



ROCK BROOK SCHOOL

Family Flyer

January 2024

Special Messages/Reminders

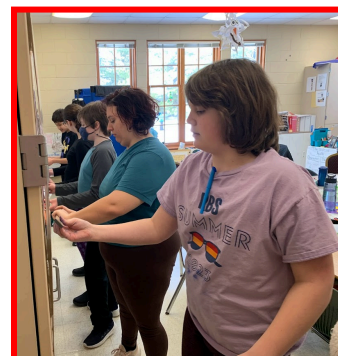
Carolynn Sasso, Retirement

We want to thank Carolynn for her commitment, dedication, and professionalism to the students, staff, parents, and community over the last three years. We wish Carolynn the very best in her retirement as she enjoys more time with her family and friends.



Class 5 - Measuring the Classroom

Class 5 students continue to work hard in math, specifically on Geometry concepts. Students have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes, engaging in group games, and practicing functional skills such as measurement, perimeter, and area. Through hands-on exploration, the students teamed up and used yardsticks to measure the perimeter of the classroom in inches, which is 1155 inches. The class demonstrated great teamwork and problem solving skills throughout this activity.



Class 6 - Job Boxes

This month Class 6 enjoyed completing job boxes, where they practiced functional life skills: sorting, folding, and hanging clothes; sorting coins and money; setting a table; preparing napkins with utensils; and cooking many new functional recipes every Wednesday. They made functional recipes that are able to be created independently at home, with parents, and/or siblings. The class also enjoyed trips to ShopRite, where they gathered items needed for cooking every Wednesday. Some of the skills included, practice with collecting groceries, navigating the grocery cart, loading the conveyor belt, bagging items, carrying bags, and unloading the groceries into their correct location (i.e., cabinet or refrigerator). The recipes include scrambled microwavable eggs, toast and jelly, and chocolate chip cookies.



The class has also been reading about fun things to do in the winter and investigating things that are cold to the touch (i.e., trees, windows, doorknobs, and air).



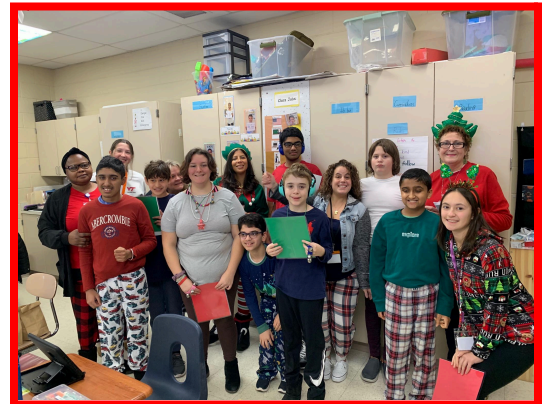
Holiday Grams - Update ~Janet Campbell, Art/Music Teacher

Back in December, our Class 5 delivered Singing Holiday-Grams to Rock Brook staff and students. Janet Campbell, organized and facilitated this incredible opportunity for our students.

This event was a huge success and the students had a wonderful time singing and shaking their jingle bells. A total of \$75.00 was raised and all of the proceeds were provided to Tabby's Place, a cat rescue program located in Ringos, NJ.

Please click the link to learn more about the mission of this wonderful organization.

- [Tabby's Place](#)



Progress Reports (Trimesters): Progress reports are scheduled to be sent home on 2/7. As a note, Progress Reports are issued three times a year. In addition, a Progress Report is also provided at the conclusion of our ESY program.

Conferences, 2/8 & 2/9 - We are looking forward to your participation in our conference days. Our staff is eager to meet to discuss your child's progress, provide suggestions/recommendations, and answer any questions you may have.

Conferences will be held either in-person or virtually and are scheduled on Thursday, 2/8 and Friday, 2/9. Afternoon appointments are available on both days, with evening conferences on 2/8. As a reminder, students will have an early dismissal at 12:30 pm during our conference days.

- ★ Please note, information regarding conference sign up will be sent to you by your child's teacher.

Emergency Closing Make-Up Day, 2/16

Since RBS was closed on 1/16 due to inclement weather, RBS will be open on Friday, 2/16 as this is our 1st Emergency Make-Up Day as noted on the 23-24 calendar.



Absences and Early Pick Up:

- a. **Student Absences:** In the event your child is going to be absent, please call Tammy Quick, Program Secretary, in the main office by 9:00 am at 908-431-9500, ext.110. Our automated system is available 24 hours a day for your convenience and please be sure to call the school each day your child is absent. In addition to contacting the main office, you may contact the teacher as well.

Upon your child's return to school from illness, please provide a note to the homeroom teacher which will be delivered to the nurse. For students with a serious illness, accident, or hospitalization, medical clearance to return to school is required. As a note, if contact is not provided by the parent regarding a student absence, the school will make contact with the parent.

- b. **Student Early Pick Up:** Should you be picking your child up early from school on a particular day, please notify the main office 908-431-9500 and your child's teacher so we are aware of your child's early dismissal from school.

Birthday Celebrations: Parents are most welcome to send in a craft or activity to celebrate their child's birthday. In addition, should a parent want to send in birthday food treats for the students within the class, such as cupcakes, brownies, etc., prior approval is required from the school nurse. The teacher(s) will alert parents to allergy concerns and will provide approved classroom snack/food lists. Please note, prior to any food being sent in from home, the ingredients must be pre-approved by the school nurse at least one week in advance of the event. It is advised for parents to send the ingredients directly to the classroom teacher who will be able to facilitate the contact with the school nurse in order for the food to be reviewed. Once the food has been reviewed by the school nurse, the teacher will contact the parent to confirm the approval or not. Generally, classroom celebrations will be held toward the end of the day and limited to 30 minutes, unless otherwise approved by the school principal.

Early Dismissals and Emergency Closings: When we must close school or delay the opening time due to inclement weather or an emergency condition, you and your bus company will receive notification from our automated system as early as possible. We will also post this information on our website <https://www.rock-brook.org>.

Please be sure to contact Tammy Quick, Program Secretary, should you have any questions.

Security Drills: All schools in New Jersey are required to conduct two emergency drills (one fire drill and one security drill) each month. Security drills could be any one of the following types of drills: Active Shooter, Bomb Threat Evacuation, Non-fire Evacuation, Lockdown, or Shelter-in-Place. Schools are also required to notify parents following each monthly "security" drill.

In January, we conducted a **Fire Drill** and a **Shelter-in-Place**.

Message from the School Nurse: Students who are experiencing cold and flu symptoms with a fever, need to be fever-free for at least 24 hours, without fever reducing medication before returning to school. In addition, any intestinal issues need to also be resolved without medication for 24 hours. Should your child be exhibiting symptoms, you are encouraged to contact the school nurse (nurse@rock-brook.org).



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February 2024		
2/2	Friday	12:30 Early Dismissal for Students
2/7	Wednesday	Progress Reports - sent home
2/8	Thursday	12:30 Dismissal for Students / Afternoon and Evening Conferences
2/9	Friday	12:30 Dismissal for Students / Afternoon Conferences Sports Jersey Day - Wear your favorite sports jersey to school
2/14		Wear Red, Valentine's Day 100th Day of School!
2/19	Monday	School Closed for Students and Staff / President's Day
2/20 - 2/23	Tuesday-Friday	Great Kindness Challenge - Information to follow