



Runkle News

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PTO MESSAGES OF THE WEEK: Variety Show, Thurs. 6:30pm

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PTO NEWS

Letter From the PTO

Dear Runkle Community,

Congratulations to those who helped to establish the PTO budget for next year. At last week's PTO meeting we passed our budget and elected the new co-chairs and PTO Board Members-at-Large.



Thank you to the PTO Board Members-at-Large: **Dyan Bhatia, Catherine Burke, Bob Carney, Kate Gallagher, Ben Kelley, Alexa Martin, Jen Reed, Alexandra Rengel, Karla Schallies, and Katja Vinha.**

Thank you so much to our outgoing Annual Fund Director, **Emily Foster Day** who successfully led our team to achieve the \$60,000 goal this year! We will miss you, but we are very grateful to **Kathleen S Elasmarr**, who has been critical to our fundraising for the past couple years, for taking over as the new Director.

Thank you to **Ms. G-T** and **Ms. Tanya Paris** for their longstanding membership in the PTO Board.

Thank you especially to Room Parent Coordinator **Deborah Wexler**, for coordinating fall potlucks and managing our communications so well. Thank you also to our 45 Room Parents for all that you do.

Thank you and Best wishes to the New PTO Co-Chairs, **Amy Bacon** and **Sharon Brockmann**, for joining **Dorothy** for what will be a wonderful 2017-18 at Runkle. We cannot thank Lynne Chuang enough for her outstanding leadership, service, and devotion to Runkle as PTO Co-chair in the past two years. Thank you, Lynne!

Have a great week!

Sincerely,
Dorothy and Lynne
Runkle PTO Co-chairs
pto@runkle.org

Event Calendar

This Week's Events:

Tuesday, June 13th:

-R.E.D. Fundraiser Picnic, 5:30 pm, Runkle Field

Wednesday, June 14th:

-METCO Staff Appreciation Lunch, 11:00 am-1:00 pm

-Dino Club, 2:45-3:30 pm, Room 113

-School Council Meeting, 4:00-6:00 pm, Library

Thursday, June 15th:

-School Committee Meeting, 6:00, Walsh School Committee Room, 5th floor, Town Hall

-Runkle Variety Show, 6:30, Multi-purpose room

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, June 20th

-New Kindergarten Family Picnic, 5:30 pm, Runkle Field

Wednesday, June 21st:

-Dino Club, 2:45-3:30 pm, Room 113

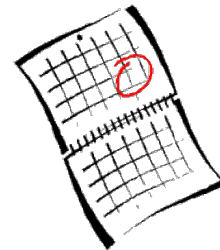
-Runkle Graduation, 4:00 pm, Runkle Field

-PTO-hosted Graduation Reception from 5:30-7:00 pm, Cafeteria

Friday, June 23rd:

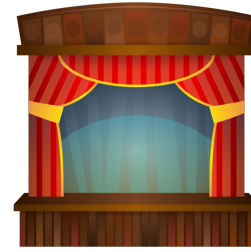
-Last Day of School, NOON DISMISSAL

-PTO Staff appreciation Luncheon



Runkle Variety Show, Thursday, June 15th at 6:30 pm

We hope many of you will come to this Thursday's Runkle Variety Show, which begins at 6:30 p.m. Many students and staff have signed up to perform in the relaxed, supportive, and casual setting of our Multi-purpose Room. Many thanks to teachers Eric Lass and Ania Bigda for organizing this school-sponsored special event!



After School Clubs

DINO CLUB: Wednesdays 2:45-3:30 PM in Room 113. For students who love dinosaurs and are interested in sharing books, videos, ideas or just sitting and talking about dinosaurs. The club is run by Runkle parent Debbie Caruso, who has over 20 years of experience teaching and working with kids in grades K-8. Remaining dates: 6/14 & 6/21.

Get involved! PTO Volunteer Opportunities for 2017-18



[Click here to volunteer!](#)

Perhaps you are wondering about how you can get involved at Runkle?

The PTO needs help with many positions. So much of your children's Runkle experience depends upon parent involvement. Please see below for more details.

The PTO needs help with these positions:

- Annual Fund Team
- Halloween Fair Team
- International Night Team
- Music in the Morning
- Music & Arts Festival Team
- PTO Room Parent Co-Coordinator
- Runkle News Editor Team

[**Volunteer Now!**](#)

Eighth Grade Graduation Ceremony and Reception

Please join us to celebrate the 8th grade class's promotion to high school on **Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 4:00 pm**. The graduation ceremony will take place on the Runkle field and will be **followed by a PTO-hosted reception at the Cafeteria, from 5:30 - 7:00 pm**.



Call for 7th Grade Parent Volunteers

A core group of 7th grade parents have been hard at work planning for the PTO-funded 8th grade graduation reception, which is a Runkle tradition. Approximately 400 guests are expected, which means more helping hands are needed to give the students a proper send-off.

Today, please mark your calendar to give a few hours on Wednesday, June 21st. [Click here](#) to sign up for a time slot.

June Lunch Menu



The June lunch menu can be found [here](#).

OTHER NEWS

A Note From the Principal's Desk



EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Dear Families,

Runkle had a special treat on Friday when former New England Patriot Martellus Bennett came to read to the 4th grade in the Martin Sleeper Library. Mr. Bennett, a spokesperson for the Read to a Child literacy and

mentoring program, read "Hey AJ - It's Saturday!", a story he himself wrote. Mr. Bennett's passion for literacy, engagement, and the welfare of children was on full display, and our students and staff will remember both the message and the man for a long time. Many thanks to the parents who helped make this visit happen!

Also this week, our graduating class took part in a three-day End-of-Eighth Experience, where students with their teachers celebrated their time at Runkle, which will be coming to an end with their Graduation on June 21. On Wednesday, the group hit the rapids on the Deerfield River in Western Massachusetts, which had just received six inches of rain prior to our visit. This created a most exhilarating whitewater rafting experience, which required much teamwork, communication, and cooperation to successfully traverse 13 miles of the Category III rapids on what was a picture-perfect, sunny, early summer day. On Thursday, following a whole-grade breakfast in the cafeteria, the group went into Boston, for lunch and shopping at Faneuil Hall Marketplace, followed by taking in a matinee performance at the Boston Opera House of the Broadway show *Wicked*, a "fractured fairy tale" musical based on *The Wizard of Oz*. On Friday, the group conquered the numerous mental and physical challenges of the "real-world gaming environment" known as Boda Borg, in Malden. By all accounts, the three days provided a wonderful capstone experience for our graduating class.

We have two exciting end-of-year activities for the whole school this week. Thursday night is the return of the Runkle School Variety Show in our Multi Purpose Room, and Friday, starting at lunchtime, will be Runkle Field Day, which is busily being planned by the Runkle Student Council. More information will be shared in the coming days!

Congratulations to parents Leigha Cuniberti, Kristan Singleton, and Julie Young, who have been elected to serve on the Runkle School Council, as well as staff members Ania Bigda, Teresa Gallo-Toth, and Kim Munroe.

YOU are RUNKLE

Jim Stoddard, Runkle School Principal

A Note From the Sleeper Library



Summertime...and *the reading is easy!*

Finding a book to read...

The Public Schools of Brookline have recently published the suggested summer reading lists for students Pre-K through high school at:

<http://brooklinesummerreading.weebly.com>.

Follow this link to find the list for the grade your child will be entering in the fall or take a look what 8th graders may be reading. Check out the BHS list and find a book for you to read as your child reads their own selection.

Recording books read...

All Runkle students are asked to read five books over the summer. This total can certainly include books read aloud to the student. Recent research shows that reading four or five books during the summer "is large enough to prevent a decline in reading scores from spring to fall."

The title and author of each book is then recorded on the Runkle Reading Log. Students return this log to their teacher before September 28th. Students have received a print copy of their respective reading list and a Reading Log.

Discovering the many ways to read...

Perhaps your child would like to listen to an audiobook or read an eBook on their phone or at the computer? The Public Schools of Brookline now provides this opportunity not only during the summer but for all year long!

The specific directions for Runkle students to access reading in these formats will be published in the next Runkle News. By the way, if you have a 7th or 8th grader at Runkle, they will be receiving the directions this week through their class so check with one of them.

A Note From the Runkle Extended Day Program (R.E.D.)

R.E.D. 7th Annual Picnic Fundraiser!

All proceeds benefit our tuition assistance fund.

WHERE: Runkle Field

WHEN: Tuesday, June 13th, 5:30 pm

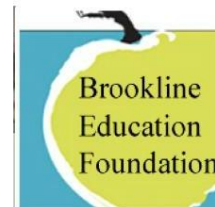
COST: \$15/sandwich



[Click here for a food order form.](#)

A Note From the Brookline Education Foundation (BEF)

HONOR A TEACHER! The Brookline Education Foundation has kicked off its end-of-the-year Honor a Teacher campaign. Please consider making a donation of any size to acknowledge a teacher, specialist, administrator, librarian, nurse, or coach. Honorees will receive notification from the BEF of your gift. Our faculty and staff greatly appreciate the recognition, which supports grants in all our schools, ranging from PreK to 12th Grade. Tell our special teachers how important their work is! [Visit here to donate.](#)



A Note From the Brookline Parent Education Network (BPEN): Substance Abuse Prevention Survey

B-PEN is asking all parents to complete a short survey about attitudes and practices around underage drinking. [Click here to take the survey.](#) B-PEN is part of the Substance Abuse Prevention Collaborative (SAPC), which works with Brookline, Belmont, Watertown and Waltham to prevent teen drinking and other drug use. Research shows that addressing underage drinking also reduces the risk that youth will go on to misuse other substances. Your input will help us tailor education and outreach. Thank you for helping us keep our youth safe!



A Note From the Public Schools of Brookline: School Committee Meeting

The School Committee will be meeting on Thursday, June 15, 2017 at 6:00 PM in the Walsh School Committee Room, 5th Floor, Town Hall.

[Click here for the docket for this meeting.](#)

FROM THE COMMUNITY

Events, Classes, Activities

BROOKLINE PUBLIC LIBRARY: TEE OFF AT THE LIBRARY -- STAR- WARS-STYLE!

Saturday, June 17, Doors open at 12:00 pm, last tee off is at 4:00 pm

Brookline Library's Brookline Village branch will be transformed into a mini-golf course. Families and community members of all ages are invited to an afternoon of mini-golf, snacks, refreshments, and a visit to the Star Wars Museum. [Sign up.](#)

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA

Tuesday, June 20, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Cypress Field (across the street from the High School)

Black pants and white top preferred. Bring your own mat or towel. [Click here for more information.](#)

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL PUBLIC HEALTH POLICY FORUM

Wednesday, June 21

Light refreshments from 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Panel discussion from 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Brookline Senior Center, 93 Winchester Street, Brookline

Health Care Reform: Navigating Uncharted Waters. Former Governor Michael S. Dukakis, Moderator. Presented by Friends of Brookline Public Health and Brookline Adult & Community Education. [Click here for more information.](#)

FAMILY-TO-FAMILY FREE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Free 12-week course beginning Tuesday, September 19th in Brookline

This free 12-week course led by NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) is for family caregivers and friends of individuals with serious brain disorders, such as major depression, bipolar disorder, and schizophrenia. The series of 12 evening classes includes information on medications, coping/communication skills, problem solving, self-care, community resources, and more. The course and all materials are FREE for participants. For more information and to register, please contact Mary Harris (617-620-4583 or maryharris1985@yahoo.com).

BROOKLINE MUSIC PROGRAM FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICIANS

The Brookline Music Program connects Brookline middle school kids with Brookline High School musicians for FREE music lessons. Sign up for lessons now or beginning in the fall. For information and/or to sign up, visit <https://brooklineteencenter.org/brookline-music-program/>

VOICES BOSTON CHILDREN'S CHORUS

Do you have a child that loves to sing? Join VOICES Boston children's chorus for our 2017-2018 season! With singing at its core and training in dance and drama, VOICES Boston changes the lives of children, building confidence, discipline, leadership and a love of music that will last a lifetime. To sign up or just learn more about the program, visit www.voicesboston.org or contact: Kathryn DiMaria at kdimaria@voicesboston.org or Nina Pelligra at npelligra@voicesboston.org.

Summer Programs

BOOMWRITER SUMMER ONLINE WRITING CAMP WITH ASHLEY HAESE, FOR STUDENTS ENTERING 4TH GRADE

A unique online writing camp. During each of the five daily camp sessions, your child will receive an online writing lesson before then engaging in BoomWriter's collaborative story-writing process. In addition to overseeing the camp, I will be

reviewing your child's writing and providing personal feedback and revision suggestions. When the camp is finished, a published copy of the story containing the names of all camp participants will be sent directly to your home. So cool! [Click here for the link to my camp registration page providing the camp dates and daily schedule.](#)

CLINTON PATH PRESCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAM 2017 for 3-5 year olds

Flexible dates from July 10 - Sept 1

58 Irving Street in Brookline

We are a play-based program that incorporates Multiple Intelligences Theory while honoring every child's needs. Come play with us as we learn and have fun through music, math, nature, language and exploration. Visit www.clintonpathpreschool.com

THE HOUSE OF COLORS SUMMER PROGRAM

July 24 - Aug 11

667 Washington Street, Brookline

Our weeklong classes offer a variety of art activities for kids from the age of 8 to 18. Program begins July 24th. There are three weeks open for the summer. [Check out our website](#) or call Michelle at (617) 365-5625.

MEET ME AT THE FISHING HOLE

Four 1-week sessions from June 29th - July 24th, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Bullough's Pond, Newton

A student-driven learning experience. A summer meet-up for students entering grades 3-6. Find us at <http://meetyouatthefishinghole.weebly.com/>

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! [Visit our Website.](#)

WHAT TO DO WHEN SCHOOL GETS OUT? 17TH ANNUAL BROOKLINE WARRIORS BASEBALL CAMP

June 22 - 23 and June 26 - 30

Warren Field, Brookline

For boys and girls ages 6-15. Contact [Joe Campagna](#) for more information or (617) 293-5621. [Visit us online.](#) Click on Warriors Camp in the left column.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL CLINIC

June 26 - 29, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Tappan Gym, Brookline High School, 66 Tappan St, Brookline

[Email for more information.](#) [Register here.](#) Sponsored by BHS Girls Basketball.

BROOKLINE SMARTSUMMERS

June 29 - August 25

This is a summer enrichment program for children ages 5-13. Open to Brookline residents and non-residents, we offer a wide variety of educational programs that meet for one and two weeks at a time. Children will learn new skills, make new friends, and spend time inside/outdoors. Programs include: science, computers, arts, puppetry, theater, and more. [Click here for more information.](#)

SMARTSUMMERS THEATER ARTS PROGRAM AND PLAYFUL PERFORMANCES

July 10 - August 17

Spend your summer singing, dancing, acting, and having fun! Students take classes in the visual and performing arts and work together to create an original musical production. This summer, our shows are based on outer space stories and will be OUT OF THIS WORLD! [Click here to email your questions.](#) To register, [click here.](#)

BOOMWRITER SUMMER ONLINE WRITING CAMP FOR STUDENTS ENTERING 5TH & 6TH GRADE

Weeks of Aug 7-11, and/or 14-18, and/or 21-25

A unique summer writing camp opportunity that your children can access right from home where students view lessons, receive feedback for revisions, and collaborate to write a short realistic fiction story that will then be published as a paperback book. \$149/Week. Visit [here](#) and/or [contact Kristen Haynes](#) for more information. [Visit here](#) to understand the Boomwriter process.

BROOKLINE MUSIC SCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAMMING

Brookline Music School is the perfect neighborhood destination for families looking for a fun-filled learning experience during the summer school break. Choose from a diverse selection of arts activities for all levels and ages. More info at www.bmsmusic.org/summer

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.

FOR RENT: SINGLE FAMILY ON CLINTON ROAD, SEPT 1ST

Floorplan and photos: <http://78clinton.com/>

More info via Thomer Gil: info@clintonrd.com

A 5-minute walk away from Runkle, this single family home is for rent starting Sept 1st (mid/late August occupancy possible) for at least 1 year, possibly more. Incomparable property with terrific light, flow, and detail. Central A/C, renovated to make excellent use of space for today's living. 5000+ sqft on nearly half acre lot, 5 bedrooms plus 2 large offices, one with dividable guest room suite; 4 full bathrooms, 2 half bathrooms; open chef's eat-in-kitchen with perfect den/family area, fireplace. Large dining room, spacious living room. Large windows

overlooking atypically large backyard. Plenty of space for kids to play and run around, summer/spring BBQ, and entertaining. Attached 2-car garage. Rent is \$9500/month.

MORE FUN THAN SUMMER SCHOOL!

Does your child need to catch up this summer or get ahead in math or test prep? I am a Driscoll dad and an award-winning tutor with years of teaching experience and I would love to help your child with math or ACT/SAT/ISEE/SSAT test prep this summer. I have had many successful students in Brookline - see my tutoring profile at www.wyzant.com/tutors/brooklinebest for positive testimonials and reviews Call Jay at (617) 652-0108 to set your child up for academic success!

BUSINESS MANAGER WANTED, TEMPLE OHABEI SHALOM

Temple Ohabei Shalom is looking for an enthusiastic, diligent, dedicated Business Manager to coordinate day-to-day business operations. The successful candidate is both detail-oriented and community-oriented and thrives in a fast-paced, good-humored, unpretentious environment. Reporting to the Executive Director, this position encompasses financial duties (accounting, bookkeeping, budget, cash flow management, payroll) and some aspects of human resources (insurance, contracts, workers' comp, etc.), as well as some IT functions. The person in this role will be responsible for migrating and unifying financial systems into QuickBooks, under direction of Temple Treasurer.

<https://www.ohabei.org/business-manager/>

EVENTS & ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR WANTED, TEMPLE OHABEI SHALOM

Temple Ohabei Shalom seeks an energetic and committed Events & Engagement Coordinator to coordinate details on a variety of events and programs. This is a part-time position with flexible hours that will include evening and weekend responsibilities, variable by season. Reporting to the Executive Director, the Events & Engagement Coordinator will work in collaboration with Education and Temple staff. This role will serve as a primary point of access for participants ("a public face of TOS"); excellent customer service orientation and exceptional organizational skills are a must. This dynamic position will work in a team environment to produce and staff events, meetings, and additional projects as required.

<https://www.ohabei.org/events-engagement-coordinator/>

PIANO INSTRUCTION

Flexible summer scheduling makes now an ideal time to try piano lessons. Berklee & New England Conservatory graduate with 30+ years teaching experience. Beginners welcome. Build a high quality musical foundation with a patient, upbeat, and caring teacher. Gloria Jasinski, phone: (617) 566-9704, email:

piano566@comcast.net

EXPERIENCED RUNKLE 8TH-GRADER AVAILABLE FOR BABYSITTING

Great with kids and very responsible. Available after-school and weekends. Please call or text Sophia at (617) 366-6046.

CHESS INSTRUCTOR WANTED

Runkle parent looking for someone to come home and teach chess to kids. If interested, please contact sabhas@yahoo.com with details.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Newsletter editors: Catherine Burke, Leigha Cuniberti, Lonna Steinberg
Submissions by: Wednesday, 12:00 pm to runkleptonews@gmail.com

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School main phone number: (617) 879-4650.

School website: www.runkle.org

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