



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.

FROM THE DESK OF MR. GRAY

Dear Race Brook Families,

You will notice a change in the assignments this week. Our teachers have designed a Choice Board for students to access during this last week of the 2019-2020 school year. Students have worked very hard all year and teachers are providing some fun activities to change things up and provide options for students to self-navigate. In addition, teachers will be focusing on social interactions with their students to provide a place for classmates to bring closure to the year. We hope this Choice Board provides opportunities for students to learn while having fun.

FROM THE TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Please see the attached letter from our Technology Department regarding the option for families to either return chrome books on June 15 and 16 or to keep them for the summer to be returned at the start of school in the fall.

[Chromebook Letter](#)

IMPROTANT DATES

June 12

RBS Last Day of School Event Gr. 1-5

RBS Sixth Grade Promotion Parade

Report Cards Available in Powerschool

June 15 and 16

Race Brook School Materials Return

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

The Three Rs of Learning from Home: Tips for Stressed-out Families

Peace at Home - Free Online Courses

Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence

Family Gratitude Wall

STUDENT LUNCH BALANCES

As the end of the year approaches, some of our families have negative balances on their child's lunch account. If you have not checked lately, please log into PowerSchool and review the status of your account. Payment can be made online or dropped off to the main office. **Specifically, for families of sixth grade students,** If you have money left in your child's account you can contact Mrs. Onofrio; fonofrio@orange-ed.org to have that money transferred to the account of a younger sibling or you can request a refund by contacting Cindy Maltais; cmaltais@orange-ed.org and provide the following information;

Student Name

Student Lunch ID number

School

To whom refund check should be made payable

Mailing address

Any money left in a child's account who will be returning in the fall will be carried over to next year.

SUMMERTIME SAFETY

As the weather gets warmer and our students are enjoying more outdoor activities, I'd like to take a moment to discuss bicycle and water safety. It is important to be sure that our boys and girls are wearing helmets whenever they ride their bicycles, scooters and even roller-skates/rollerblades. Wearing a helmet will help to protect children from sustaining head injuries while enjoying these fun outdoor activities. Students should also never swim without adult supervision. Be sure to

speak with your children about the dangers of swimming unattended and the importance of adhering to parent guidelines for swimming safely. Please see the attached resources for more information. We wish you a safe and happy summer enjoying the outdoors!

<https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/water-safety.html>

<https://www.safekids.org/watersafety>

<https://northeast.aaa.com/content/dam/aaa-ne-web/pdf/community/AAA-So-Your-Child-Wants-a-Bike%202.pdf>

<https://northeast.aaa.com/content/dam/aaa-ne-web/pdf/community/Fitting-A-Bicycle-Helmet.pdf>

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY - RETURNING LIBRARY BOOKS

Many families have been asking about the library books they have at home. Each day there will be a bin out by the front door of the school so that books can be dropped off when it's convenient for families. The bin will be available from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm daily.

A NOTE FROM MRS. CORKINDALE

Dear Race Brook students and families,

Thank you for your many pictures, cards, letters and gifts. I really enjoyed reading your cards and letters as I snuggled in the beautiful blanket so many of you helped to make. I am very lucky to work at Race Brook School with so many wonderful teachers, students and parents. I appreciate your kindness and generosity. I hope you have a wonderful summer. Stay well and have fun!

Love,
Mrs. Corkindale

FAMILY ACTIVITY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7 Does your child have a summer reading list? Post it in a special place. Check off books as he/she reads.	8 Make a list of 10 things your child learned in school this year. Post it on the refrigerator.	9 Choose a news story. Cut off the headline. Challenge your child to write their own.	10 Talk about favorite songs. Ask your child why she likes her favorite song.	11 Ask family members, "If you were an animal, which animal would you be and why?"	12 Review math facts tonight. Make flash cards so your child's math skills don't slip over the summer.	13 Most libraries have summer reading programs for kids. Sign your child up today.