says. "Unless you've experienced it, it's hard to explain."

As a newly appointed School Board member—the first ever alumni representative—he's excited to bring this perspective to the board's proceedings and to give back to the community that has brought him so much joy.

ALUMNI UPDATES



Olivia Perfetti, Class of 2011, a nominee for the 2025 Wonder, Care, Act Alumni Award, is transforming care into action [to protect Pittsburgh's environment and improve public health](#).



Tim Pugh, Class of 2012, a recent senior analyst for Major League Baseball, visited Falk in November and [spoke to students about his experience](#) calculating metrics for the Miami Marlins.

FOCUS ON GIVING



In August, Falk received the [largest gift on record in the school's 90+ year history](#). The \$1 million gift from an alum, who wishes to remain anonymous, will support the school's general operations in perpetuity. It comes in the form of a [charitable gift annuity](#)—a planned giving vehicle that benefits the donor by creating a reliable, lifelong income stream for them and/or a loved one, while simultaneously leaving funds to carry out Falk's mission after the last beneficiary is gone.

To learn more about the benefits of **planned giving to support Falk**, visit plannedgiving.pitt.edu or contact Laurie Hess, manager of constituent relations, at ldh31@pitt.edu or 412-624-7301.

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