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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 families for supporting RBES at our very first *Movie Night*, organized by Mrs. Peyton! We were delighted to see so many of our RBES families enjoying themselves, including our Purple Envelope families who were able to attend. We raised over \$1000 for our Spring Fair! Thank you to Mrs. Peyton and her team for putting together such a special evening for our families!

Third Quarter report cards will be going home on Tuesday, April 25th. Please take a moment to discuss your child's progress and be sure to help your child *set goals* so that they can *finish strong* in the last quarter of the school year! We are so proud of our students!

PARCC testing will begin on April 24th for our third, fourth, and fifth graders. Our students have made great strides academically this year, and we want them to be able to show what they've learned this year on the PARCC state assessment. Please be sure to mark your calendars for your child's assessment dates, which are indicated below.

The Howard County Public School System has made a change to the academic calendar due to the recent inclement weather day. **The last day of school for students will now be Wednesday, June 14th.**

Mr. Todd and Mrs. Brewrink

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

4/24 PARCC Testing Begins	5/18 4 th Grade St. Mary's Field Trip
4/25 3 rd Quarter Report Cards Issued	5/20 Yard Sale & Vendor Fair (8:00 AM)
5/9 5 th Grade Philadelphia Field Trip	5/24 5 th Grade Class Picture
5/19 Professional Learning Day: School Closed	5/25 Red Carpet Gala (6:30)

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! 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 to register. **Deadline to register is May 12th.**

FIELD TRIP NEWS:

Please look for field trip permission forms in your child's folder:

- **PreK:** Goucher College, Pete the Cat - May 1st
- **Fifth Grade:** Bowie Bay Sox, STEM Event - May 3rd
- **Second Grade:** Bowie Bay Sox, STEM Event - May 3rd
- **Fifth Grade:** Philadelphia Trip - May 9th
- **Second Grade:** National Wildlife Center - May 12th
- **Fourth Grade:** St. Mary's - May 18th
- **Third Grade:** Sharp's Farm - June 2nd



PTA NEWS

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

PTA Meeting Dates:

- Monday, May 8th (7:00, Media Center)



MOTHER-SON DANCE

Please join us on Friday, May 5th, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM at RBES for the Mother-Son Dance, hosted by the PTA! This event is an opportunity for our Running Brook boys in grades PreK through 5 to spend a special evening with their mother, grandmother, aunt, or other significant adult female in their lives.

There is no charge for this event. A form was sent home with your student this week. **If you would like to attend, please complete and return the bottom portion of the permission form to your child's teacher by Monday, May 1st.**

PARCC ADMINISTRATION SCHEDULE:

With spring comes testing season! This year our 3rd, 4th & 5th grade students will once again be administered PARCC, our Maryland State Assessment. Please take a look at the following schedule and take a moment to put these dates on your calendar. Please make every effort to avoid making any doctor or other appointments during these weeks. Our students have made great strides academically this year, and we want them to be able to show what they've learned this year on the PARCC state assessment. Please contact Mrs. Brewrink at 410-313-6893 if you have any questions.

Grade 3: English Language Arts: May 3rd, 4th & 5th - Beginning at 9:30

Grade 3: Math: April 24th & 25th, May 8th & 9th - Beginning at 9:30

Grade 4: English Language Arts: May 3rd, 4th & 5th - Beginning at 9:30

Grade 4: Math: April 24th & 25th, May 8th & 9th - Beginning at 9:30

Grade 5: English Language Arts: April 26th, 27th & 28th - Beginning at 10:45

Grade 5: Math: May 1st, 2nd, 11th & 12th - Beginning at 10:45

YEARBOOK ORDERING

Last chance to purchase your 2016 - 2017 Memory Book! Yearbooks cost \$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****

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 25th 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!

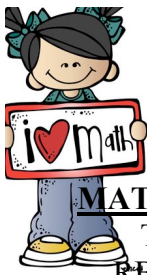
MATH MONTH POSTER CONTEST

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 20th through April 10th and will be displayed around the school. A winner will be chosen in each grade level.



KINDERGARTEN CLOSING CEREMONY

Mark your calendars! **Our Kindergarten Closing Ceremony will be held on Friday, June 9th 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!



MATH MINUTES WITH MRS. MANGUS

This month we are excited to be holding our very first Math Bee at RBES! Please see below for the dates and times of each team's Math Bee.

- **Grade 5:** Monday, April 24th at 2:00
- **Grade K:** Wednesday, April 26th at 9:30
- **Grade 3:** Wednesday, April 26th at 12:30
- **Grade 2:** Wednesday, April 26th at 2:00
- **Grade 1:** Thursday, April 27th at 2:15
- **Grade 4:** TBD

Each Bee will last for approximately 1 hour and will be held in the cafeteria.

If you are looking for additional ways to support math at home, please check out the links below:

<http://bedtimemath.org/>

<http://www.tabletalkmath.com/previous-newsletters>

<http://gregtangmath.com/>

<http://www.mathplayground.com/thinkingblocks.html>

<http://hclibrary.org/how-do-i/get-homework-help/>

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.

Tm	#Bat
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
NYN	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



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.**

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.

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.

Reaching the
Best in Every Student

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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 Third Quarter Awards Assemblies.**

Monday, April 24th

Fourth Grade: 2:30-3:30, Cafeteria

Tuesday, April 25th

Second Grade: 9:30-10:15, Cafeteria

Kindergarten: 1:15-2:00, Media Center

First Grade: 2:30-3:30, Cafeteria

Wednesday, April 26th

Third Grade: 9:30-10:15, Cafeteria

Fifth Grade: 2:30-3:30, Cafeteria