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## Running Brook Panther Press

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Dear Running Brook Families and Friends,

We've had an exciting few weeks at Running Brook! With third quarter finally underway, now is the time to sit down with your students and discuss their goals for the remainder of the school year. If you notice areas in which you would like to help your child, HCPSS has created excellent on-line parent resources for support with both reading and math. For math, please visit <http://hcpssfamilymath.weebly.com/>, and under the Elementary Math tab click on your child's grade level. There are many math resources available. For reading and language arts, please visit <http://elaparentsupport.weebly.com/> and choose your child's grade on the left-hand side.



Our Running Brook girls are looking forward to dancing the night away at our upcoming PTA sponsored *Me & My Guy Dance on Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>*! Forms were sent home with students a few weeks ago. **Last chance to RSVP! If you have not yet had the chance RSVP, please make sure to return your form by this Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**Please Note:** Beginning next week, all transportation changes and absence notifications should now be emailed to Mrs. Arseneault at [Lisa\\_Arseneault@hcpss.org](mailto:Lisa_Arseneault@hcpss.org) in the front office. Thank you for your continued support and have a great weekend!

*Mr. Esposito and Mrs. Brewrink*

### **UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES**

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| 2/19 President's Day (School Closed)          | 3/1 Black History Trivia Night                      |
| 2/20 Meet & Greet with Mr. Esposito (5:30 PM) | 3/5 Kindergarten Registration Begins                |
| 2/22 School-Wide Read In                      | 3/7 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Progress Reports Issued |
| 2/23 Father Daughter Dance (PTA)              | 3/9 Read Across Running Brook Day                   |

### **SCHOOL NEWS - IN CASE YOU MISSED IT**

It is with mixed emotion that we share that Mrs. Brackney, our Teacher's Secretary, has accepted a promotion to Principal's Secretary at Hanover Hills Elementary School. Mrs. Brackney has been an invaluable asset to our front office team, as well as co-coordinator of our after school clubs and Bridges program. We know she will be a tremendous asset to Hanover Hills Elementary School. Mrs. Brackney's last day at RBES will be today, February 16<sup>th</sup>. However, she will be available to help train our new secretary once the position is filled. Please join us in congratulating Mrs. Brackney and wishing her all the best in the next chapter of her career!

### **YOUNG AUTHOR'S CONTEST**

This year we had 25 students in grades 2-5 who participated in the *Young Authors' Contest*.

#### **Congratulations to the following students who were Running Brook winners:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Short Story: **Amyah Brackney**

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Short Story: **Benny Eagan**

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Poetry: **Brian Linstrom**

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Short Story: **Tiffany Berry**

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Poetry: **Isabella Rodgers**

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Poetry: **Savannah Lee**

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Short Story: **Cameron Reynolds**

***Congratulations to Amyah Brackney for winning HCPSS Honorable Mention!*** Amyah will represent Running Brook at the Howard County Reading Council Young Authors' Contest Reading Day on April 29<sup>th</sup>. All students and staff are invited to listen to Amyah and the other HCPSS winners share their poems and short stories at Barnes and Noble in the Long Gate Shopping Center (4300 Montgomery Road, Ellicott City, MD 21043).

**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.

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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*Save the date for Black History Trivia Night on March 1<sup>st</sup>!*

Sign up to participate in the **Black History Trivia Night & Unheard Perspectives Showcase** on Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM. Look for the flyer in the Friday Folders. Teams can be comprised of all students or a mix of students and adults (max of 6 players). All of the questions that will be asked will come from information that has been shared in and around the school all month. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophies will be awarded. Don't forget to fill out and turn in your Black History Month Passport by February 28<sup>th</sup> for 50 Panther Points!

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR WORLD LANGUAGE TEAM:

Please join us in welcoming Señora Alexandria Acevedo, our new World Language teacher! She is teaching Spanish in grades K-3 (Mrs. Baily, Mrs. Moellmann, Mrs. Hidirsah, and Mrs. James classes). ¡Bienvenida Señora Acevedo!

## FIFTH GRADE NEWS

The results from the CogAT testing will be mailed on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, as well as any GT recommendations for middle school. Please sign and return this recommendation as soon as possible. Please contact Mrs. Van Reenan or Ms. Kitchen with any questions or concerns.



**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.**

## BOX TOP FRIDAY

Help the PTA support our school! Please remember to have your students **bring in their Box Tops by next Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**. These can be exchanged for Panther Points!

## FIT FAMILY NIGHT NIGHT

Save the date for this FREE event!

**WHEN:** March 20, 2018

**TIME:** 6 - 8 pm

**WHERE:** RBES!

Activities will include a Kid Friendly Boot Camp, Karate, Zumba, Yoga, Wellness Workshops, and much more! Registration information will be available soon. Please contact Ellen Mackey at [Ellen\\_Mackey@hcpss.org](mailto:Ellen_Mackey@hcpss.org) with questions.

## G/T SUMMER INSTITUTE OPPORTUNITIES

The registration for the G/T Summer Institutes for Talent Development is now open. These courses are a great opportunity for students to participate in summer enrichment taught by GT teachers held at Wilde Lake Middle this year. The catalog and registration form are available at:

<http://www.hcpss.org/f/summer/summer-school-gt.pdf>. Any questions, please feel free to contact Michaeline Van Reenan at [michaeline\\_van\\_reenan@hcpss.org](mailto:michaeline_van_reenan@hcpss.org)

## ORDER YOUR RBES YEARBOOK TODAY

RBES yearbooks are on sale now. Visit [www.rbes.picaboo.com](http://www.rbes.picaboo.com) to order yours today!





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

Are you watching the Winter Olympics? If so, be on the lookout for multiple opportunities to talk about math with your family!



# **Title I School**

You can:

- Compare the number of medals that each country wins
- Round times/scores to the nearest whole number
- Find the difference between a competitor's best and worst score
- Talk about measurement in events such as the biathlon – How many meters would each event be?
- In sports like snowboarding, talk about how many circles these moves are: 180, 360, 540, 720, 1260

Be sure to check out this month's family math calendar, which features several items about the Olympics!



## **PANTHER PROBLEM SOLVERS**

All students are encouraged to solve the monthly problem at home and use modeling to show how they came up with their answer, or explain how to solve the problem to someone else using a mathematical model. Students who complete the Panther Problem Solver activity will have their work displayed on a Panther Problem Solvers bulletin board. Some students may also have their work featured on the morning announcements. In addition, students who complete the Panther Problem Solvers activity will be entered into a prize drawing. Students who complete the Panther Problem Solver activity should turn their work into their math teacher or to Mrs. Mangus.

This month we celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school. How many equations can you write that equal 100? You can use addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

## **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)).





It's almost time to register for Kindergarten! Kindergarten and new First Grader registration will take place beginning on **March 5, 2018 through March 9, 2018**. Please stop into the Running Brook Elementary School front office **between the hours of 10:00am and 3:00pm**, no appointment necessary. Kindergarten is mandatory in Maryland. State law requires that **children entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2018 must be 5 years of age on or**

**before September 1, 2018**. Children entering first grade in the fall of 2018 must be 6 years old on or before September 1, 2018. For information about exceptions to this law (e.g. waiver, early admission) visit <http://www.hcpss.org/enroll/kindergarten/>.

**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 410-313-1525 or 410-313-7102 for registration assistance.

## *Save The Date...*

**PreK REGISTRATION: OPENS MARCH 5, 2018**

**What is the Pre-K program?** The Pre-K program is a high-quality, full-day prekindergarten program. **Students must be four years old by September 1, 2018** 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.

**Is my child eligible for the program?**

**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?**

2018-19 Pre-K applications will be available beginning March 5<sup>th</sup>. Once available, 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. All application information will be kept confidential and reviewed only by school staff. 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).**

### Reaching the Best in Every Student

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