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## Running Brook Panther Press

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR ADMINISTRATORS

Dear Running Brook Families,

March has been a busy month for our students and staff! We believe we are finally starting to see signs of spring weather! As we gear up for this month's Spring Break, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful time off. Please remember that Running Brook will close at 12:50 on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, due to the end of the marking period. **Howard County Public School's Spring Break begins on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> and ends on Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Schools will REOPEN on Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.**

Once we return from Spring Break, we encourage our students to continue setting goals and putting forth their best effort in everything they do. We love seeing our students each day, on time, and ready to learn. Your children have grown so much this school year and we want to see this growth continue throughout the fourth quarter. We look forward to celebrating each child's continued growth as we commit ourselves to finishing the school year strong! Report cards will be issued to students on Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

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

*Mr. Todd and Mrs. Brewrink*

*What's Inside?*

**PRE-K LEARNING  
PARTIES**

**ORDER YOUR  
YEARBOOK!**

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT  
& FOOD TRUCK  
FUNDRAISER**

**SPRING YARD SALE!**

**RBES MATH BEE**

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

4/6 Panther Holiday	4/20 Movie Night/Food Truck Fundraiser (5:00 PM)
4/7 End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter: <b>School Closes at 12:50 PM</b>	4/25 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report Cards Issued
4/10-4/17 Spring Break: <b>School Closed</b>	5/19 Professional Learning Day: <b>School Closed</b>
4/18 Students Return from Spring Break	5/20 Yard Sale & Vendor Fair (8:00 AM)



### FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT & FOOD TRUCK FUNDRAISER

Please join us on Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 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 4:15 until 6:30 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 we will be showing is *The Secret Life of Pets!* **All proceeds from Running Brook's Family Movie Night and Food Truck Fundraiser will benefit Running Brook's annual Spring Fair.**

### HOWARD COUNTY ELEMENTARY HONOR BAND

Congratulations to Meagan Waites and Jackson Wallace who recently performed in the Howard County Elementary Honor Band. Also congratulations to Liam Schmidt and Derek Fermaint-Ayala who performed in the Howard County Elementary Honor Orchestra. They did a fantastic job playing very challenging music!



### PTA NEWS

✓ **Mother-Son Dance** - May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM (More details to come!)

PTA Meeting Dates - Calendar Correction:

- April - No Meeting Scheduled
- Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> (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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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 19<sup>th</sup>
- April 26<sup>th</sup>
- May 3<sup>rd</sup>
- May 10<sup>th</sup>

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!



## COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Join us on Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. for **Coffee & Conversation!** April is Math Awareness Month! You will learn strategies for how to support your child with their math homework, as well as receive a math toolkit with materials to help your child at home. Contact Jane Hartlove at [jane\\_hartlove@hcpss.org](mailto:jane_hartlove@hcpss.org) or Andrea Frank at [andrea\\_frank@hcpss.org](mailto:andrea_frank@hcpss.org) for questions or to RSVP.

## YEARBOOK ORDERING

**It's time to order your 2016 - 2017 Memory Book!** Orders received between Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> and Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>.** 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 20<sup>th</sup>** 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!** The entire parking lot will be 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](mailto:rbesevents@gmail.com) to register. **Deadline to register is May 12<sup>th</sup>.**

## SAVE THE DATE: RED CARPET GALA NIGHT!

Our annual night to celebrate all the hard work of our students will be held on **Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:00!** Students will be presenting and sharing various accomplishments: After School Clubs, GT Seminars, GT CEUs, class projects, art show and more! **Back by popular demand!** Visit our school-wide Art Show in the gym. Stay tuned for more information to come.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup>** 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.

Applications are now available for our RECC program. 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.

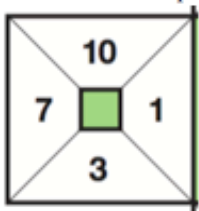
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**THANKS**  
**TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!**

**CALLING ALL PARENT VOLUNTEERS!** Volunteer Luncheon invitations were sent home to our volunteers last week. If you received an invitation, please remember to reply. If you have volunteered at RBES at some point, but did not receive an invitation, please first check your student's backpack. If you find that you did not receive one, please call the school. We look forward to celebrating our volunteers!

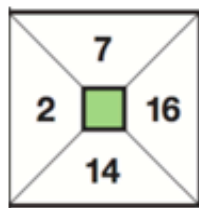
**RBES MATH BEE:** Permission slips will go home the week of March 20<sup>th</sup>.

During the last two weeks of April, Running Brook will be holding its first math bee in each grade level. The Running Brook Math Bee will be conducted during the school day. In order to enter the math bee, you can "bee" ready by playing Kakooma on <http://gregtangmath.com/kakooma> for kindergarten through fifth grade.

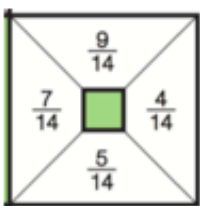
Below are examples from first and second grade, third and fourth grade and fifth grade:



First and Second Grade: An example of a correct response is "3 + 7 = 10"

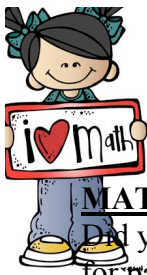


Third and Fourth Grade: An example of a correct response is "2 x 7 = 14"



Fifth Grade: An example of a correct response is " $\frac{4}{14} + \frac{5}{14} = \frac{9}{14}$ "





## 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-w-math-homework.html>

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

## APRIL PANTHER PROBLEM SOLVERS

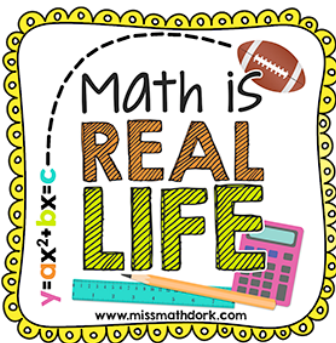
Below is a table from the 2016 Major League baseball season that shows the number of players used in games for the season. Create a line plot, bar graph, pictograph or other type of graph for this data. Then write two questions about the data in your line plot or graph.

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ARI	50
ATL	60
BAL	47
BOS	50
CHC	45
CHW	50
CIN	52
CLE	48
COL	47
DET	44

Tm	#Bat
HOU	43
KCR	42
LAA	53
LAD	55
MIA	53
MIL	50
MIN	49
NYM	46
NYJ	53
OAK	51

Tm	#Bat
PHI	49
PIT	55
SDP	58
SEA	54
SFG	45
STL	41
TBR	48
TEX	52
TOR	49
WSN	43

## MATH MONTH POSTER CONTEST



Math Month is coming! Help Running Brook ES celebrate Math Month in April by creating a poster about a famous mathematician or an interesting math fact! Get creative! Students can work in pairs or by themselves to create their poster. Students who submit a poster will earn a 10-point Panther Ticket.

Posters can be turned in to Mrs. Mangus from March 20<sup>th</sup> through April 10<sup>th</sup> and will be displayed around the school. A winner will be chosen in each grade level.



# 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](mailto:jodi_aikens@hcpss.org)) or Kim Filler at ([kimberly\\_filler@hcpss.org](mailto: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-

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*Save The Date...*



### **RUNNING BROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SPRING FAIR**

Save the date! The RBES Spring Fair will be held on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:melissa_peyton@hcpss.org) or 410-313-6893.