



# The Runkle News

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**Runkle PTO Annual FUND**  
Our school. Their future.

**PLEASE HELP US REACH OUR \$60,000 GOAL!**

Our School's PTO Annual Fund Supports: Cross Country & Track Team Shirts, the Multi-Purpose Room's Theater Spotlight, Performing Arts Activities for All Grades, Java Programming in the Computer Lab, the Brookline Talks Speakers Series, 2nd Grade Classroom Furniture, the Middle School Science Club, plus Community Activities like Bingo & Trivia Night!

## PTO MESSAGES OF THE WEEK:

**Enjoy Music In The Morning at Runkle Wednesday 2/15/17**

**K-2 Morning Meeting Thursday 2/16/17 8:05am Multipurpose Room**

**Celebrate Runkle's Diversity and Multi-Cultural Population International Spirit Day Thursday 2/16/17**

## From the PTO



Hello Runkle Community!

Winter is truly here! The Runkle PTO hopes that you have enjoyed the snow with your families. We thank you to the families who have donated to the Annual Fund. We are at \$37,341 getting closer to our \$60K goal. We are making things happen!

A big thanks to all those who attended last Tuesday's monthly PTO coffee meeting in the library and for Teresa Gallo-Toth who gave us a wonderful talk that explained the diverse availability of traditional and electronic books that keep the children reading current with technology.

We had a wonderful visit on February 8th from acclaimed illustrator, Giles Larocheis as part of the Performing Arts at Runkle (PAAR) funded by the PTO Annual Fund. The 3rd Grade enjoyed his discussion about his unique illustration style and inspirations.

We will be hearing more info soon pertaining to the Runkle principal search. Superintendent Andrew Bott should be making an announcement.

This week we look forward to more community enriching events such as:

### This Week's Events

#### Middle School Yoga

Tues, Feb 14  
2:40 - 3:40 pm

#### Music in the Morning

Wed, Feb 15  
7:40 am  
Lobby

#### K-2 Morning Meeting

Thurs. Feb 16  
8:05am  
Multi Purpose Rm

#### International Spirit Day

Thurs, Feb 16

#### Science Club

Fri, Feb 17  
2:30 - 3:30 pm  
Room 6D

### Upcoming Events

**No School - Vacation Week**

Teen Yoga Tues. 2/14

Music in the Morning Wed. 2/15

K-2 Morning Meeting Thurs. 2/16  
International Spirit Day Thurs 2/16

Happy Valentine's Day to all and thanks for all your support!



Lynne and Dorothy  
Runkle PTO Co Chairs  
pto@runkle.org

## PTO Events and Volunteer Opportunities

**PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO LEAD AND HELP ORGANIZE THESE SPECIAL EVENTS:**

**Math and Science Night, April 7th**  
email Neena Haider: [nhaidem@gmail.com](mailto:nhaidem@gmail.com)

**International Night, May 19th**  
email Katja Vinha: [kvinha@gmail.com](mailto:kvinha@gmail.com)

### MUSIC IN THE MORNING

**Wednesday, February 15** is the next Music in the Morning. All are welcome to participate. Anyone interested should contact Matt Burke at [mattburke87@gmail.com](mailto:mattburke87@gmail.com).

### DINO CLUB

Every **Thursday afternoon 2:45-3:30** in Room 113  
Is your child interested in dinosaurs? The Junior Paleontologist club is for you! The club is for Runkle students who love dinosaurs and are interested in sharing books, videos, ideas or just sitting and talking about dinosaurs with like-minded kids. The club will be run by Runkle parent Debbie Caruso, who has over 20 years of experience teaching and working with kids in grades K-8.

### UPCOMING EVENTS - MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!

**March 17:** Middle School Dance  
**April 28:** Astronomy Night

## MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

### YOGA ON TUESDAYS

**Tuesdays: February 14, 28, and March 7**  
**2:40-3:40**

Mon, Feb 20 to Fri, Feb 24

### ABSENCE LINE REMINDER

If your child will not be in school for any day(s), please call the absence line at 617-879-4249 BEFORE 8:00 am to report the information. You can leave a message for multiple days if needed.



The February Lunch Menu can be found [here](#).

### MANAGING THE RUNKLE NEWS

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The Brookline Education Foundation is thrilled to announce the five PSB parents running in the 2017

Boston Marathon with Team Brookline to raise money for the BEF and the Public Schools of Brookline.

Our amazing 2017 runners are:  
Shauna Betof (Devotion)  
Preble Jaques (Lincoln)  
Jon Karlen (Heath)  
Nicole Lipson (Driscoll)  
Jeremy Morrison (Runkle)

With 64 days to go until race day, we want to start this team off with a bang! Please join us in supporting

This class taught by Runkle's own Eva Sevan Sklaver, a long time yogi and certified teacher and 200 hour certified yoga instructor.

Please let us know if you plan to attend by filling out this [form](#). There are a limited number of yoga mats available. Contact Sandy Costello at [samcos2001@yahoo.com](mailto:samcos2001@yahoo.com) for more information.

### SCIENCE CLUB ON FRIDAYS

Please note that Science Club starts at 2:30 p.m. on Fridays not at 1:40  
**Fridays: February 17, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**  
in Mr. Domerson's room

Thanks to parent donations to the PTO Annual Fund, these middle school activities are free to students.

## Runkle Math and Science Night



### Student Projects:

Here is your chance to think and work like a real-life scientist or mathematician. The exhibition will be about sharing work/ideas and entries will not be judged.

Student projects can be anything math or science related. Students do not have to demonstrate an experiment. Projects can describe a concept, like Climate Change.

Students (K-8) may work alone or in small groups and do one project in ANY math or science discipline - be creative! This project should be student-driven. We want you to be creative, think, and share your great ideas! Projects should fit on a desk and include a poster or paper with title, concept, and description/conclusion.

You can use any (nontoxic) materials you want - Legos, newspapers, or an iPad, to name a few.

**DEADLINE:** All participants must submit their name, homeroom, title, and a brief description (a couple of sentences) by **Friday, March 24th** to qualify. We will then give each mathematician / scientist further details.

Students interested in participating should email Neena Haider at: [nhaidem@gmail.com](mailto:nhaidem@gmail.com)

**Parents are needed to help organize too!**

To get involved email Neena Haider at: [nhaidem@gmail.com](mailto:nhaidem@gmail.com)

their efforts. Donate at [www.teambrookline.org](http://www.teambrookline.org)

### Classifieds

*Please note: The Runkle News and PTO have not researched and are not responsible for the services, products, and/or requests made in these ads.*

#### PIANO INSTRUCTION - 5 blocks from Runkle

Learn Jazz/Blues/Classical, theory, sightreading from a Berklee and New England Conservatory graduate with 30+ years teaching experience. Build a high quality musical foundation with an upbeat, patient, and caring instructor. Beginners welcome. Have a positive and successful learning experience. Contact Gloria Jasinski at 617.566.9704 or email [piano566@comcast.net](mailto:piano566@comcast.net)

#### EXPERIENCED DOG WALKER AND CAT SITTER AVAILABLE IN RUNKLE AREA

I have been walking dogs and providing cat care for over 13 years and work with a number of Runkle families. Please call Liz at 617-407-1315

#### BABYSITTER AVAILABLE

Experienced babysitter and a Runkle graduate, now a junior at Brookline High, is seeking families in need of a babysitter (short- or long-term), and is flexible with hours. Contact Sophia at 617-888-0399.

#### ACTIVEMINDS TUTORING, LLC:

Your source for in-home tutoring. Effective, personalized and convenient. All grades/all subjects, including test preparation. Sign your child up today for academic success! Call 617-227-2225 or email: [info@activemindstutoring.com](mailto:info@activemindstutoring.com). Please visit our website at: [www.activemindstutoring.com](http://www.activemindstutoring.com)

#### TUTOR AVAILABLE

Certified masters level special education teacher who is also certified in Wilson Language Instruction. I am currently working in the RISE program and would like to tutor privately in math and/or ELA. Having over 18 years of teaching experience, I feel that I would be a good match for students in grade 4 and below, preferably within walking distance of Runkle.

## From the Principal's Desk

\* EVERYONE IS WELCOME \*

Hello, all. It's been quite a wintry stretch for us! I hope you and your children have been able to enjoy some good old-fashioned, non-screen-time fun together in the snow this elongated weekend.

We are in the final hiring paperwork stages to bring Garrett Wallace on board as our long-term substitute for our music teacher Sarah Gardner, who is expecting her first child any day now! Mr. Wallace is a graduate of the Berklee College of Music and has experience teaching music in Lexington and Lynn. Mr. Wallace has 'shadowed' Ms. Gardner over the course of two days this past week, acclimating himself to our curriculum, routines, and of course, our students.

Jen Schultz has been gradually increasing her workload as she continues her transition back to full-time status. John DeAngelo, who teaches Physical Education at the Devotion School, recently joined the Runkle Physical Education staff on a temporary, part-time basis to teach classes on Ms. Schultz's schedule that she has not yet resumed. Welcome to Runkle, Mr. DeAngelo!

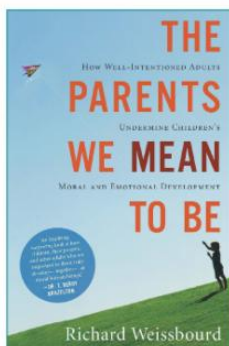
Congratulations to the Brookline High School for their dramatic overtime win this weekend over Needham in the WGBH Quiz Bowl! (The episode should soon be available via DVR and online at <http://www.wgbh.org/quizshow/>.) BHS advances to the quarterfinals against Lexington High School with their victory. Last week we tweeted (@RunkleSchool) an op-ed from the Boston Globe written by current BHS student and Runkle alum Jason Altshuler. The theme of this exceptionally crafted piece of expository writing was Mark Twain's famous line, "History doesn't repeat itself, but it does rhyme." For those not among the twitterati, you can access it here: [goo.gl/RxrqnG](http://goo.gl/RxrqnG).

\*\*Due to last week's snowstorm, we have rescheduled **International Spirit Day** to this upcoming **Thursday, February 16**.

Have a wonderful week!

Jim Stoddard  
Runkle School Principal

## Brookline Talks



Brookline Talks  
A SPEAKER SERIES FOR PARENTS

Raising Caring Children  
and Responsible Citizens

Dr. Richard Weissbourd

Tuesday, March 7th, 7:00 pm  
Driscoll School Theatre

To reserve your FREE tickets,  
go to [brooklinetalks.eventbrite.com](http://brooklinetalks.eventbrite.com)

Sponsored by all nine Brookline PTOs, Brookline Education Foundation, Brookline Community Mental Health Center, and the Public Library of Brookline



## HOMEWORK COMPLETION HELP

Completing homework assignments with a homework coach is an opportunity to reinforce and enrich the learning process that happens in the classroom. Coaching includes helping students organize assignment books, binders, and backpacks. Communication with the student's classroom teacher clarifies expectations, and gives me a view of your child as a learner. I am a long-standing Runkle parent with an MEd with a specialty in learning disabilities, have taught for many years in the classroom as a teacher and tutor. References available. Please email [Joanbridger@gmail.com](mailto:Joanbridger@gmail.com).

## HELPING KIDS COMMUNICATE! Speech-language services in your home, all year round

Meryl Heller Schram, MS, CCC-SLP, an experienced and respected pediatric speech-language pathologist, provides individual services for children with communication difficulties. Services are available for toddlers through middle-schoolers with developmental speech-language disorders, language-learning disabilities, articulation/phonological disorders, autism spectrum disorders, and childhood apraxia of speech. Treatment programs are tailored to each youngster's needs and parent involvement is encouraged, resulting in steady and measurable progress.

For more information or to make an appointment, contact:  
Meryl Heller Schram, M.S.,  
CCC-SLP; 617.733.1995;  
[mhschram@comcast.net](mailto:mhschram@comcast.net)

## READING TUTOR:

Experienced certified reading specialist with M.Ed. in Reading Education. Trained in Phono-Graphix, Lindamood, and O.G. I specialize in remediating students who read at or below a 2nd grade level, age 5 to 7. Free assessment. \$40.00 per hour. Formerly employed by "The Learning Lab @ Lesley." Creative, child-friendly, supportive. Please contact Christine Mandell at [birdsongvidin@gmail.com](mailto:birdsongvidin@gmail.com), 617-323-4709.

## From the Community

**SECOND ANNUAL BROOKLINE CLIMATE YOUTH ADAPTATION CHALLENGE**  
**Saturday, April 1, 2017 11:00 am - 2:00 pm**

### **Pierce School Cafeteria, 50 School Street, Brookline**

This is a unique environmental science fair that celebrates art and sciences. Whether your youth enjoy math, science, art, social studies, poetry/writing, acting, engineering or other, they can strategically create something for this wonderful event.

Guidelines:

- \* Be creative and have fun!
- \* Address a current climate change/adaptation challenge.
- \* Present your new idea, concept, theory and experiment that pertains to one of these categories:

**Bioimicry:** Look to nature and natural systems for inspiration. Mother Nature never wastes anything, and engineers and designers are looking at nature-inspired solutions for innovative sustainability.

**Art:** Eco-art display, eco-poetry, eco-themed dance or play (5 minutes total)

**Water:** Propose a solution addressing water quality and pollution, wastewater, water bottles, water conservation and drought.

- \* Spend less than \$20 on materials.
- \* Grade categories: K & 1st, 2nd & 3rd, 4th & 5th, 6th - 8th, and 9th - 12th. All participants receive a Certificate.

Registration is free. **Space is limited - only 12 spots!** Youth can register as individuals, groups, as a class or school. To register, email the following to [CrystalJohnsonISES@gmail.com](mailto:CrystalJohnsonISES@gmail.com):

- \* Youth Name(s)
- \* Grade and School
- \* Brief Project Idea Description
- \* Entry Type (Individual, Group, Class, School or Team)

For more information, visit [www.brooklineclimateweek.org](http://www.brooklineclimateweek.org).

### **SLED HOCKEY CLINIC**

**Thursday February 23rd, 9am-12pm**

**Jack Kirrane Skating Rink, 23 Newton St. Brookline, MA 02445**

Join us on the ice for an introduction to Sled Hockey! Participants of all ages and abilities will get sized for equipment, practice moving around on the ice, play in a scrimmage run by the staff, and get to ask questions about the sport & equipment. Equipment will be provided.

Cost: FREE. **Pre-registration is required by Tuesday, February 21st.** Please e-mail Shelby Jackson, CTRS for details and registration at [sjackson@brooklinema.gov](mailto:sjackson@brooklinema.gov).

Presented by MetroWest Adaptive Sports Collaborative and Spaulding Adaptive Sports Centers.

### **BROOKLINE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN ESSAY CONTEST**

**Submissions Due by February 27th**

The Brookline Commission for Women (BCW) is currently running its 25th annual "A Woman Who Inspires Me" Essay Contest, in celebration of National Women's History Month. All 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade students who live in Brookline or attend a public or private school in Brookline are eligible to submit an essay that honors a woman who inspires them.

The "Women Who Inspires Me" Essay Contest is an important part of chronicling the history of women in Brookline and encourages students to reflect on those who make an impact on their lives. Essay Contest winners will be honored at an awards ceremony on Thursday, March 23rd at 6:30 pm in Hunneman Hall, Brookline Main Library. The ceremony will be held in conjunction with the Commission's naming of the 2017 Brookline Woman of the Year.

Please email [chatchett@brooklinema.gov](mailto:chatchett@brooklinema.gov) for Essay Contest forms and information packets or download them from the BCW website at: [www.brooklinema.gov/BCW](http://www.brooklinema.gov/BCW). Essays may be submitted via email to [chatchett@brooklinema.gov](mailto:chatchett@brooklinema.gov), returned to a Brookline Public School Main Office or delivered to the BCW c/o the Brookline Police Department, 350 Washington Street, Brookline 02445. To be eligible, essays must be received no later than February 27th. Winning essays will be announced on the BCW website and through email on/around March 6th. Please contact BCW Co-Chair, Casey Hatchett at 617-730-2734 or via email at [chatchett@brooklinema.gov](mailto:chatchett@brooklinema.gov) with any questions.

### **SPANISH AND FRENCH TUTOR:**

Recent college graduate available for Spanish and French tutoring. Please contact: [Victoria\\_bonomie@hotmail.com](mailto:Victoria_bonomie@hotmail.com) or [elviraperez@hotmail.com](mailto:elviraperez@hotmail.com)

### **MATH TUTORING:**

Northeastern University Honors Mathematics Graduate with over 10 years of tutoring experience is eager to help students with subjects such as Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Calculus and Achievement Tests (SSAT, PSAT, SAT I & II, MCAS, ISEE & GED). Each session tailored to the student's needs. Sessions start at \$25.00/hr. For more information or to set up an appointment, please contact Jeff Weinstein at 617-277-3106 or [weinstein.jeff4@gmail.com](mailto:weinstein.jeff4@gmail.com).

## **BROOKLINE COMMISSION FOR WOMAN OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS**

### ***Nominations accepted through February 24th***

Nominations for 2017 Brookline Woman of the Year are now being accepted by the Brookline Commission for Women. Nominees must live or work in Brookline. The Woman of the Year will be honored on March 23rd at an awards ceremony in Hunneman Hall as part of the 25th Annual Women Who Inspire Us Essay Contest and Awards Ceremony.

Nominations can be emailed to [BCW@brooklinema.gov](mailto:BCW@brooklinema.gov) or mailed to the Brookline Police Department, c/o Casey Hatchett, 350 Washington Street, Brookline, MA 02445 or by completing the online form at <http://tinyurl.com/BCW-WOTY-2017>. Please be sure to include: your name and contact information, name of the woman you are nominating and her contact information, a narrative about why she should be awarded this honor and two references for the nominee. More information is available on the BCW website at [www.brooklinema.gov/BCW](http://www.brooklinema.gov/BCW).

This event is sponsored by the Brookline Commission for Women in celebration of Women's National History Month. Nominations will be accepted through February 24, 2017. To learn more about the Brookline Commission for Women, please visit: [www.brooklinema.gov/BCW](http://www.brooklinema.gov/BCW).

## **MEDIAGIRLS**

### ***Eight Wednesdays Beginning March 1, 3:30 to 5:00 pm Brookline Teen Center, 40 Aspinwall Ave***

An eight-week program for 6th and 7th grade girls. Participants learn to challenge pop-culture messages aimed at girls, engage in thoughtful discussions about current media trends, make new friends in Brookline, and write inspiring content for girls using social media. Space is limited to 12, so sign up quickly. Visit [www.mediagirls.org](http://www.mediagirls.org) to learn more and register.

## **TUTORING WITH A TWIST: MAKING SUMMER LEARNING FUN & ENGAGING**

***Tutoring and enrichment for students entering 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Grade***  
Tutoring With A Twist uses a fun, child-centered approach to integrate art, math, literacy, science, and social studies learning while exploring our local community!

- Curriculum created by Lauren Kelly & Tanya Paris, certified Brookline teachers
- Student to teacher ratio of 4:1.
- Carefully planned learning opportunities cater to students entering 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade.
- Extra support for those that need a bit of a boost as they approach grade level, as well as enrichment and challenge opportunities for those that are reading at or above grade level.
- 1 hour of direct literacy instruction per day via phonics, guided reading, and extension activities
- Daily log sheets detailing learning and skills focused on
- Art, Science, Math, and Social Studies connections provided through exciting local field trips: Natick Community Organic Farm, Corey Hill Park, D. Blakely Hoar Sanctuary, Boston Swan Boats, The Transportation Museum, and more!

Want to know more? Visit <http://tutoringwithatwist.weebly.com/>  
Space is limited. Sign up today!

## **B'LINE FITNESS CLASSES**

***5:45 and 8:30 am***

### ***Brookline Teen Center, 40 Aspinwall Ave***

B'line Fitness is a community fitness studio run by and for Brookline parents. We are located in the Brookline Teen Center and offer women's only strength/HIIT class, co-ed strength / HIIT class, and heated vinyasa yoga. B'line Fitness is a judgement-free zone for all levels of experience. Our schedule is designed to fit parents' morning routines with classes at 5:45 am and 8:30 am. All equipment is provided and parking is available. Classes are \$15 each. We invite you to join our community! Schedule at <http://blinefitness.weebly.com/>

## **BROOKLINE WINTER FARMERS' MARKET**

***Every Sunday through April 30th, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm***

***The Coolidge Corner Arcade, 318 Harvard Street***

Eat fresh and local 4 seasons a year! The Brookline Winter Farmers' Market offers local produce, meat, and goods from hard workers and farmers across Massachusetts. There is a wide array of products such as: vegetables from Silverbrook Farm, farm raised meat from Stillman's, fresh baked bread from Clear Flour Bread, knife sharpening, cold brew coffee, fresh pasta, local honey, and much more! Visit [www.brooklinewfm.com](http://www.brooklinewfm.com) for more information. See you Sunday!

## **NEW KIDS' BOOTCAMP FOR AGES 6-11**

***Crossfit Coolidge Corner***

***40 Aspinwall Ave., Brookline***

***Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:15 to 4:00 pm***

Looking for ways to keep your kids active? Is your child focused on one sport? Are you concerned about repeat use injury associated with playing a single sport? Benefits include enhanced fitness, focus, confidence, respect, and discipline; improved strength, flexibility and coordination; sport skill enrichment; physical, neuromuscular, and vestibular stimulation. Cost is \$150 for a 10-class punch card. Contact 617-232-0020 or [info@crossfitcoolidgecorner.com](mailto:info@crossfitcoolidgecorner.com)

## **CORNER CO-OP NURSERY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

***Thursday, February 16th, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.***

***1773 Beacon St., Brookline (corner of Beacon and Dean Rds. Entrance on Dean Rd.)***

Celebrating our 45th year! A unique opportunity to participate in your child's formative years and create an extended family with others. We nurture children's natural need to learn and grow through a dialogue-centered process. We regard play as an essential medium of learning. Ages 2 years 9 months to 6 years. Flexible schedule options. Devoted staff. Nut-free school. Contact us for more information at 617-738-4631, or visit us online at [www.cornercoop.org](http://www.cornercoop.org) and check us out on Facebook.

## **SCIENCE SATURDAYS AT MIT**

***Began Saturday, February 4th, 10:00 a.m to 12:00 p.m.***

***Kresge Auditorium, 48 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge***

Our next free MIT campus Science on Saturday event will be "Chemistry" at 10:00 a.m. on March 4.

There is also half-price, same-day admission to the MIT Museum for Science for Science Saturday attendees.

All of our Science on Saturday events on the MIT campus are free and open to all elementary, middle, and high school students, as well as their parents and teachers. They are sponsored by the MIT Museum and the Akamai Foundation. Parking and seating are limited, so we recommend that you arrive early. Attendees can park in either the West Garage (very close to the event) or Albany Garage (a ~10-15-minute walk from the event) provided they can pay the \$8 flat fee with a credit card at either parking garage. Alternatively, attendees can take MBTA buses to the MIT Massachusetts Avenue stop (very close to the event) or the subway to either the Central or Kendall Square T stops (a ~20-minute walk from the event). For maps of the event and parking garage locations, please see our web page:

<http://mitmuseum.mit.edu/program/science-saturday>

Schedule for 2017:

March 4, 2017	Chemistry
April 1, 2017	How the Internet Works
October 14, 2017	Biotechnology
December 2, 2017	Nuclear Science and Engineering