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Dear Running Brook Families,

Warmer weather is finally on the horizon! With the warmer weather we welcome many exciting activities taking place at RBES! The remaining four weeks of the 2016-2017 school year will continue to be very busy at Running Brook, filled with many wonderful end-of-the year events, **such as our upcoming Red Carpet Gala on 5/25, our Field Day on 6/1 and our Spring Fair on 6/3, as well as several exciting programs coming up in June.** Please be sure to read through the newsletter and record the dates for our many exciting events. Your continued support is so appreciated!

Congratulations to our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and staff for a very successful day of Simulated Congressional Hearings! Our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students worked so hard to write their speeches, present to the judges, and answer follow-up questions. We were most impressed with the confidence and determination of each 5<sup>th</sup> grade student!

**PLEASE NOTE:** The last day of school for students and teachers will be Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. All schools will close three hours early on June 13<sup>th</sup> and June 14<sup>th</sup>.

*Mr. Todd and Mrs. Brewrink*

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

5/24 Progress Reports Issued	6/1 Field Day
5/25 Red Carpet Gala (6:30)	6/3 Spring Fair (11:00)
5/25 Artome Art Show/Buy One, Get One Book Fair	6/9 Kindergarten Closing Ceremony (10:00)
5/29 Memorial Day: <b>School Closed</b>	6/13 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Closing Ceremony (2:00 @ WLMS)



### RBES TALENT SHOW

RBES has TALENT! Our annual Talent Show will be held on Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> in the cafeteria. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be showcasing their amazing talents - including singing, dancing and other musical performances! **Parents of Performers:** We hope you can join us for our 2:00 PM performance in the cafeteria!

### FAMILY INVOLVEMENT SURVEY

As many of you may know, Running Brook ES is a Schoolwide Title I School. Family Involvement is an important part of Title I. We would like our wonderful families to give us feedback on what they would like to see from our Parent Involvement Programs, and how we can better serve you. Please take a few minutes to complete our survey. Our survey will be available beginning today, May 16<sup>th</sup>, and will close on Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. Your feedback is greatly appreciated.

*To view the survey, please visit:* <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EOYRBES2017>

### RBES SPRING CONCERT

Our Band, Strings and Chorus Concert will be held on Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, at the Wilde Lake High School Rouse Theatre beginning at 7:00 p.m. **Students should arrive at 6:30 p.m.** Please have your student wear their music t-shirts (or a purple shirt) with dark pants or a dark skirt. We hope to see you there!



### PTA RESTAURANT NIGHT

- ✓ **Spring Restaurant Night at Potbelly:** Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.
  - 6490 Dobbin Center Way, Columbia, MD 21045

### HOW GIRLS CODE

HowGirlsCode is proud to partner with the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) and the National Security Agency to offer another year of Mind, Body & Coding camp for girls entering grades 3-9. Girls will challenge their minds through coding and robotics and will nurture their bodies and well being through yoga, meditation, and self-empowerment exercises - all while focusing on the arts and creative dance expression. Session 1 runs July 10-14 and Session 2 runs July 17-21. The camp day is from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with supervised drop-off beginning at 8:30 a.m. and pick-up ending at 4:00 p.m. Discount code available for HowGirlsCode class alumni and generous scholarships are given for FARMS students. For more information and registration, visit <http://www.howgirlscode.com/summercamp>.

### ART SHOW

RBES will be hosting an Art Show, featuring your student's artwork, during the Red Carpet Gala on May 25<sup>th</sup>. All grades will be featured and your student's artwork will be available for purchase. (The cost is \$20, cash or check.)

### **FIELD DAY: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Please join us for "Field Day" on Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>! Grades PreK through 5 will be participating in Field Day. 5<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade will be competing in a competitive field day in the morning. It will include 16 individual events AND class versus class Tug of War in the afternoon. Grades PreK through 3 will be having 25 fun and challenging stations for the students to complete. We are looking for as many parent/guardian volunteers as we can find. Volunteers will help monitor and encourage students to successfully complete each station. To volunteer, please email Mr. Hiel at [Kory\\_Hiel@hcpss.org](mailto:Kory_Hiel@hcpss.org), or Mr. McCoy at [Justin\\_Mccoy@hcpss.org](mailto:Justin_Mccoy@hcpss.org).

### **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. Come walk the red carpet and dress to impress the paparazzi! Plus, visit the Media Center for our ***Buy One, Get One Free Book Fair!***



### **KINDERGARTEN CLOSING CEREMONY**

Mark your calendars! **Our Kindergarten Closing Ceremony will be held on Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.** *The ceremony will be followed by a picnic.* Family and friends are invited to join our celebration. There is no special dress code, but many of our students like to dress up to make the occasion extra special. Please join us for this special end-of-the-year celebration!

### **FIFTH GRADE CLOSING CEREMONY**

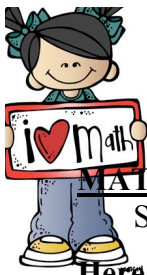
Our fifth graders will be graduating on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. at Wilde Lake Middle School.

### **MEDICATION RETRIEVAL REMINDER**

If your child has medication in the health room for the current 2016-2017 school year, please remember it must be picked up by the ***end of school day on June 14, 2017.*** Any medication that is not picked up by end of day on June 14<sup>th</sup> will be discarded per HCPSS policy. Medication cannot be stored in the health room during the summer months. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to Nurse Self in the Health Room.

### **LUNCH ACCOUNT REMINDER**

Families with students who regularly purchase school lunches are asked to be cognizant of their student's account balance. As we approach the end of the school year, please ensure that each of your students have funds available on their accounts. Parents and families can upload funds electronically at [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com), or make a deposit with Ms. Nancy in the cafeteria. Food Services will be distributing individualized account information to families in the coming days. Please be informed that all outstanding meal charges must be **paid in full** by June 1, 2017. Any money left on the POS account at the end of the school year will carry over to the next year. Thank you for your immediate response. With your partnership, we want to ensure that every student has funds in his or her account for the remainder of the school year.



## **MATH MINUTES WITH MRS. MANGUS**

Spring is the perfect time to get active and incorporate math!

### **Here are some ideas to get moving and have fun with math:**

- Measure the length of various items around the house using different units of measure and determine which unit of measure is the best for each item (for example: inches vs. feet)
- Keep track of your child's growth each month by measuring his/her height
- Create a bar graph based on the amount of time your child reads, plays outside, or does chores.
- Create a pictograph to show the number of hours of sleep or exercise your family gets each day.
- Look through an ad in the paper to locate an item your child would want (less than \$10.00). Have your child count out that much money, then ask them to make change from a \$10.00 bill.
- Have your child pick out two or three items in an ad, then add the amounts together to see how much the items would cost altogether.
- Give your child various amounts of money to count, using dollars, quarters, dimes, nickels, and pennies.
- Use measurement tools when baking or cooking.
- Compare items by length or weight.
- Practice scheduling events to determine elapsed time.
- Use a stopwatch to keep track on how much T.V is watched throughout the week and how much time is spent on homework, and compare the two amounts of time

### **MAY PANTHER PROBLEM SOLVERS**

Here is our final Panther Problem Solver of the 2016-2017 school year! Please submit to Mrs. Mangus by Friday, June 2, 2017.

Mrs. Caffey collects seashells. One day she decided to count them.

When she counted by 2s, she had 1 leftover.

When she counted by 3s, she had 2 leftover.

When she counted by 4s, she had 3 leftover.

When she counted by 5s, she had 4 leftover.

How many shells could she have in her collection? Is there more than 1 answer?

### **RBES MATH BEE**

Congratulations to all of our participants in our first math bee in grades K-5. We had over 100 students participate!!

The grade level winners are:

Kindergarten: Cooper Johnson

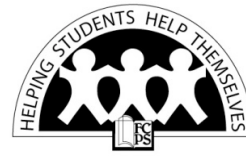
First Grade: Kiera Jefferson

Second Grade: Benny Eagan

Third Grade: Isabella Martin

Fourth Grade: Vrushil Kacchia

Fifth Grade: Liam Schmidt



# **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.**

## **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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*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. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Peyton at [melissa\\_peyton@hcpss.org](mailto:melissa_peyton@hcpss.org) or 410-313-6893.

Would you like to volunteer at our fair? To sign-up, visit:  
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0849ada923a7fb6-rbes>