



Family Flyer

February 2024

Special Messages/Reminders

Sports Jersey Day

Our students and staff showed their school spirit by wearing their favorite sports jersey and team gear! We had a blast!



Valentine's Day & 100th Day of School Celebrations

At RBS, we celebrated the 100th Day of School and Valentine's Day on 2/14. There were many activities for the students to participate in during the day.



Great Kindness Challenge

We celebrated kindness as we launched The Great Kindness Challenge! Students had opportunities to learn about, witness, and practice kindness. We shared many experiences together as a school and in our classrooms, such as making cards and pictures for others and recognizing acts of kindness observed by our students throughout the week.

Message from the School Nurse

Seasonal Allergies: In addition to flowers and signs of spring, the month of March brings with it seasonal allergies. As a reminder, if your child has seasonal allergies and takes allergy medication, please start it as recommended by your physician.



Cold and Flu Season: As we continue into the cold & flu season please be diligent to keep our school safe and stay home when feeling ill.

- ★ Handwashing is super helpful in keeping everyone healthy through this season!
- ★ Reminder of our illness policy
 - Fever > 100.4F will be sent home & must be fever free WITHOUT medications for 24 hours before returning to school.
 - Diarrhea, excessive sneezing/cold symptoms will also be excluded for at least 24 hours, must have improvement of symptoms WITHOUT medication.

A doctor's note with alternative diagnosis and clearance for school is the best way to keep our school safe and diagnose between a common cold, RSV, Flu, and COVID-19.

Should your child be exhibiting symptoms, you are encouraged to contact the school nurse (nurse@rock-brook.org).

Health and Safety Video for Students

Click on the link below to view a brief video (3:03) which was recently shared with students to reinforce the message of good hygiene, such as handwashing, etc.

→ [RBS Health and Safety - February 2024](#)



Spring Cards

Our postgraduate students have been hard at work making spring cards for our high school fundraiser!

We are in the process of selling our spring cards in packs of 6 for \$5.00. You can choose from the following: Spring pack, Easter pack, and Thank You/Encouragement pack.

Please click on the link below to place your order. Once your order is submitted, send cash in by March 8th to: PG Spring Cards, Attention: Stephanie Colaneri

Order Link : [Spring Card Order Link](#)

Questions may be sent to Transition Coordinator, Stephanie Colaneri at stephanie.colaneri@rock-brook.org

Thank you for your continued support!

HS1

HS 1 recently finished a unit on ancient civilizations. Students investigated how communities and cultures have changed over time. They learned about the cultural impact of the wheel, paper, theater, aqueducts, and the calendar. In addition, they incorporated this social studies unit with a science unit learning about simple machines. The students learned about the wedge, wheel and axle, lever, pulley, inclined plane and screw. They put together flip books about simple machines. During a scavenger hunt, the students found examples of simple machines around school. They even built their own catapults! The students have been having a lot of fun during community trips to the ShopRite, Impact Fitness, the Montgomery Fire Station, and the Pingry School.



H2

This month, HS2 warmly welcomed their new teacher, Ms. Margie! The class enjoyed functional math skills, as well as learning both money and time skills. In addition, they explored historical contributions honoring Black History Month, World News, Current Trends, and Entertainment Real time news. The students will continue to go shopping weekly at ShopRite to enhance their social, as well as functional math. The class celebrated both Valentine's Day and 100 Days of School (WOW) on Wednesday the 14th. They engaged in fun 100 day activities (stacking 100 cups, connecting 100 paper clips, and tossing a bean bag 100 times). The class also kicked off our Kindness Challenge this week. In addition, HS2 students made snow using baking soda and shaving cream as a part of a science lesson. HS2 students have been demonstrating positive efforts as well as continuing to work toward their individual goals.



Post Graduate (PG)

Mooyah - This month, PG went on their monthly CBI (Community-Based Instruction) trip to Mooyah! They budgeted for this trip by selecting what they wanted for lunch and added the cost to make sure they had enough money. The students individually placed their order and paid for their meal. They were responsible for recognizing and communicating to the employee when their lunch was available. They all had fun eating their lunch and speaking with their classmates and staff. Before we left, they correctly placed their trays in the appropriate place and cleaned their area.



Fire Dept Field Trip

Our post graduate and high school classes went on a trip to the Montgomery Township Volunteer Fire Company No 2. They were greeted by the firefighters and hosted a tour for them. They had the opportunity to see the fleet of four fire trucks, see where their gear is stored, and the different tools of the truck. They saw how a firefighter gets dressed in gear and what a call sounds like when they need to report to a situation. It was a great time!



Pingry School Field Trip for HS & PG

Our high school classes and postgraduate class took a field trip to the Pingry School! They saw a performance of *Into The Woods* and the students were so talented! We enjoyed the show and practiced how to be seated as an audience member. Afterwards, our students were able to chat about the play with the Pingry students and had lunch together. The Pingry School provided us with cookies and lemonade as a thank you! It was an excellent day and we look forward to seeing them again.



Parent Webinars

Please see the two webinars below hosted by:

- *Hosted by: Hinkle, Prior & Fischer, P.C. Attorneys at Law*
2651 Main Street
Lawrenceville, New Jersey 08648



Topic: Understanding PerformCare - NJ Children's System of Care

Date: 3/13/2024

Time: 6:30pm-8:00pm

Presenter: Jared Oberweis, Esq.

- **Summary: Understanding PerformCare and New Jersey's Children's System of Care (CSOC)** The New Jersey Children's System of Care (CSOC), what many know as PerformCare, provides a variety of services to children ages 5-21 with intellectual and developmental disabilities, such as in-home services, community-based services, assistive technology devices, crisis intervention, and even camp. Many of these services are essential, but accessing them can be daunting. Join us as we discuss how to apply to CSOC, what services your child may be eligible for, addressing disputes with CSOC, and how to transition from CSOC to the Division of Developmental Disabilities.
- **Audience:** All Families
- This event is free of charge, but registration is required by clicking the link below
 - [Registration Link, 3/13/24](#)

Topic: Maximizing Supports Through the Transition Years of Age 14 - 21

Virtual Parent Seminar Date: 4/10/2024

Time: 6:30pm-8:00pm

Presenter: Jared Oberweis, Esq.

- **Summary: Maximizing Supports Through the Transition Years Age 14 to 21**
As educational entitlements- and the funding that goes with them - come to an end, many young adults continue to need services and support. In this workshop, participants will learn strategies to preserve special education services through age 21; services and entitlements for young adults through DDD and DVRS. Attendees will learn about issues such as guardianship and other legal strategies that provide varying levels of support and protection.
- **Audience:** Class 4, Middle School, High School, and PG Families
- This event is free of charge, but registration is required by clicking the link below.
 - [Registration Link, 4/10/24](#)

Emergency Closing Make-Up Days

Due to inclement weather and the closure of school, RBS will be open on the following dates;

- Friday, March 29, 2024
- Friday, May 24, 2024

**School
Make-up
Days**

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**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR**

March 2024		
3/5	Tuesday	Celebrate Read Across America - Dr. Seuss's Birthday Wear Red and White and/or Crazy Hat
3/8	Friday	AIR Therapy Dogs
3/14	Thursday	Wear Green - Celebrate St. Patrick's Day
3/15	Friday	School Closed for Students
3/21	Thursday	World Down Syndrome Day
3/26	Tuesday	RBS Board Meeting
3/28	Thursday	World Autism Day Celebration, Wear Blue
3/29	Friday	School is Open - 2nd Make-Up Day Regular Day, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

