



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: Come to the PTO Meeting next Tuesday, Feb. 7th--8:05am in the Library.

From the PTO

Hello Runkle Community!

Our monthly **PTO meeting** is next Tuesday, **February 7th** at 8:05 in the **Runkle Library**. Please come and find out about (1) what is going on at Runkle, (2) volunteer opportunities and (3) what **Ms. G.T.** has to say about the library—including a special visit to the third grade by Giles Laroche. All are welcome to come to the PTO Meeting!

Thanks to **Bob Carney, Karla Schallies, Catherine Burke**, and all the parent and student volunteers who helped make **Runkle Bingo/Trivia Night** such a wonderful success.

We had a special guest Bingo Caller: **Mr. Stoddard!** What a great time!

This Week's Events

PTO Meeting
Tues, Feb 7
8:05 am
Runkle Library

Middle School Yoga
Tues, Feb 7
2:40 - 3:40 pm

K-2 Morning Meeting
Thurs, Feb 9
8:05 am
Multipurpose Room

Science Club
Fri, Feb 10
2:30 - 3:30 pm
Room 6D

Upcoming Events

Middle School Yoga
Tues, Feb 14
2:40 - 3:40 pm

Music in the Morning
Wed, Feb 15
7:40 am
Lobby



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

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.

Thanks to Matt Burke for organizing Music in the Morning. February 15th, the PTO will be hosting a short concert at 7:40am. Please come to school early and enjoy! Email Matt if you are interested in performing. (mattburke87@gmail.com)

The Runkle principal search is ongoing. Superintendent, Andrew Bott should be making an announcement by the end of this week.

Middle School events are in full swing. So check the calendar.

Have a great week!

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



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

PTO Events and Volunteer Opportunities

BOOK SWAP SUCCESS!

The annual Runkle Book swap, held January 26, 2017, was a great success! We collected over 1300 books and at present very few remain outside the cafeteria. Thanks to all families who donated books and thanks to all families who attended and collected our quality literature. A special thanks to Trish Blais, Sharon Brockmann, Bob Carney, Lynne Chuang, Charu Deshpande, Josie Petersen, Nancy Rhei-Gorer, and Elizabeth Wong for all of their help with setup, distribution, and cleanup. We are already looking forward to 2018!

PARENT VOLUNTEERS WANTED TO LEAD AND HELP ORGANIZE THESE SPECIAL EVENTS:

Math and Science Night

email Neena Haider: nhaider@gmail.com

International Night

email Katja Vinha: kvinha@gmail.com

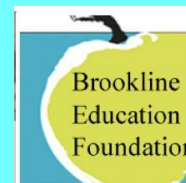
MUSIC IN THE MORNING

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.

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)



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOGA ON TUESDAYS

Come learn the basics of a yoga! You will learn fundamental yoga poses that flow from one pose to the next. This will involve strength building, flexibility, and breath work. Yoga is a great way to manage stress, strengthen your body, increase flexibility, and prevent injuries.

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

This class taught by Runkle's own Eva Sevia 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 for more information.

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.

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!

With 71 days to go until race day, we want to start this team off with a bang! Please join us in supporting their efforts. Donate at 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.

GUITAR CLASS

Hey guitar players, are you stuck in a rut playing 3 chords? Are you tired of strumming the same rhythm every time you pick up a guitar? Improve your guitar playing with Chris Carter's two hour guitar playing class. The class meets at the BCYF Roche Community Center on Wednesday, February 1st from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. It's perfect for kids and adults who have at least one to two years of guitar playing experience and are interested in becoming better rhythm guitarists. Visit christhesongwriter.com for more info. Contact the BCYF Community Center 617-635-5066 to register.

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

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,

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

Parents are needed to help organize too!

To get involved email Neena Haider at: nhaidem@gmail.com

Math and Science Night is funded by the Runkle PTO Annual Fund.

From the Principal's Desk

*** EVERYONE IS WELCOME ***

This upcoming Thursday, February 9, will be **International Spirit Day** at Runkle, where we celebrate the multicultural nature of our school and society. Students and staff are encouraged to wear clothing representative of their family's heritage on this special day. Respect for Human Differences is a core value of our school district, and we seek to celebrate the diversity of our students that makes up such a vital part of our special community. Our Student Council is working on future Spirit Day themes and will be updating the community soon!

If you have concerns about the recent Executive Order regarding travel restrictions and how it may impact your child or your family, please know that our guidance counselors, classroom teachers, and administration are all eager to support you.

Congratulations to the Runkle MathCounts team for an impressive sixth place finish in this weekend's Metro-Boston chapter competition! Ours is one of the most competitive divisions of the National MathCounts organization. We will find out shortly whether Runkle has procured a wild-card berth in the State Finals. Our squad finished highest among the Brookline schools. Congratulations to 8th graders **Samantha, Marco, Sam, Varun, Margaret, Levi**, and 7th graders **Ben, Sidvin, Rohan, Lilia**, and of course Coach **Eric Lass**. Extra congratulations to **Sam**, who finished second out of over 250 students in the individual competition!

Jim Stoddard

From the Community

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS: HOW (AND WHY) TO RUN FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE WORKSHOP

Wednesday, February 8, 7:00 to 8:30 pm
Putterham Branch Library, 959 W. Roxbury Parkway

This workshop is an opportunity to learn about the organization of town government and elective offices. Presentations will be given by representatives from the Board of Selectmen, Library Trustees, School Committee and Town Meeting. Co-sponsored with the Brookline Neighborhood Alliance and the Town Meeting Members Association.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization encouraging the informed and active participation of citizens in government. It works to influence public policy through education and advocacy.

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROOKLINE: COMMUNITY FORUM ON EDUCATION

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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. Please contact by email: meryl_j_smith@psbma.org.

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.

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

Thursday February 9, 2017, 6:30 pm Music and light refreshments, 7:00 to 8:30 pm Forum

All Saints Church, 1773 Beacon Street at Dean Road

A conversation about the current state of Brookline schools. Hear from Brookline educators, students and special guests New Bedford education justice activist and UMass Dartmouth professor Ricardo Rosa, Massachusetts Teachers Association President Barbara Madeloni and Brookline Parents Organization Chair Adam Weiner. Sponsored by: the Brookline Educators Union, Brookline PAX, Brookline Parents Organization (BPO), Brookline for Racial Justice and Equity (BRJE) and Citizens for Public Schools. RSVP encouraged [here](#). For more information, click [here](#).

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 for Essay Contest forms and information packets or download them from the BCW website at: www.brooklinema.gov/BCW. Essays may be submitted via email to 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 with any questions.

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 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.

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.

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

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 birdsongviolin@gmail.com, 617-323-4709.

SPANISH AND FRENCH TUTOR:

Recent college graduate available for Spanish and French tutoring. Please contact:

Victoria_bonomie@hotmail.com or 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.

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 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 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

BROOKLINE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CLOTHING DRIVE

Friday, February 10th, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 11th, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Brookline Public Safety Building, Community Room

350 Washington Street, Brookline

Are you about to clean out your children's closets? Update your child's wardrobe? Do good while de-cluttering. The Brookline Commission for Women will be holding its Eighth Annual Children's Clothing Drive. We will accept clean, wearable clothing and shoes for children ages newborn to teens. Clothing that's washed and ready-to-wear will be much appreciated. We're also collecting financial donations, nonperishable food donations, toiletries, and diapers for the Brookline Food Pantry. Help local Brookline families – and Cradles to Crayons and Vincent Newborn Necessities – clothe young children.

Please contact event coordinator and BCW co-chair Casey Hatchett at chatchett@brooklinema.gov with questions or to volunteer. We are also looking for help in sorting and delivering items. Please us know if you are interested in helping!

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 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