

Rock Brook Family News

NOVEMBER 1, 2019

OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, GLENN FAMOUS

Welcome to our newly designed parent newsletter! We are hopeful that you find the monthly ***Rock Brook Family News*** to be a great source for catching up on all the happenings at Rock Brook School. Many thanks to the always awesome ***Christy Tracey*** for all of her hard work collecting the news and formatting the newsletter. Christy also gets a "shout out" for the ***RBS Weekly Reminder*** that debuted earlier this week.



The first two months of the school year have flown by, but not before students had lots of great learning experiences. In addition to our regular program, we had a week-long focus on character and respect as part of Anti-bullying Week and a focus on similar themes as we took part in New Jersey's Violence and Vandalism Awareness Week. We also took some time to have lots of fun with our school-wide trip to Norz Hill Farm and our annual Trunk or Treat activity. A special thanks to parents and families for your awesome trunk displays and the many tasty offerings during Trunk or Treat! If available, your help is also requested during our upcoming Scholastic Book Fair. More information about the Book Fair is included in this newsletter.

I look forward to seeing all of you during our upcoming Parent-Teacher Conference days on November 21-22. Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support!

Glenn



OUR PRINCIPAL, KATIE HARDGROVE

NEWS FROM KATIE

Our school is committed to support the continued learning of not only the students, but also the staff. We had our Staff Development Day on Friday, October 18th which included training on working with students with learning disabilities including dyslexia, helping students become self-reliant, pairing/ reinforcement, Google Suite applications, and policies on student conduct/safety. We also built in time for some team building with a fun game!

Here are a few of the links to some of the information from staff day that you might also find helpful:

Helping Students become Self-Reliant:

<https://learningally.org/Solutions-for-Home/Dyslexia-Resources/Articles/webinar-5-secrets-to-help-students-with-dyslexia-become-self-reliant>

Pairing: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hj-E3Gw5ryU>

Ted Talk: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UCFg9bcW7Bk>



OUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR, JESSICA GOSSES

NEWS FROM MISS G.

The month of October has been a busy one at Rock Brook School! Along with Halloween festivities, farm trips, and picture day, we recognized two special weeks along with all other New Jersey Schools: The Week of Respect and School Violence and Vandalism Awareness Week. During the Week of Respect, we focused on ways to be respectful and kind to others, the planet, our bodies and specifically at school. We had some fun theme days to help build awareness like wearing your clothes backwards and mismatch day! Safety Patrol read us special quotes on the topic of respect all week and social skills groups talked about respect, watched movie clips and discussed how they demonstrated respect, and played games on the topic. Safety Patrol also served as role models and read to some of the social skills groups on the topic of respect. We had fun and all were reminded of the importance of respect on a daily basis.

During School Violence and Vandalism Awareness Week, two officers from the Montgomery Police came to Rock Brook to talk to the students about the topic of bullying, being safe, and how the police help us. Students had a fun time asking the officers questions and taking pictures with some of their cool gear like a reflective vest, hat and flashlight. During this week, students talked about ways to deal with bullies and deal with conflict peacefully in social skills groups. One day during the week, we all wore our Rock Brook clothing to show solidarity in our stand against bullying. Why not try and take some time to check in with your child about these topics and see what they have learned!?

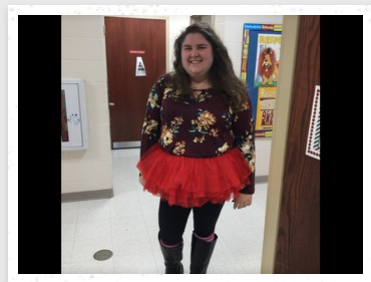
WEEK OF RESPECT & SCHOOL VIOLENCE AND AWARENESS WEEK PHOTOS



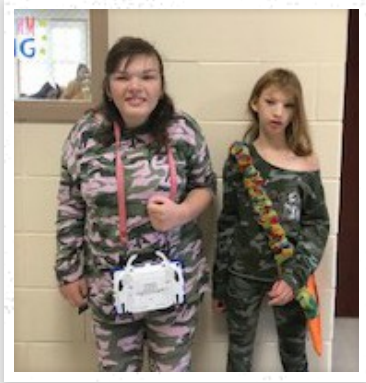
How do you spell RESPECT?



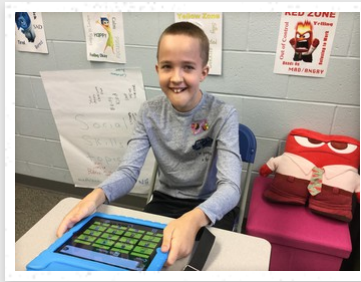
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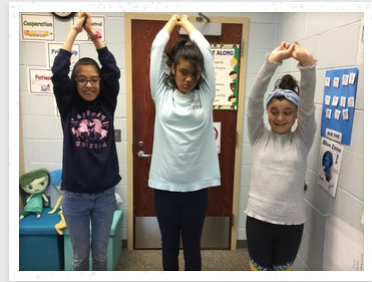
Miss K on Mismatch Day
"Show your unique sense of
style-wear all of your favorite
things at once to help us
remember we are all unique."



**"Being respectful is no sweat!"
Wear your coziest sweats to
school day.**



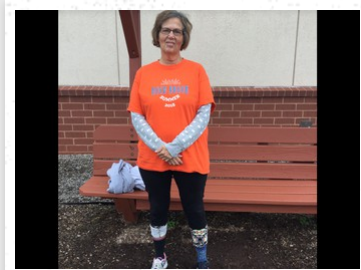
Social Skills with Miss G.



Girls Group YOGA



**Mr. Famous during
Wear Clothes Backwards Day
"Be kind with your words...
Hurtful words can't be taken
back!"**



**Miss Deb supporting RBS with
a bit of a mismatch!**



**"We are united in our stand
against bullying!"
Officers from Montgomery
Police discussed bullying and
school safety in school-wide
assembly.**

OCTOBER INTERVIEW BY HS STUDENT EVAN - DURING OT SESSIONS

During OT sessions with Ms. Dorrie, Evan creates and writes questions, conducts an interview & types up the responses. This process takes several sessions ending with the final interview for the Rock Brook Family News. His hard work is often featured in our newsletter.

October Interview with Miss Lori

- 1. How long have you worked at Rock Brook School? "1 year"**
- 2. What do you like about Rock Brook? "I love the students I work with."**
- 3. Which class do you work in? "I work in room 6."**
- 4. What do you like to do for free time? "I like to watch TV."**
- 5. What is your favorite board game and why?
"My favorite board game is Clue because I like mystery."**
- 6. Do you like sports? What is your favorite sport? "Yes, I like sports. My favorite is soccer."**

7. Do you play any instruments? "Sad...ha ha. But, no."

FEATURED CLASS OF THE MONTH IS HS – B

Students in our HS program visit various work sites to learn and practice job skills. Listed below are descriptions of their current job placements. We are very proud of their accomplishments.

I work at Max & Mia's. It is a consignment shop that sells children's clothes, toys, stuffed animals & Funko Pops. They have two stores, one in Hillsborough and one in South Bound Brook. I work at both of these stores. When I go to Max & Mia's, I sort the clothes by color, size & gender and I put clothes on the hangers. I like working there because it is fun and great. Written by L.P.

My name is Bethany and I do interviews for the Sidewalk Survey Montgomery News. I go to Shop-Rite and ask shoppers a question and take their picture. My friend Ben types it and sends it into the editors. I love getting to meet and talk to new people!

My name is Ben and I worked at the Somerset Patriots Stadium. I worked there during baseball season, April through August. I put together snack bags for the students who visit the stadium. I put juice boxes, napkins, fruit snacks, ketchup and mustard in the bags. I loved working there because I love baseball. After I finished my work, I got to watch the games!

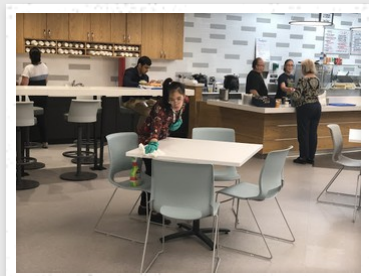
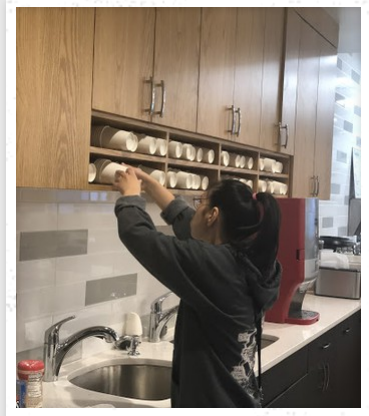
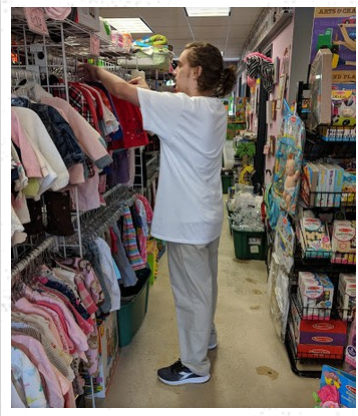
I work at Stop and Shop. My responsibilities are cleaning and stocking the bathrooms, putting the carts away, and sweeping inside and outside the store. My favorite part is doing the carts because I like to get exercise. I enjoy that my job is close to my home and I have met many new people. I am a very hard worker! Written by J.M.

My name is Lauren and I work at Tris Pharma. There are three cafeterias and I help keep them clean. I wipe down the tables and food trays and clean the glass doors. I also restock the coffee supplies. My favorite part is wiping down the tables after the employees eat lunch. I like working at Tris Pharma.

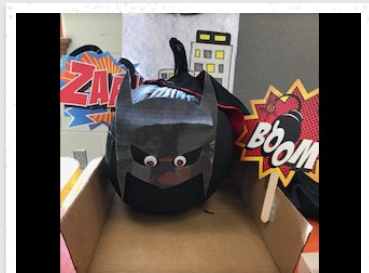
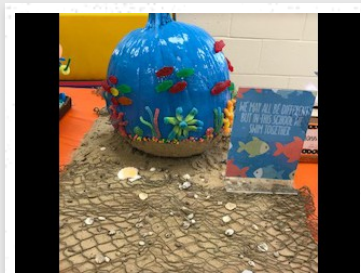
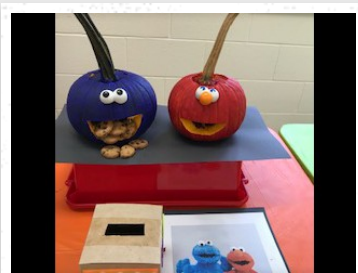
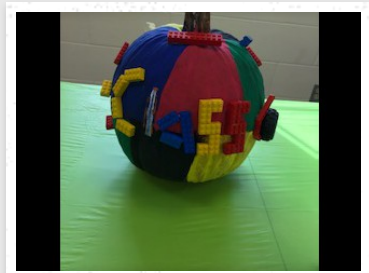
I work at ShopRite. I wear a ShopRite apron and name tag. I bag groceries for shoppers. I like working at ShopRite because I like helping and talking to customers. Written by D.N.

My name is Evan and I work at Princeton Center for Yoga and Health. My job is to fold the mats, put away the blocks and fold the clean towels. I also sweep and take out the trash. I like working at the Yoga center because it is fun!

My name is Michael and I work at the Mary Jacobs Library. At the library, I organized the DVD section. Mr. Chris came with me and we enjoyed putting the DVDs away. I saw little kids reading books. I love reading books! At the library there are many books such as scary Halloween books.



HALLOWEEN AT RBS





IT'S TIME TO FALL BACK: DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS ON NOVEMBER 3, 2019

Sunday, November 3, 2019, will mark the end of Daylight Saving Time . Please remember to move your clock back an hour.



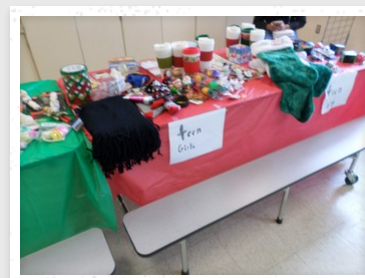
BOON SUPPLY ORDER FORM - LAST CALL - ALL FORMS DUE NOVEMBER 4TH!!!

Just a reminder that the **Boon Supply fundraiser order forms** were due Friday, November 1st. If you have an order that you would like to submit please send it to Christy Tracey by **Monday, November 4th.**

After the RBS group order is placed you can always order online and have items shipped to your home. The only difference is shipping costs. We still get a profit of 40 %. RBS ID 77117

UPCOMING HOLIDAY SALE - NOVEMBER 7TH

We are so excited for the Holiday Sale that a local GS Troop coordinates. Our RBS students get to shop for loved ones and surprise them with gifts during the Holiday Season!! Student forms are due on 11/1/19. If you haven't submitted yours please do by 11/5/19. The form is listed below.





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RBS SIBLING DAY - NOVEMBER 8TH

Siblings may join School Counselor, Jessica Gosses on Friday, November 8th. Please complete the following form if you haven't done so already.



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PULLOVER HOODIE

Navy with White and Lime Ink



ZIP HOODIE

Navy with White and Lime Ink



T-SHIRT

Sport Grey with Navy Ink
Available in Short and Long Sleeve

RBS SPIRIT WEAR - ORDERS DUE BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH

Order your NEW Rock Brook Spirit Wear!! This year we are offering a modified version of last year's design. Sweatshirts will be NAVY Blue and the T-Shirt will be in Grey. Orders are due NOVEMBER 15th to insure we receive it in time for the holidays!!



2019 RBS Spirit Wear Order Form.pdf

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PARENT CONFERENCES – NOVEMBER 21ST & 22ND

On Thursday, November 21st and Friday, November 22nd we will have parent conferences.

Students will have an **EARLY DISMISSAL** and leave at 1:00 pm on both of those days.

Conferences were scheduled with your child's classroom team. Please note that each family has been given a 30 minute time slot. Please be respectful of your allotted time.

Thursday, between 1:15 - 3:30 or 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Friday, between 1:15 - 3:30 pm

(The Book Fair will be open during conference times.)

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR – NOVEMBER 18TH – 22ND

RBS will host a Scholastic Book Fair from Monday, November 18th through Friday, November 22nd. This event allows RBS students and their families to purchase books for their own personal use. The books will arrive sometime during the week of November 11th. We will need parent volunteers to set up the book fair. Please email Christy Tracey if you are interested in assisting. christy.tracey@rock-brook.org



<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/rockbrooksch>

ROCK BROOK SCHOOL 2020 COOK BOOK

All students and staff are encourage to submit entries that will be used to create at Rock Brook School Cook Book. The HS students will be compiling the submissions into a book which will be available for sale in the Spring.

Please submit the following to Becky Mercurio via Google Doc or email a PDF titled with your first and last. becky.mercurio@rock-brook.org

PLEASE SUBMIT #1-4 by Wednesday, 11/27 and #5 by Friday, 1/10/20

1. Name
2. Classroom
3. 1 or 2 sentences about the recipe
(ie: " I remember making this every New Year with my Grandma Rose")
4. Recipe
5. Photo of yourself making the recipe



Rock Brook Cookbook.pdf

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RECENT LINKS YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN.

Life Town in Livingston NJ

<https://www.lifetown.com/>

Philadelphia Eagles Sensory Room at Lincoln Financial Field

<https://www.phillyvoice.com/philadelphia-eagles-autism-sensory-room-lincoln-financial-field?sfns=mo>

New Community for Adults with Special Needs

<https://trib.al/sxIEMPU>

New NIKE Adaptive Sneaker

<https://themighty.com/2019/10/nike-adaptive-air-jordans-disability/>

Kohls New Line of Adaptive Clothing

<https://corporate.kohls.com/news/archive-/2019/june/kohl-s-launches-adaptive-clothing-across-top-kids-brands>

Monmouth County Program to Train People with Special Needs to Work in Law Enforcement

<https://www.nj.com/monmouth/2019/10/prosecutor-starts-first-nj-program-to-train-people-with-special-needs-to-work-in-law-enforcement.html>

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THANK YOU!

Thank you to **all RBS Parents** who have sent in various items since September. It includes a very generous amount of Back-to-School Supplies, Cleaning Supplies, Halloween Decorations and Treats, as well as a staff breakfast provided for us last Wednesday by **the Erbe Family**. We are grateful for all of your support.



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