

Family Flyer

March 2025

Special Messages/Reminders

Read Across America

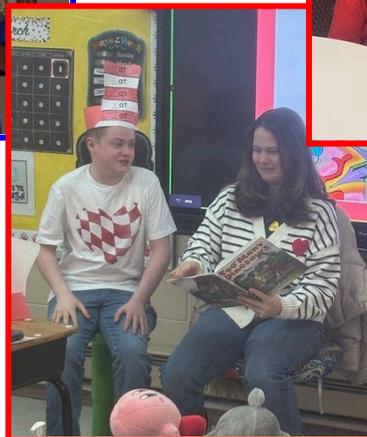
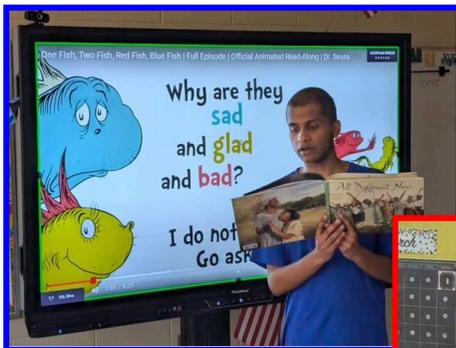
Read Across America is a time to celebrate the joy of reading, and we know there is so much value, importance, and fun in reading wherever we may be. To celebrate this special day, we were thrilled to have many guest readers join our classes to share special books with our students. Guest readers included students, staff, and parents, and we truly appreciated everyone who participated in this celebration.



In addition to our guest readers, students and staff were invited to wear red, white, and/or a crazy hat to school, adding an extra fun element to the day. It was a wonderful and memorable time for all of us!

As Dr. Seuss said, *“The more that you read, the more things you will know, the more that you learn, the more places you will go!”*

Thank you for helping us make Read Across America Day such a success!



St. Patrick's Day

RBS students wore their green gear as we celebrated St. Patrick's Day on Monday, March 17. Everyone looked great!



World Down Syndrome Day

RBS *Rocked Their Socks* in celebration of World Down Syndrome Day!



High School 1

HS1 students are currently exploring a Physical Science unit that focuses on the concept of matter and its changes. They began by investigating both physical and chemical changes to matter. As part of their studies, they are learning about elements, including common metals and nonmetals, and how these elements are used in everyday life.

Students are developing an understanding of the three states of matter—solid, liquid, and gas—and are working on identifying their properties, such as shape, volume, and particle movement. They are also diving into the concept of changes in states of matter, such as melting, freezing, condensation, and evaporation, and recognizing these changes through real-world examples.



Hands-on activities, including cooking, are helping students observe how science plays a role in their daily lives. It's been an exciting and interactive learning experience, and we are excited to see the students continue to grow in their understanding of these essential scientific concepts.

In addition to the science, students are also working on improving their reading comprehension, building vocabulary, and strengthening functional writing skills. Practical math skills, such as money and measurement, are also incorporated into the lessons.



High School 2

Our class has had an eventful month! We've been busy making chocolate lollipops, a hands-on activity that helps us develop essential life skills such as customer interaction, following processes, time management, teamwork, quality control, and fulfilling orders — all of which are highly relevant in the workplace. Our lollipops are sold for \$3.00 and we quickly sold out! Along with this, we continue to work hard academically in all our subjects. Additionally, students have been participating in swimming at the Princeton Swim Club.



Post-Graduate

The Post-Grad program recently organized a fundraiser titled "Waffle Tuesdays" for staff every Tuesday in March. Students actively engaged in preparing waffles using a toaster and assisting with the distribution of condiments to complement the waffles. They also completed important prep work by pre-measuring and packaging butter and syrup for easy access during the event. Additionally, students played a key role in distributing utensils to ensure a seamless and enjoyable experience for all participants. This initiative allowed students to develop valuable skills, including money management, proper food handling techniques, and organizational skills.



Music and Art

This month in Music and Art, we celebrated Women's History Month by exploring the contributions of influential women throughout history. We studied notable figures such as Maya Angelou, Rosa Parks, Helen Keller, Marie Curie, Jane Goodall, and Michelle Obama, recognizing them as powerful role models.



To learn more about Rosa Parks, check out this short biography:

[Watch the Video](#)

High School and Post-Graduate students have been reading *Ella Fitzgerald: The Tale of a Vocal Virtuoso*, written by Andrea Davis Pinkney and illustrated by Brian Pinkney.



You can enjoy excerpts from the book here:

[Watch the Video](#)

ASAH is hosting the 2025 Special Education Day Art Contest. Special Education Week will take place from May 11-17, and this year's theme is "Planting the Seed of Education." Rock Brook School is proud to have submitted artwork from the following students: Aidan, Olivia, Alexandra, Meleyshka, Brandon, and Giovanni. Winners will be notified in early April, and all participants will receive a Certificate of Recognition. Prizes and awards will be presented at the ASAH Special Education Day event on May 22, 2025.



Our arts and crafts projects have been fun and creative, with students enjoying a variety of art mediums and techniques. We recently created hot chocolate mug magnets, watercolor paintings of leprechauns and shamrocks, and St. Patrick's Day wands.

Understanding Preference Assessments: Finding What Motivates You

A preference assessment is a tool for identifying the items, activities, or experiences that most motivate your child. We can use those preferences to encourage learning, communication, and positive behaviors by understanding what they enjoy.

We conduct preference assessments in various ways, depending on your child's needs and abilities. Some methods involve offering choices between items, while others observe how long your child engages with different activities. The goal is to determine what excites and interests them, so we can incorporate those motivators into teaching and reinforcement strategies.

By using preference assessments, we can design learning experiences that are not only more engaging but also specifically tailored to your child's unique interests. This approach helps make learning and skill-building both enjoyable and effective!

Click the link below for more information.

- [Preference Assessment](#)

Hunterdon County Transition Fair - March 29

Caregivers of NJ is hosting a Transition Fair in Hunterdon County on Saturday, March 29, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Hunterdon Central Regional High School. This event is designed for middle school, high school, and post-graduate families, providing valuable resources and information to help guide individuals through transitions in education, services, and community support. It's a great opportunity for families to connect with organizations, explore available resources, and gain insights into planning for the future.



Spring Carnival for Children with Special Needs – May 17

This year's Spring Carnival for Children with Special Needs will be held on Saturday, May 17, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Online registration will open at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, April 1, 2025. Be sure to register early for this fun and free event! Rain or shine, the carnival promises a fantastic time for children ages 4 to 12, with activities such as:

- Bounce houses
- Art projects
- Face painting
- Balloon twisters
- Pony rides
- The signature treasure hunt, and much more!

The Governor and First Lady host the event alongside the Drumthwacket Foundation. It is a wonderful way to celebrate the joys of spring in a welcoming and inclusive environment. Mark your calendars for this fun-filled day, and be ready to register once the online form opens on April 1.



New York Metro Disability Expo – May 2-4

The New York Metro Disability Expo is happening May 2-4, at the New Jersey Convention & Expo Center! This event is free, but registration is required.



This event offers a fantastic opportunity to explore cutting-edge disability products, technology, and resources. It's a great chance to learn, engage, and discover new innovations to support our community. Here's what you can look forward to:

- Accessible Climbing Wall – Test your skills and conquer the wall!
- Adaptive Sports – Experience hands-on adaptive sports activities.
- Dance Workshops – Learn new moves and have fun.
- Informative Workshops – Attend sessions packed with valuable knowledge.
- And so much more!

Event Hours:

- Friday, May 2: 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- Saturday, May 3: 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- Sunday, May 4: 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Click the link below to learn more and to register:

- [Abilities Expo Information & Registration](#)

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.



This month students participated in a fire drill, as well as a bomb threat drill. Our students continue to follow all the necessary procedures when we are conducting our emergency drills.

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