

Family Flyer September 27, 2024

Back to School and Family Night!

It was a pleasure to welcome our students and families to our 2nd Annual Back to School and Family Night event. We appreciate your participation and joining us on this beautiful evening. This evening was such a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together and celebrate the beginning of the school year!



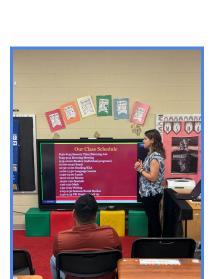
























5oth Anniversary Celebration!

We are looking forward to the 50th anniversary celebration of RBS on Sunday, October 20, from 12:00 - 3:00 pm at Raritan Valley Country Club. The formal invitation will be arriving soon. We hope you can join us!



Travel Training Program at Rutgers University

Our postgraduate students at Rock Brook School participated in the first part of a two-part Travel Training program in partnership with New Jersey Transportation Independent Program (NJTIP) from Rutgers University and Greater Mercer TMA (Transportation Management Association). Jenie Vargas, Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction, partnered with both organizations to bring this program to Rock Brook School. This program, designed to offer travel training for individuals with disabilities, aimed to empower students with the skills and confidence to navigate public transportation safely and independently. Carol Chamberlain from Greater Mercer TMA led the session, providing valuable insights, practical tips tailored to the needs of the students, and teaching resources for the transition coordinator, Monica Wall, to further develop the skills presented today. Her presentation was an engaging start to the series, helping students take important steps toward greater independence.

We are excited to offer valuable programs to support our 18 to 21 year olds. Many thanks to Jenie for her work to bring this wonderful program to our school.





Air Therapy Dogs Program

Once again, RBS is welcoming back our therapy dog program beginning on October 11! We are looking forward to this fantastic program throughout the year.



School Safety

All schools in New Jersey are required to conduct two emergency drills per month; one fire drill and one security drill. Security drills could be one of the following; Bomb Threat Evacuation, Non-fire Evacuation, Lockdown, or Shelter in Place. Please know that all of our drills continue to be conducted with a seriousness of purpose, but without using terms or simulations that could potentially frighten or upset students.



Message from the School Nurse:

• **Flu Season Memo:** As flu season draws near, please <u>click here</u> for a helpful guide from the CDC on what you need to know about the flu and ways to protect your child this flu season.



Absences and Early Pick Up:

- Student Absences: In the event your child is going to be absent, please call Mrs. Tammy Quick 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 main office and/or 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.
- **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.

Calendar

Please click the link below to view the school calendar which includes building-specific events. **2024-2025 School Calendar**

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Mark Your Calendars

- Tuesday, 10/1 Rett Syndrome Day, Wear Purple
- Thursday, 10/3 School Closed for Students and Staff Rosh Hashanah
- Friday, 10/11 AIR (Attitudes in Reverse) Therapy Dogs
- Thursday, 10/17 Traveling Farm Visits RBS
- Sunday, 10/20 50th Anniversary Celebration of RBS
- Thursday, 10/24 Halloween at RBS Trunk or Treat Details to Follow
- Friday, 10/25 School Closed for Students
- Tuesday, 10/31 12:30 Early Dismissal for Students













