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Hello RBES Families and Friends!

We would like to start with a big **THANK YOU** to all of our families for another successful American Education Week! It was a week filled with many great activities and visitors for our students and staff. A special **THANK YOU** goes out to Mrs. Wolfson for organizing our wonderful writing sessions, as well as Mr. Hiel and Mr. McCoy for another fabulous Turkey Trot!

We would also like to **THANK** our PTA for a fabulous kick-off to our **Raise Craze Fundraiser** at our **CRAZ-E 4 Kindness Night!** We were delighted to see so many of our families spreading kindness at this wonderful event, and hope to see continued acts of kindness not only throughout this fundraiser but for years to come!

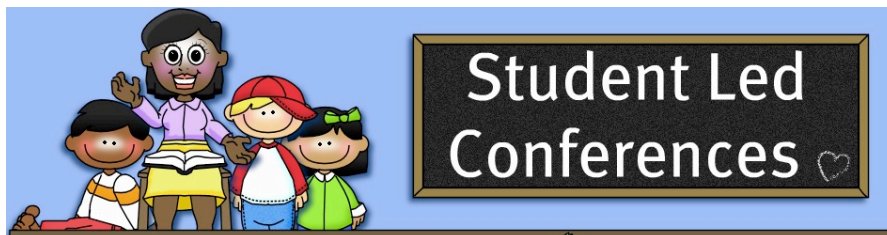
Your student brought home their 1st Quarter Report Card today. Please take a moment to look over it with your child so that you can continue to set goals for the 2017-2018 school year. **We look forward to our Student-Led Conferences starting Monday, November 20th through Wednesday, November 22nd.** We hope you have taken the opportunity to utilize our new conference-scheduling program through the HCPSS Connect. **Our conference-scheduling window will close today at 4:15 PM.**

Lastly, we would like to take this opportunity during this season of Thanksgiving to thank all of you for your continued support and dedication to the students and staff of Running Brook! Our RBES families, friends and community members support a true partnership in the education of our students! Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Mr. Todd and Mrs. Brewrink

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

11/20-11/21 Early Dismissal (12:50 - Conferences)	12/7 Coffee & Conversation
11/22 School Closed (Conferences)	12/7 Penguin Patch Holiday Shoppe (5:30 PM)
11/23-11/24 School Closed (Thanksgiving Holiday)	12/11 December PTA Meeting
11/30-12/1 1 st Quarter Awards Assemblies	12/19 Spirit Day: PJ's and Stuffed Animals

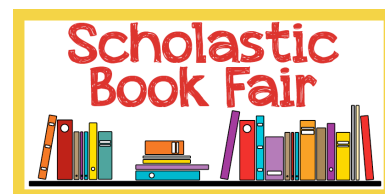


STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES

Student-Led Conferences will take place on November 20th, November 21st, and November 22nd. As in the past, some teachers will offer late evening conferences on Monday, November 20th and Tuesday, November 21st. **Conference scheduling** will close today, November 17th at 4:15 p.m. Please contact the front office with questions.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair is here! The book fair will be open during conferences on Monday, November 20th and Tuesday, November 21st. Flyers were also sent home last week. A *Scholastic Book Fair* app is available for your phone or tablet. On the app you can watch book trailers and get information about price and reading level for the books. Online purchases can be made up until November 25th and will still benefit Running Brook students.



PENGUIN PATCH HOLIDAY SHOPPE



Save the date! The Penguin Patch Holiday Shoppe is coming to Running Brook! ***Save the date for our first annual Penguin Patch and Parent Holiday Shoppe on Thursday, December 7th from 5:30 to 8:00 PM.*** Students will be able to shop for their families and choose from reasonably priced gifts that range in price from \$.50 to \$5.00.

More information will be sent home in the coming weeks!

Parents can shop too!

Let our *Patch Volunteers* help your student shop while you browse through our vendor area! **We will have a variety of vendors at our Parent Holiday Shoppe, so that everyone can have fun shopping!** Would you like to sign up to be a volunteer? Please email rbesevents@gmail.com for more information!

VIVIAN BAILEY LENDING LIBRARY

This year we are going to continue to offer reading and math games and materials that families can check out through our Vivian Bailey Lending Library. The lending library will be available to parents who come to Coffee and Conversation each month, during family math and reading nights, and by appointment. If you would like to make an appointment to check out the reading and math materials from the lending library, please contact Mrs. Mangus (kristen_mangus@hcpss.org) or Ms. Wolfson (sara_wolfson@hcpss.org).

DECEMBER COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Save the date for December's Coffee & Conversation on Thursday, December 7th at 10:00 am. Stephanie Davis, a Financial Wellbeing Coach from Operation Hope, will present a mini workshop about Credit and Money Management, as well as provide free resources available to get into "financial shape". Light refreshments will be served.



COLD WEATHER REMINDER

As, the weather turns colder, please be sure to send your child to school prepared for outdoor recess. **Please also label your child's coat, hat, and other belongings with their full name.** We have many belongings that are found by staff or students and these items move to our "lost and found" bin in the cafeteria. If items are labeled, it helps us find the owner quickly.



RBES SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAM

Are you interested in joining the RBES School Improvement Team (SIT)?

This team meets three times each year to review school-wide data and suggest/monitor strategies to make RBES even better.

Our first meeting will be Tuesday, 11/28/2017 at 4:00 pm.

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an email if you are interested in joining us this year!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES REPLENISHMENT

It's that time of year again! Your child's school supplies may need to be replenished for the second half of the school year. Supplies such as pencils, erasers, glue sticks, and crayons are typically used daily and may need to be restocked more often. Please check in with your child to see if they are in need of new or additional school supplies. Our school will also accept donations of tissues and hand sanitizer! Thank you in advance for your support!

MOVIE TICKET FUNDRAISER

\$1.00 from every ticket purchased to the new feature film WONDER during opening weekend benefits the 5th Grade at Running Brook ES. This film is selling out. Don't wait! (Any tickets bought before Sunday Nov 19th at midnight count! Even for show times on future dates.)

To purchase your tickets, use:

<https://www.fandango.com/wonder-199146/movie-overview?a=13034&cmp=13034:wonder09799>



COMMUNITY NEWS UPDATE

Please visit the Community News and Programs Page (<http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/>) on the HCPSS website for announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.



MATH MINUTES WITH MRS. MANGUS

Did you know that students whose families are involved in their education have higher levels of school success? One way you can do this is by talking to your child about what they learned in school or about their homework. Here are some questions that you can ask your child:

Here are some *nightly questions that you can ask your child about math* that will strengthen their math thinking and help them to develop problem-solving skills:

- Explain how you know . . .
- Show me how you did that.
- Prove this is correct.
- Teach me how to do this.
- What if I got something different? How can we see who is correct?
- Show me a different way to solve it.
- Is your answer reasonable? How do you know?

If an answer is incorrect, don't point it out. Tell your child that you see an incorrect answer and see if they can figure out which one is wrong. Then ask them to explain why it is incorrect and what they need to do to correctly solve the problem.

RBES MATH COMMITTEE

Did you know that students whose families are involved in their education have higher levels of school success? One way you can do this is by talking to your child about math. This year the RBES math committee is creating a math calendar for each month. Some days will have interesting facts to start a discussion at home about math, some days will have ideas to do at home, and some days will have math activities to do at home. We hope that you are as excited about the math calendar as we are!

PANTHER PROBLEM SOLVERS



There were so many awesome student responses from our *Panther Problem Solvers* in October! One student's work will be chosen at random for a prize on the morning announcements. We will also showcase several solutions on the bulletin board in the cafeteria.

Check out this month's problem with a Harry Potter theme:

Each Hogwarts Quidditch team has 3 chasers, 2 beaters, 1 seeker and 1 keeper.

Hogwarts has 4 teams altogether.

How many students get to play Quidditch?

Remember to show how you found your solution using pictures, numbers and/or words and turn your problem into your math teacher or Mrs. Mangus by Monday, December 4th. Happy Problem Solving!



Title I School

SCHOOL-WIDE TITLE I PROGRAM

Did you know that Running Brook has a school-wide Title I program? Title I is a federally funded program designed to ensure that all children have an opportunity to access a high quality education. The goal of this federal program is to close the achievement gap for all students. The goal of this federal program is to close the achievement gap for all students. As a result we receive additional funds from the federal government that have allowed us to secure additional staff members, funds for family events, and materials of instruction to benefit all of our children. We value input from our parents, community, and staff.

If you have any suggestions, questions, or feedback about our Family Involvement programs or School Improvement Plan, please feel free to contact our Title I contacts Jodi Aikens at (jodi_aikens@hcpss.org) or Kim Filler at (kimberly_filler@hcpss.org).

SPELLING BEE

On January 17th, Running Brook will be holding it's annual Fourth and Fifth grade Spelling Bee in conjunction with the Howard County Library Spelling Bee. The Running Brook Spelling Bee will be conducted during the school day. The winner of the school spelling bee and alternate will represent Running Brook in the County Spelling Bee to be held on the evening of Friday, March 16th at Howard High School. All Fourth and Fifth grade students received permission slips. Permission slips need to be signed and returned by November 3rd in order for students to participate. All participants will receive a list of words to practice at home. Participants will also be practicing in school.

BUMBLEBEE

Running Brook will be holding it's second annual BumbleBee. The BumbleBee is a companion initiative to the HCLS Spelling Bee for students in grades First through Third. The BumbleBee motivates students to improve their spelling, increase their vocabularies, and develop the self-confidence needed to speak effectively in front of an audience. The BumbleBee also prepares students for HCLS Spelling Bee. All participants will receive a list of words to practice at home. The BumbleBees will be held on the following dates:

First Grade: December 11th

Second Grade: December 12th

Third Grade: December 13th

YOUNG AUTHOR'S CONTEST

Students in grades 2-5 are invited to write a poem or short story to be entered into the 2017-18 SoMIRAC's Young Authors' Contest. All entries must be submitted to the classroom teacher by December 4th. Those who wish to participate will be bringing home the contest guidelines containing additional information next week. This is a great opportunity to showcase the amazing writers we have here at RBES. Please contact Sara Wolfson at sara_wolfson@hcpss.org with any questions.

**Reaching the
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1st Quarter Awards Assembly Schedule

Thursday, November 30th

Second Grade Assembly: 9:30 - Cafeteria

First Grade Assembly: 1:45 - Media Center

Fifth Grade Assembly: 2:30 - Cafeteria

Third Grade Assembly: 2:30 - Media Center

Friday, December 1st:

Kindergarten Assembly: 1:15 - Media Center

Fourth Grade Assembly: 2:45 - Cafeteria

Families are invited to join their students at their 1st Quarter Awards Assembly. Families of students receiving awards will be notified.