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Reaching the Best in Every Student

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Dear Running Brook Families and Friends,

As many of you know, Mr. Troy Todd was recently named the Principal of Hanover Hills ES, opening in the fall of 2018. On Wednesday, the entire student body celebrated Mr. Todd in a very special farewell assembly. Mr. Todd is incredibly thankful for all of the support and well wishes that he has received from the Running Brook community. We continue to wish him well in the future!

We would like to welcome our new Principal, Mr. Tony Esposito, to Running Brook ES! Mr. Esposito comes to us from Fulton ES, where he served as Assistant Principal for two years. Before that, Mr. Esposito was Assistant Principal at Elkridge ES for six years. He has also taught at several schools in the county. Mr. Esposito is excited to get to know the students and families of Running Brook. Please feel free to take a moment to stop by and introduce yourself to him in the coming weeks!

It is hard to believe that we are already in the 3rd Quarter of the school year! **On Monday, February 5th, your student will bring home their 2nd Quarter report card.** Please take a moment to read through the report and celebrate your child and his or her hard work. This is a great time to set new academic goals for the 3rd Quarter. If you have any questions about the report card, please feel free to email your child's teacher.

As always, thank you for your continued dedication and support to making this school year a success!

Mrs. Brewrink

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

2/3 Mrs. Bailey's 100 th Birthday	2/19 President's Day (School Closed)
2/5 Quarter 2 Report Cards Issued	2/22 School-Wide Read In
2/15 School-Wide Math & Reading Night	2/23 Father Daughter Dance (PTA)
2/16 Professional Learning Day (School Closed)	3/1 Black History Trivia Night

MRS. BAILEY IS TURNING 100!

Happy 100th birthday Mrs. Bailey! On Saturday, February 3rd, the guardian angel of Running Brook, Mrs. Vivian Bailey is turning 100 years old! RBES is lucky, because in lieu of presents, Mrs. Bailey asks people to donate supplies and money to Running Brook so that our students have what they need to learn. Mrs. Bailey has received several awards because of her generosity and dedication to the community, including being named one of *Maryland's Top 100 Women*, the *Choose Civility* award from Howard County, the *Distinguished Black Marylander Award* from Towson University, and the *Friends of Education Award* from the Howard County Board of Education. Mrs. Bailey even has a star named after her by the Running Brook PTA, with a certificate showing the new star's name and telescopic coordinates. It's registered in the International Star Registry's vault in Switzerland!

We will be celebrating Mrs. Bailey's birthday on the morning announcements on Monday, February 5th. If your family would like to wish Mrs. Bailey a happy birthday, you can do so by participating in one of the activities that she loves. In addition to helping RBES, Mrs. Bailey also collects supplies for U.S. Troops abroad. **To honor Mrs. Bailey, your child can bring in a postcard for a soldier on Monday to help her celebrate her birthday.**

BUMBLEBEE & SPELLING BEE RESULTS

Congratulations to all 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade BumbleBee participants, as well as our 4th and 5th grade spelling bee participants.

RBES BumbleBee Champions

1st Grade: Truman Johnson
2nd Grade: Nalani Caban
3rd Grade: Arden Dickerson

RBES Spelling Bee Champion



EMERGENCY & WEATHER-RELATED SCHOOL CLOSINGS: If it is necessary for the superintendent to close or delay the start of schools due to inclement weather or other emergencies, parents may get information by **visiting HCPSS News** and subscribing to receive email and texts alerts.

In addition, HCPSS uses the following sources:

HCPSS Information Hotline: 410-313-6666

TV/Radio: WBAL TV Ch. 11; WBAL Radio 1090 AM; WTOP Radio 103.5 FM

When HCPSS schools open one or two hours late, there is no afternoon RECC. If schools are closed, or close early due to weather conditions, all after-school and evening activities (both school and non-school) scheduled in school facilities are canceled.

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Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by black Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of African Americans in U.S. history. During the month of February, RBES will highlight the achievements of African Americans both past and present.

Here are a few highlights:

- Each day we will highlight a different person on the announcements. Guess the person and you can win Panther Points for your class!
- Students can earn 50 Panther Points by filling out our *Black History Passport*, which will be sent home in your student's take-home folder.
- Vivian Bailey's Birthday Celebration - February 5th
- RBES will be sending three teams to the county's *Unheard Perspectives, A Black Innovator Exposition*, on February 10th
- Running Brook all school Read-In: February 22nd
- Black History Trivia Night: March 1st



**Help RBES raise money
by cleaning out your
closet!**

**Do you have old
bedding, clothing,
socks, shoes,
handbags,
fabric, towels, and
stuffed animals filling
up your closets?**

**Just bag them up and
drop them off in the
white bin located
outside of the cafeteria!
Running Brook will be
paid for every pound of
donated items that will
be *reworn, repurposed,
or recycled.***



SPRING BOOK FAIR

The Spring book fair will be held in the Media Center on **Thursday, February 15th from 4:00-8:30 PM.** Come see all the new book titles and help raise funds for our wonderful school! *The book fair will also be open from February 13th through February 15th, from 8:45 to 9:15 AM.* Look out for the flyers coming home soon!!!

COMMUNITY NEWS UPDATE

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



Does your family have a family game night? Here's an easy game to get you started from *Games for Young Minds*. Follow them on Facebook and Twitter!

Games for Young Minds #3 - Shut the Box

How to Play: Shut the Box comes with two dice and a game board containing numbered tiles that can be opened or shut. The game starts with all the numbered tiles, from 1-9. The player rolls two dice and then shuts the tiles whose numbers add up to the total on the dice. So, if a player rolls a nine she can choose to shut the 9 tile, the 8 and 1 tiles, the 6 and 3 tiles, and so on. The player then rolls again and shuts a new set of tiles to match her new number. Her turn ends when she can no longer shut tiles. The player with the lowest final score wins.

Where's the Math? This game is a great way for kids to work on decomposing numbers. Decomposing a number is the process of breaking it into smaller pieces. This is one of the most useful and flexible mental math strategies that a child can learn. Sometimes, as in a problem like $98 + 37$, you can decompose one number and use it to make the problem easier. You could split 37 into 35 and 2, and then add $2 + 98$ to get 100 before adding the 35 to get 135. These mathematical moves might feel like second nature to many adults, but it takes lots of experience to become a fluent mental mathematician.

Questions to Ask: Since the game is so situational, the best questions are the ones that come up midway through the game. Questions like, "What do we hope to roll on this next turn?" You could also pose general questions about the game. For example, "What is the fewest number of rolls needed to completely shut the box?" Shut the Box game is fun, strategic, and HARD. Enjoy.

Panther Problem Solvers: *Answers can be turned into Mrs. Mangus.*

The Running Brook Panther is planning a Panther Holiday for all of the wonderful students at Running Brook. Students have exactly one hour (60 minutes) to participate in the activities below. List your first and second choice. Remember, your first and second activity choices must total exactly one hour.

Activity	Time in minutes
Winter Crafts	25
Coding	30
Karaoke	15
Puzzles	20
Yoga	10
Pawmart	5
Football	45

If you are looking for additional opportunities to explore math with your child, check out this month's family math calendar. If your child has a problem that interested them from the math calendar, please have them send their work to Mrs. Mangus so that their work can be highlighted at school.



**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).



**You are invited to...
What's Your Superpower?
Family Math and Literacy
Night at Running Brook
Thursday, February 15, 2018
6:30-8:00 p.m.**

**Come learn how to make math and
reading a fun part of kids' everyday
lives.**



Reading & Writing Superpower Sessions:

- ★ POWERful New Book Talks
- ★ Secret Identities: Write Your Own Superhero Story
- ★ Mind Reading: Making Inferences

Math Superpower Sessions:

- ★ X-ray Vision: Estimation
- ★ Super Strength: Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division Games
- ★ Flexibility: Problem Solving

Additional activities:

- ★ RBES Book Fair – (5:30 - 6:30 and 7:45 - 8:30) Buy your favorite books to read together at home
- ★ Superhero mask making
- ★ Photo Booth
- ★ Superhero kindness capes

Feel free to wear a superhero costume or a superhero t-shirt!

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Save The Date...

Please join us as we celebrate our amazing students!
Families will be notified if their student is receiving an
award. **Please see the schedule below for our 2nd Quarter
Awards Assemblies.**

Friday, February 9th

Fourth Grade Assembly - 9:30 (Cafeteria)
Kindergarten - 1:15 (Media Center)
Fifth Grade - 2:30 (Cafeteria)

Monday, February 12th

Second Grade - 9:30 (Cafeteria)
First Grade - 1:45 (Media Center)
Third Grade - 2:30 (Cafeteria)