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Running Brook Panther Press

A MESSAGE FROM OUR ADMINISTRATORS

Dear Running Brook Families,

Warmer weather is finally on the horizon and with the warmer weather we welcome many exciting activities taking place at RBES! **Please read our newsletter for information regarding our upcoming RBES Yard Sale, Field Day, and Spring Fair, as well as several exciting programs coming up in May.** It's hard to believe we have less than two months of school to go! Thank you for continuing to check our important dates and being here to support our activities. Your continued support is so appreciated!

Fourth Quarter progress reports will be coming home on Thursday, May 18th. Please take a moment to discuss your child's progress and be sure to help your child **set final goals** so that they can **finish strong** in the last quarter of the school year!

Due to our inclement weather day, **the last day of school for students and teachers has moved to Wednesday, June 14th.** All schools will close **three hours early on June 13th and 14th.**

Mr. Todd and Mrs. Brewrink

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

5/9 5 th Grade Philadelphia Field Trip	5/20 Yard Sale & Vendor Fair (8:00 AM)
5/18 4 th Grade St. Mary's Field Trip	5/24 5 th Grade Class Picture
5/18 Progress Reports Issued	5/29 Memorial Day: School Closed
5/19 Professional Learning Day: School Closed	6/1 Field Day!



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:

- **Fifth Grade:** Philadelphia Trip - May 9th
- **Second Grade:** National Wildlife Center - May 12th
- **Fourth Grade:** St. Mary's - May 18th *Please return all forms, including the medical form and extended day form.*
- **Third Grade:** Sharp's Farm - June 2nd



PTA NEWS

✓ **Mother-Son Dance** – Tonight, May 5th at 7:00 PM!

PTA Meeting Dates:

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

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 25th. All grades will be featured and your student's artwork will be available for purchase. (\$20, cash or check.)

FIELD DAY: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please join us for “Field Day” on Thursday, June 1st! Grades PreK through 5 will be participating in Field Day. 5th and 4th 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. Volunteers will also help run each station and record scores for 5th and 4th grade students. To volunteer, please email Mr. Hiel at Kory_Hiel@hcpss.org, or Mr. McCoy at Justin_Mccoy@hcpss.org, if you are willing to assist or have any questions.

YEARBOOK ORDERING

Due to popular demand, we’ve extended the Year Book sale to May 10th! Yearbooks cost \$22 for soft cover books and \$30 for hard cover books. **Yearbook orders are due no later than Wednesday, May 10th.** 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!

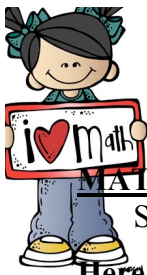


KINDERGARTEN CLOSING CEREMONY

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!

FIFTH GRADE GRADUATION

Our fifth graders will be graduating on Tuesday, June 13th, at 2:00 p.m. at Wilde Lake Middle School. ***More information will be sent home with your student this week.***



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?

GRASSROOTS: CHANGE MATTERS

Change Matters is an approved Howard County Public School System program that teaches children about homelessness in Howard County, the services Grassroots provides, and philanthropy. Your student will be asked to share with you information learned about *Change Matters* and ask permission to donate small change/coins. There will be a *Change Matters* collection jar for each grade. The small change collected will go directly to Grassroots to provide the essential services needed to help the children and families that are homeless here in our community. If you are able to donate, please send the change in your child's lunch bag or backpack during our campaign week, May 8th through 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.hepss.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...



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@hepss.org or 410-313-6893.