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Running Brook Panther Press

A MESSAGE FROM OUR ADMINISTRATORS

Dear Running Brook Families,

A very BIG thank you goes out to our amazing PTA for hosting another wonderful *Me & My Guy Dance*, organized by Amy Churilla! We were delighted to see so many of our RBES girls enjoying themselves on the dance floor. Thank you to Mrs. Churilla and all of her wonderful volunteers for putting together such a special evening for our families!

Are you interested in learning how to help your child with their math homework? If so, take a moment to sign up to meet with our Math Support Teacher, Mrs. Mangus, after your child's parent-teacher conference on Thursday, March 9th. See the newsletter below for more information!



We have a lot of great activities coming up at The Brook! First, we'll open our doors for *Spring Student-Led Conferences on March 9th and 10th*. We also have a *Movie Night and Food Truck Fundraiser coming up on April 20th*, as well as a *Yard Sale and Vendor Event on May 20th*! The proceeds from both of these events will go towards

our annual Spring Fair. Please keep an eye out for more information in the coming weeks!

Thank you for your continued support and have a great weekend!

Mr. Todd and Mrs. Brewrink

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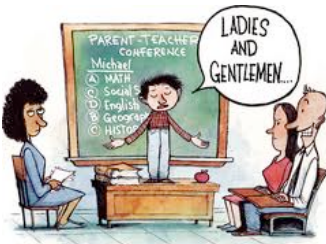
**ORDER YOUR
YEARBOOK!**

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
& FOOD TRUCK
FUNDRAISER**

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

3/8 3 rd Quarter Progress Reports Sent Home	4/6 Panther Holiday
3/9-3/10 Conferences: School Closes at 12:50	4/7 End of 3 rd Quarter: School Closes at 12:50 PM
3/16 Read Across Running Brook Day	4/10-4/17 Spring Break: School Closed
3/28 Spring Picture Day: Class Pictures	4/20 Movie Night/Food Truck Fundraiser (5:00 PM)

STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES



Spring Student-Led Conferences will take place on March 9th and March 10th. Families are encouraged to bring their student with them to conferences so that your family, with the help of your student's teacher, can work together to set goals for the remainder of the school year. HCPSS will again utilize the conference-scheduling program through the HCPSS Connect. **Conference scheduling will close this Monday, March 6th at 4:00 PM.** Please call the front office for help scheduling.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT & FOOD TRUCK FUNDRAISER

Please join us on Thursday, April 20th from 6:00 to 7:30 pm for a FUN *Family Movie Night and Food Truck Fundraiser!* Come early and participate in our *Food Truck Fundraiser!* The **T & J Waffle Truck** will be at the school from 5:00 until 7:00 pm if you'd like to enjoy dinner AND a movie! A portion of the proceeds earned from the food truck will go towards our school! The cafeteria will have open seating for you to enjoy dinner from 5:00 to 6:00.

Admission to the movie is \$2 per person! Popcorn and drinks will also be served for a minimal fee during the movie. Feel free to wear your pajamas and bring a comfy blanket to enjoy the feature show. The movie will be announced soon! **All proceeds from Running Brook's Family Movie Night and Food Truck Fundraiser will benefit Running Brook's annual Spring Fair.**



PTA NEWS

PTA Meeting Dates - Calendar Correction:

- Monday, March 13th (7:00, Media Center)
- April - No Meeting Scheduled
- Monday, May 8th (7:00, Media Center)

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.

COMMUNITY EVENT

Soup'r Sundae is a fun, family-friendly event that includes all-you-can-eat soup, bread and ice cream. The event is scheduled for **Sunday, April 2nd from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm at Wilde Lake High School**. There will be a silent auction with hundreds of affordable items to buy-now or bid on. Tickets are \$20 per adult and \$5 for kids under 12. Tickets can be purchased online at soupsundae.eventbrite.com or at the door.

UPCOMING PRE-K EVENT

Hello Parents of Pre-Kindergarten students! RBES will be hosting an upcoming educational series called *Learning Parties* on the following Wednesdays:

- April 19th
- April 26th
- May 3rd
- May 10th

Each event will begin at 6:00 p.m. A light dinner will be served. Our *Learning Parties* theme is *Social Foundations*. Participants will promise to attend all four nights of fun and enrichment. Each night will have a different sub-theme to help build stronger personal-social skills. Parents and their children will participate in activities separately and together! More information and registration forms will follow soon!

GETTING AHEAD PROGRAM

We are looking forward to partnering with the **Howard County Government and MultiService Center** to start a ***Getting Ahead*** group at Running Brook Elementary in March. "***Getting Ahead in a Just-Getting-By World*** is a book and a 45-hour workshop that helps individuals to build their resources for a more prosperous life for themselves, their families, and their communities." **Please Note: Dinner will be provided at the beginning of each meeting. Assistance with transportation and childcare will also be offered.** All ***Getting Ahead*** members will receive \$25 per session (\$375 for all sessions). For more information, contact Jane Hartlove at jane_hartlove@hcpss.org.

GT NEWS: SUMMER INSTITUTES FOR TALENT DEVELOPMENT

The G/T Summer Institutes provide interested students with advanced-level instruction and enrichment experiences not regularly available during the academic school year. The curriculum is focused on talent development and provides academically and artistically rigorous activities. If you would like more information, please visit our website at www.hcpss.org/gt or contact Mrs. Van Reenan at school.

KINDNESS GRAMS: UPDATE

Thank you for participating in our 1st kindness-gram school spirit day. Many students and staff filled out kindness-grams for each other. We raised \$110.00 for the Make A Wish Foundation which was the charity the school safeties had chosen. Over 500 kindness-grams were sold! Way to spread the kindness Running Brook!

WRITING INFORMATION SESSIONS: RECIPE FOR WRITING

You are invited to attend a writing information session with Ms. Wolfson! Come learn how you can support your child in becoming a more confident, highly engaged, and motivated writer. You will also have the opportunity to visit your child's classroom. Each family will receive a book and a writing journal to take home! Invitations went home on Monday. We hope that you can join us!

Recipe For Writing Dates:

Fourth Grade - March 13th
Fifth Grade - March 13th
Second Grade - March 14th
Third Grade - March 14th
Kindergarten - March 15th
First Grade - March 15th

**See the invitation for times!*



SPRING BOOK FAIR

Join us for our Spring Book Fair!

Running Brook Media Center

(During conferences)

Thursday March 9th from 1:00 pm to 8:00pm

AND

Friday March 10th from 1:00 pm to 3:00pm

Online orders also benefit the school and can be made from now until March 11th at

<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/runningbrookelemschool>

Thank you so much for supporting Running Brook Elementary School and our Library Program!

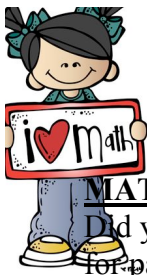


LEARNING TOGETHER PROGRAM: PRE-K

Running Brook's Regional Early Childhood Center (RECC) toddler and preschool programs are now accepting applications for the 2017-2018 school year. These classes include children with and without disabilities. The program's focus is helping all children develop communication, literacy, math, problem solving, motor, and social skills. Parents of children who will be **three years old by September 1st** may contact Mrs. Alisha Brackney in the front office for an application package. We will also be accepting a limited number of four year olds this year.

All applications must be returned by March 31st. A limited number of openings are available for children without disabilities, known as peers. Children are selected based upon screening information given on the application form and the "Ages and Stages Questionnaire," as well as observations of the child's participation in a playgroup. If necessary, a lottery process is conducted.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Brackney at 410-313-6893.



MATH MINUTES WITH MRS. MANGUS

Did you know that Howard County Public School system has resources for parents that help explain how math is taught in your child's classroom, as well as how to support your child with homework?

There are several videos available now on these topics

at: <http://hcpssfamilymath.weebly.com/supporting-your-child-wmath-homework.html>

In addition, more videos about math instruction can be viewed on Verizon Channel 42 or Comcast Channel 95 between programs.

MARCH PANTHER PROBLEM SOLVERS

In Dr. Seuss' story, *The Cat in the Hat*, the young girl must have an incredible amount of skill and strength to balance 10 cats on her head. From lightest to heaviest, the weight of the 10 cats in kilograms was 2 kg, 4 kg, 6 kg, 8 kg, 10 kg, 12 kg, 14 kg, 16 kg, 18 kg, and 20 kg.

What is the combined weight of the cats on her head?

FREE TAX PREPARATION

It's that time of year again - tax time! *MakingChange* is hosting their annual FREE tax preparation service at the MultiService Center in Laurel, MD. This service is available to households who earned less than \$54,000 in 2016. Schedule your appointment online at <http://bit.ly/makingchange2016taxes> or call 410-313-0220.

YEARBOOK ORDERING

It's time to order your 2016 - 2017 Memory Book! Orders received by Wednesday, March 15th will be sold at a discounted price of \$20 for soft cover books and \$28 for hard cover books. Orders received between Thursday, March 16th and Monday, May 1st will be sold at the price of \$22 for soft cover books and \$30 for hard cover books.

Yearbook orders are due no later than Monday, May 1st. We will not hold any additional sales this year. Payments can be made by cash, check, or order online at <https://rbes.picaboo.com/>. ***Checks payable to Running Brook Elementary***

SECOND ANNUAL YARD SALE & VENDOR EVENT

Ready to clean out your attic or garage? Want to sell your items and keep **ALL** your profits? **Rent an 8' x 16' parking space to sell your treasures for ONLY \$20.** (Proceeds from any spaces sold will benefit our annual Spring Fair!) The yard sale will be **held on Saturday, May 20th** from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm here in the RBES parking lot. Spots are reserved on a first come, first serve basis, so **reserve today!**

Come sell or shop! We will have the entire parking lot full of yard sale spaces. Come out and find some new treasures, or if you've thought of having a yard sale - this is a great place to come sell! Due to the size of the sale and location, there will be a lot of traffic!

Call 410-313-6893 or email rbesevents@gmail.com to register.

Deadline to register is May 12th.



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).

PreK REGISTRATION: OPENED MARCH 1, 2017

The Pre-K program is a high-quality, full-day prekindergarten program. **Students must be four years old by September 1, 2017** to be considered for enrollment. The curriculum supports early learning and school readiness, as well as provides experiences that foster children's academic, social, emotional and physical development. **Per Maryland regulations, Pre-K is provided to any child who meets first priority criteria, which includes income eligibility, homelessness, and foster care.** When space allows, as determined by countywide enrollment projections, additional children who meet second priority criteria (i.e. English Language Learners, health concerns, learning difficulties) may be enrolled.

How do I apply?

Applications may be downloaded from <http://www.hcpss.org/schools/pre-k-programs/> or picked up at your districted school - no appointment necessary. Applications should be submitted to the Pre-K site that serves your attendance area. The school will review applications and then invite students to be enrolled according to the criteria described above. **If your child is invited into the program you will need to register (*please see Kindergarten registration for the documents needed*).**

A Parent or Guardian Must Present the Following Information at the Time of Registration:

- The child's evidence of birth (i.e. birth certificate)
- An authorized record of immunization
- Proof of residency in the form of a current/complete lease or deed
- A utility bill in the parent/guardian name
- Photo ID of the parent/guardian
- Proof of custody

State law prohibits a child from attending school for even one day unless proof of immunization has been provided. Immunization and health forms are available at each elementary school. Families who require interpreter services can contact the Office of International Student Services at 410-313-

Save The Date...

Reaching the
Best in Every Student

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RUNNING BROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SPRING FAIR

Save the date! The RBES Spring Fair will be held on Saturday, June 3rd from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The fair will once again have fun games, face painting, tasty food, and much more - including FUN rides! The fair will be even bigger than last year, so we will need volunteers to help with stations during the day. More information about volunteering will be sent out soon! If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Peyton at melissa_peyton@hcpss.org or 410-313-6893.