PTO ANNUAL FUND 2016-2017 PAJAMA DAY CHALLENGE!
With one week to go before Memorial Day we have reached an impressive 41% participation in this year's PTO Annual Fund drive. THANK YOU RUNKLE FAMILIES! We still have a way to go to reach our goal of 60%. To the families who have not donated yet please help us reach our goal. Click here to donate! Your donations will keep Runkle's many community programs and events alive for all our children and families to enjoy.

From the PTO

Dear Runkle Community,

We hope that your families enjoyed the warm weather this weekend!

It was an amazing time this past Friday with the PTO sponsored event International Night. We thank Katja V. and Jill R. and all of the parent volunteers for their hard work facilitating this wonderful Runkle tradition. The flags that students had colored decorated our school with international pride. Everyone enjoyed all of the wonderful food, music, dance, and sharing of cultures. We especially enjoyed the performances in the multi-purpose room. There was a moving reading of the poem by Emma Lazarus "The New Colossus" displayed on the base of the Statue of Liberty, which highlights our country’s origins of welcoming others.

*Give me your tired, your poor,*
*Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,*
*The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.*
*Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,*
*I lift my lamp beside the golden door!*...- Emma Lazarus

Next week on 5/30-6/2 the PTO will host the Annual Music and Arts Festival.

The Runkle Walking School Bus is in full swing. Don't forget to enjoy the warm weather and build community each Friday morning. We need new incoming 7th and 8th grade leader volunteers. Volunteer via clicking: Walking School Bus

**Attention ALL Runkle METCO Parents only**. Your help is requested in

This Week’s Events

Gr 8 MCAS Math (Part 2)
Mon, May 22

Middle-School Art Club
Mon, May 22
2:45 pm
Art Room

Gr 5 & 8 MCAS Science (Part 1)
Wed, May 24

Dino Club
Wed, May 24
2:45 pm
Room 113

School Council Meeting
Wed, May 24
4:00 pm
Library

Gr 5 & 8 MCAS Science (Part 2)
Thur, May 25
showing our hospitality in our annual Metco potluck lunch for Runkle staff. 
Please email Dorothy to specify 1 tasty dish AND 1 dessert or appetizer 
you will bring. If you would enjoy volunteering, that is welcomed too. 
Thanks!

Our Annual Fund allows us to keep the Runkle community and learning 
experience great and affordable and for all of our kids and teachers. Please 
help this great cause. Our current goal is to raise our Annual PTO Fund 
family participation rate from 41% to 60% (by adding only 83 more new 
donors) by May 31st AND win our kids a pajama day to celebrate. 
Click PAJAMA DAY-YAY!!! to give. We are doing great so far with $50K 
raised so far. Only $10K more to meet the budget. Thanks to those who 
made this possible!

Have a great week!

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

PTO Events and Volunteer Opportunities

We are the World through MUSIC was a harmonious, sweet sounding 
success! Thank you to all who attended. We certainly know how to bring 
the Runkle community together and have a fun night!

With nearly 100 volunteers, there are so many people to thank for this event. 
First and foremost is the International Team and the families who have 
donated to the Runkle PTO Annual Fund. Without both of these this event 
could not have gone ahead. We very much welcome new parents to join our 
2018 team. Please email Katja Vinha if you are interested.

Thanks also go out to everyone who helped color flags, prepare the 
country tables and cafeteria beforehand, and clean up after the event. A 
special thanks to our custodians who worked so diligently to bring the school 
back to how it should be, ready for Monday morning start.

COUNTRY HOST TABLES were alive with rhythmic, pleasing music. We 
thank each and every one of you and your families who helped put together 
these wonderful displays and made sure those passport questions were 
answered by the children.

POTLUCK PARTY was a delicious concoction of foods from around the 
world to share with all. Thank you to everyone who took the time to home cook 
or store buy these foods.

CULTURAL SHOWCASE was a rousing example of the dancing and 
musical talents our students and parents bring to our community from around 
the world. Thank you to everyone for bringing us together with your spirited 
performances!

7th GRADE VOLUNTEERS, your help is invaluable. Each of you is a credit 
to your grade. Keep up the good work!

Gr 5, 6-8 Chorus Concert
Thur, May 25
7:00 pm
Multipurpose Room

Middle-School Science Club
Fri, May 26
2:30 pm
Mr. Domerson’s Room

Upcoming Events

No School: Memorial Day
Mon, May 29

All-School Music and Arts Week
Tues, May 30 - Fri, Jun 2

Band Concert
Wed, May 31
7:00 pm
Multipurpose Rooms

4th-Grade Choral Concert
Fri, Jun 2
8:05 am
Multipurpose Room

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 May 
Lunch Menu can 
be found here.

Please watch 
for the kick-off of the BEF 
Honor-A-
Teacher 
Campaign, a 
meaningful and much 
appreciated way to honor teachers 
at the end of the academic year 
while supporting the ongoing work of the BEF.

Classifieds
Annual Music & Arts Festival

TUES MAY 30 - FRI JUNE 2nd - Musical performers needed for 7:40 AM and 2:30 PM performances in the school lobby. If you, or your child, would like to perform, please email Matt Burke with preferred day(s) and time(s).

WED MAY 31, 5:00-7:00 PM - Enjoy an evening of music and arts with displays from every Runkle grade and student.

To Volunteer before or during the event, click here!

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.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ART CLUB: Mondays 2:30-3:30 PM. Students will work on their own ideas, with guidance from Mrs. Ortiz and input from peers. See Mrs. Ortiz in the art room to join. Remaining dates: 5/22, 5/29, and 6/5.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE CLUB: Fridays 2:30-3:30 PM in Mr. Domerson's Room. Join fellow science enthusiasts for this great club! (Note Science Club does not start immediately after 1:40 PM dismissals). Last meeting is 5/26.

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Families,

The last of MCAS testing for the 2016-2017 school year comes to an end this week, with 8th graders taking their second Mathematics session on Monday, and 5th and 8th graders taking Science on Wednesday and Thursday. For 4th and 8th graders across the state, MCAS testing in the subjects of English Language Arts and Mathematics has been computer-based this year, with students at Runkle using Chromebooks within their regular classroom setting. For the 2017-2018 school year, the current statewide plan is for 5th grade and 7th grade MCAS testing to be computer-based as well. Many thanks to
Ms. Murphy for her expert assistance in our smooth transition to computer-based testing!

Mrs. Guzzi’s Kids-to-Kids Book Drive yielded over 2,500 books that will be heading to South African Elementary Schools. Thank you to all who participated! This was the largest K-2-K drive in the history of Mrs. Guzzi’s project. The students I spoke with were so happy to be donating books from their own bookshelves to be shared with children on the other side of the world. Thank you to Mrs. Guzzi for her commitment to this project, and to all of the Runkle student helpers who sorted, categorized, and boxed the thousands of books for shipping!

Runkle has several end-of-year concerts on the horizon for students in Grades 4-8:

CHORUS:
Grades 5-8: Thursday, May 25, starting at 7:00 pm.
Grade 4: Friday, June 2 @ 8:15 am

BAND:
Grades 4-8: Wednesday, May 31, starting at 7:00 pm.

ORCHESTRA/STRINGS:
Grades 4-8: Thursday, June 8, starting at 7:00 pm.

Jim Stoddard
Runkle School Principal

From the Community

DRISCOLL SCHOOL 2017 SPRING FAIR
Wednesday, May 24, 4:00-8:00 pm
64 Westbourne Terrace
Driscoll School grounds will be transformed into the beloved annual Spring Fair. Enjoy Amusement Rides, Petting Zoo, Touch a Truck, Face Painting, Henna, Food and MUCH more.

BROOKLINE ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION
Wednesday, May 24, 6:00 pm
Brookline School Committee Room, Town Hall, 5th Floor, 333 Washington Street
Join us as we honor the Brookline High School student winners for their essays on "What it means to be Asian-American in Brookline." See an excerpt of the acclaimed new PBS documentary, "The Chinese Exclusion Act," discussion to follow. Refreshments served. For questions, contact Chris Chanyasulkit.

SOCIAL JUSTICE 101: A WORKSHOP FOR 6TH- THROUGH 8TH-GRADERS
Thursday, May 25, 4:00-5:30 pm
Brookline Teen Center
Join Project BTC for an educational workshop on racial, gender, and economic justice! Students will learn about how our identities and communities are affected by power structures. Email kcordner@brooklineteencenter.org to reserve your spot.

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

KESHER NEWTON: K-8 JEWISH AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM
Monday/Wednesday OR Tuesday/Thursday 3:00-5:45 pm

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

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, 617-323-4709.

SPANISH AND FRENCH TUTOR:
Recent college graduate available for Spanish and French tutoring.
BE THE PARENT YOU WANT TO BE! An Introductory Workshop in the Think: Kids Collaborative Problem Solving Approach
Four Tuesdays (May 30-June 20)
OR
One Day Workshop on Saturday, June 3rd
For more information and to register for the last CPS workshops in Brookline before the summer please visit: http://www.betheparentboston.com/

ENVIRONMENT SCIENCE DISCOVERY & ACTION MUSEUM
Ongoing through July 17th
A new museum in the Charlestown Navy Yard teaching children in the 3rd through 7th grades and their families from "e" Inc. Exhibit on "Weather and Climate: Our Changing World" featuring climate change and the effects on plant, animal, and human life. Hands on sessions are March 25th-July 17th. Please visit our website.

RUNKLE TEAM-WOMEN'S CATCHBALL
Thursdays, 7:30-9:00 p.m.
Open to everyone who would like to meet other women from our community, exercise, socialize, and have fun. The learning curve is easy and all athletic abilities and statures are welcome. If you are interested in joining, please contact Alexa Martin at gardencrazy5@gmail.com for more details.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MONDAYS AT THE BROOKLINE TEEN CENTER
Has your middle school student been to the Brookline Teen Center for Middle School Mondays? New programming is coming up this spring, including yoga, parkour, aerial silks, cookie making, and gardening. Check out our middle school programming page for a complete list.

FREE MATH HOMEWORK HELP FROM RUSSIAN SCHOOL OF MATH VOLUNTEERS
Friday afternoons from 3:00-4:00 p.m.
Public Library of Brookline, Brookline Village Branch, 361 Washington St., Children's Room
High School volunteers from The Russian Math School will be stopping by the Children's Room every Friday afternoon from 3:00-4:00 pm for free math homework help for elementary school students.

B'LINE FITNESS CLASSES
5:45 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.
Brookline Teen Center, 40 Aspinwall Ave
New classes added! Visit http://blinefitness.weebly.com/ for more information and to see our schedule.

PEPPERLANE, A NETWORKING AND BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY FOR MOTHERS (BROOKLINE CHAPTER)
Join and support a new community of moms selling their unique services and skills online. Pepperlane is a female-led, local company looking for entrepreneurial moms of all kinds. Or just members. You don't have to offer a service to join. Email sharone@movingpictureproductions.com with any questions.

BROOKLINE MUSIC PROGRAM FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICIANS
Click on the link to learn more about the BMP and how to register your child to participate. For any questions, please contact brooklinemusicprogram@gmail.com.

MEET YOU 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 26th-29th, 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! Email your questions. To register, click here.

BOOMWRITER SUMMER ONLINE WRITING CAMP
Weeks of Aug 7-11, 14-18, 21-25
For students entering 5th and 6th grade, a unique summer writing camp opportunity that your children can access right from home where students collaborate to write a short realistic fiction story that will then be published as a paperback book. Potential additional week option (Week of August 14-18) $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.

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.

JFK 100th BIRTHDAY TOWN WIDE PARTY
Monday/Memorial Day May 29th
Brookline High School
115 Greenough St. in Schluntz Gym
Tickets at www.fireplacerest.com
Grown-ups: $40 (includes $10 food tickets)
Students: $25
Buy tickets on-line (save $2 per ticket) or full price at door
Suggested Attire-50s & 60s style attire
Proceeds: Benefit JFK100 Celebrations & National Park Service JFK Birthplace

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