



Race Brook School Weekly Newsletter

RESPECT OTHERS, BE RESPONSIBLE, SAFETY FIRST

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Orange Public Schools Mission:

The faculty and staff will ensure that all children will achieve academic excellence in a safe and supportive environment in order for them to become life-long learners.

Our goal is to inspire and empower each student to achieve academic excellence, embrace social and individual responsibility, and lead with integrity. We believe all individuals should be valued and treated with respect.

Race Brook School Calendar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
16 GS 60573 –6:15 BOE Meeting 7PM	17 Disco Fever Day! DARE	18 Winter concert Grs.3-6 9:30A (Gr 2 attends) and 1:30P (Gr 1 attends)	19 Gr. 1 Family Fun Day 9 –10:30 AM	20 Spirit Day – Wear your School colors; Red, white and black Gr. 6 Salute To Traditions 1PM
Holiday Recess – December 23 – January 1				
30	31 New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day!	2	3

FROM THE DESK OF MR. GRAY

Dear Race Brook Families,

With the close of 2019 upon us it seems more apparent than ever just how priceless and meaningful the relationships we develop and the moments we are fortunate enough to spend with family, friends and colleagues have become. Since coming to Race Brook School thirteen years ago I have been lucky enough to develop strong relationships with all members of the Race Brook community and feel truly blessed to have the opportunity to work alongside such kind, caring and respectful staff, children, and families.

It was a pleasure seeing everyone at our first and second grade Winter Jamboree. I was unable to be at school for our Annual Winter Concert, but I was told the turnout was quite large for both performances. There is nothing like the talented voices of our children to make the season bright and bring the spirit of the holidays to life! I encourage all of us to capture their spirit, embrace it and carry it with us every day.

The generous donations of toys, food, and your personal time this month have simply been overwhelming. Through your example the children are learning the joy of giving to others and continuing in the tradition of kindness and sharing that makes Race Brook School so special year after year.

On behalf of the Race Brook staff, I wish all of you the blessings of peace and the love of family and friends throughout this holiday season and beyond.

Sincerely,

Michael Gray

FIRST AND SECOND GRADE WINTER JAMBOREE



Congratulations to our first and second grade students on a job well done performing at the Winter Jamboree! You all sounded and looked great! Thank you to all of the family and friends who attended, we appreciate your support.

WINTER CONCERT



Congratulations to all our third, fourth, fifth and sixth grade performers for a job very well done! Thanks to Mrs. Olden for all of her work in preparing the children for the concerts!

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

This week, students had the opportunity to experience arcade games created by the 4th grade, based on *Caine's Arcade*. The 4th graders learned so much about engineering and marketing! The other grade levels thoroughly enjoyed participating.



Over vacation, if you're looking for an indoor activity, I have attached a Bingo Card that students can use while browsing on PebbleGo, which can be accessed via the ClassLink page on www.oess.org. Login with the *username*, racebrook and the *password*, school.

<https://www.pebblego.com/sites/default/files/files/DM-366--Winter%20break%20bingo%20card%20for%20PebbleGo-English-color.pdf>

OPPORTUNITY FOR THIRD AND FOURTH GRADE GIRLS

See the attached flyer for information regarding STEM opportunities for third and fourth grade girls.

[Infinite Possibilities Flyer](#)

TROOP 60274 COLLECTION FOR VETERANS

During the month of January Girl Scout Troop 60274 will be holding a clothing collection for local Veterans. See the attached flyer for a list of items that are being collected.

[Girl Scout Troop 60274 Collection List](#)

PARENT PRESENTATION – “UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD’S IEP”

See the attached flyer for more information

[Understanding Your Child’s IEP](#)

AMITY FORCE HOLIDAY BASKETBALL CLINIC CANCELLED

Due to a change in the availability of the gymnasium, the Amity Force Holiday Clinic has been cancelled. Please contact Nick Dottori at amityforcebasketball@gmail.com with questions.

RBS VIRTUAL BACKPACK

VIRTUAL BACKPACK <http://www.oess.org/page.cfm?p=2293>

This week you will find the following notices added to the virtual backpack.

School/PTA News

[Infinite Possibilities Flyer](#)

[Girl Scout Troop 60274 Collection List](#)

[RBS Daily Pickup Form](#)

[2020 - 2021 School Year Calendar](#)

Park and Recreation/Community News

FAMILY ACTIVITY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
22 Have your child talk to older relatives about their childhood days.	23 Learn a tongue twister. At dinner, challenge everyone to repeat it three times fast.	24 At bedtime tonight, tell your child a story about yourself when you were her age.	25 Give your child a gift certificate good for one special activity with you.	26 Talk to your child about the importance of writing thank-you notes for gifts.	27 Play a family board or card game tonight that strengthens thinking skills.	28 Have your child design a new cover for a much-loved book.