



Race Brook School Weekly Newsletter

RESPECT OTHERS, BE RESPONSIBLE, SAFETY FIRST

SEPT. 8, 2019

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
9	10	11	12	13 Spirit Day
16 BOE Meeting – 7:00pm	17 Fire Prevention Poster Discussion – 4 and 5 grade	18	19	20 PTA Meeting – Room Parent Tea – 9:00am

FROM THE DESK OF MR. GRAY

Dear Race Brook Families,

Being in school regularly and on time is a major factor in the successful outcome of a child's learning. With that in mind we would like to remind families of the district attendance policy and the options available for reporting student absences. Absences can be reported by parents through email at rbsabsences@orange-ed.org or by visiting the school web page and clicking the family resources button at the top of the page to access the absence reporting icon. Attached below is a link to the district letter outlining the attendance policy. Parents are strongly encouraged to read this letter and contact the main office with questions. The letter can also be found below and in the Virtual Backpack under School News.

[District Attendance Letter](#)

Smarter Balance Assessment Results.

Parents in grades four through six can expect to receive the 2019 Smarter Balanced Assessment results in the mail later this week. Please note that the SBA scores in math and literacy represent a baseline and may not accurately reflect your child's overall ability or classroom performance. For this reason, the Orange Public Schools uses multiple measures to identify areas of strength and opportunities for growth in each student. For more information, the State Department of Education has provided Smarter Balanced Parent Guides at www.ct.gov/sde/parentguides

FROM THE NURSE

Mandatory Health Screenings/Programs in School

Each school nurse coordinates and conducts annual screenings. Parents will be notified if there is a need for further evaluation as a result of the screenings. An approximate timeline of our annual screenings and classes...

September/October/November

Vision Screening Grades K, 1, 3, 4, and 5 Hearing Screening Grades K, 1, 3, 4, and 5

February/March/April

Human Growth and Development Classes Grades 4, 5, and 6 Scoliosis Screening Grade 5 girls only

Clothing Needed

The nurses office is in need of some gently used clothing to be kept for students use. Elastic waist pants/shorts, t-shirts, sweatshirts, unused socks and under- wear; both boys and girls and sizes ranging from kindergarten to 6th grade. Thank you in advance for your help!!

Thank you!

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PTA

Fall Mum Sale

Welcome back families! Fall is just around the corner, and that means the return of the PTA Mum sale! Please support our students and teachers while also making your yard more beautiful! Orders will be accepted through Friday 9/20 with a pick-up date of Friday 9/27. Please see flyer for more information and thank you from the RBS PTA!

Fall Plant Sale 2019

SAVE THE DATE!

It's RBS's Monster Bash! Saturday October 19th! Don't miss out on one of the best days of the year. Want to make this year's event a big success? Please consider volunteering a little time or donating an item to the silent auction. Please see flyer for more information. Thank you from the RBS PTA!

Monster Bash 2019

PTA Post Card

Check out our monthly PTA newsletter with information about upcoming events, fundraisers and how you can become more involved in the Race brook School community!

PTA Post Card - September 2019

POWERSCHOOL REMINDER

Be sure to log on to <http://oess.powerschool.com> to update all your information. Be sure your settings are set to receive all announcements including "General Announcements" as this will be the method used to send my Sunday Eblast to families. **Be sure to view and update the "Student Verification" form so that we can reach you in case of an emergency.** If you need assistance logging in or have forgotten your username or password, please contact the school office for assistance. Also, please remember to read and check off all the Policy Permissions and Agreements.

RBS PRIVATE INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT

Do you ever wish you could see more pictures and get updates from Race Brook School throughout the day, in real time, as exciting events are happening? Wish there were a way that you could finally get an answer (other than "Nothing.") when you ask your child "What did you do in school today?"...!?

Well now there is!!!

In an effort to continue strengthening the home school connection we have created a Race Brook School Instagram account. Throughout the school year, we take many photos of day-to-day activities as well as special events, and using Instagram gives us a platform to share them safely and securely with the Race Brook School community.

We've started a private Instagram account -- accessible only to Race Brook School parents, teachers, and staff.

Find us on Instagram (@rbsorange).

Request to follow the account.

Click the link in the bio to complete a short form.

Once we confirm your identity, you will be approved to follow the account.

If you want to make sure you never miss a post from us, click the three little dots in the upper-right corner and click "Turn on Post Notifications." Then your phone will let you know whenever we add a new photo.

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

[PTA Post Card - September 2019](#)

[Fall Plant Sale 2019](#)

[Monster Bash 2019](#)

Park and Recreation/Community News

FAMILY ACTIVITY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
8 Tonight, talk with your child about the week ahead. Plan to do this every Sunday night.	9 A nutritious breakfast helps kids learn. Make sure your child starts the day with a healthy breakfast.	10 Keep a basket or box as home base for library books. It will help your child keep track of them.	11 Make sure you and your child know school rules. Ask for a list and post them on your refrigerator.	12 Let your child pick a word. Together, put its letters in alphabetical order.	13 Turn chores into a game. Assign each chore a number and have your child roll a die to see which one he gets.	14 Suggest that your child clean out her backpack every weekend. She'll start the week organized.

