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The Runkle News

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RUNKLE RISES TO THE CHALLENGE!!!

IN JUST 2 WEEKS THE PTO ANNUAL FUND HAS RECEIVED A WHOPPING **29 DONATIONS** IN RESPONSE TO OUR CHALLENGE PLEDGE.

This is a huge accomplishment for our school! And it's an extra \$2,900 in pledge money for our children and teachers. **We need only 11 more donations before April 15...** If you haven't yet donated, please consider doing so in the next 7 days so that we can get all \$4,000 of the pledge money!

A big thank you to everyone who has given!

Sharone Jelden and Valerie Godhwani, Co-chairs PTO Annual Fund

There are four easy ways to give:

1. Have your child give your donation to Beatrice in the main office.
2. Mail a donation to the PTO Annual Fund at Runkle, 194 Boylston St. Brookline, MA 02445.
3. Drop off your donation at the Runkle office front desk.
4. Give securely online at <http://www.runkle.org/ptoannualfund>

From the Principal

Dear Families,

Reminders....

The weather has been more and more inviting as we settle into Spring, which makes it a great time to walk to school or ride your bike if you live close enough to our

This Week's Events

PTO Meeting

Tues., Apr. 12, 8:05 am, Runkle Cafeteria

K-6 Early Dismissal

(12:30 pm) Thurs., Apr. 14

school. With the threat of more snow safely behind us for the season, the buses have continued to report to the school in plenty of time to deliver your children to school before 8:00 allowing for timely arrival. Remember, too, that there are "safe drop off" zones at the corner of Cypress and Walnut. ***Please refrain from dropping off students in the middle of the crosswalk on Walnut Street.*** There is a crossing guard on Walnut Street to help your child walk safely across the street as well.

This Week's Happenings...

Druce Street... Later this week, I will be doing another walk through of the building and will, hopefully, be able to upload a quick iMovie showing the progress on Druce Street over the vacation week!

Living History Museum... On Wednesday, April 13th, our Sixth Graders will be assuming the role of the person they have been researching under the careful tutelage of Ms. Belle. A special "Thank you" to all of the parents and teachers who mentored and advised these students for the past few weeks. During the day, the entire school will have an opportunity to wander through the **Living History Museum** in the Library and ask there remarkable people of history questions about their lives. That same evening, Sixth Grade parents will have that opportunity as well. The Sixth Graders have done a remarkable job with this tremendous project and are sure to amaze us all!

Runkle Variety Show... While the actual variety show itself will take place on **May 19th at 7:00 p.m.**, this week, we will be securing the "acts". If your child is interested in participating, please remind them to see one of the following staff members:

Kind.	Mrs. Paris
Gr. 1	Ms. Gardner
Gr. 2	Ms. Kelly
Gr 3-4	Mrs. Hahesv

**5th & 6th Grade Visit from
Author Tim Green**
Fri., Apr. 15, 8:15 am, Runkle
Library

Spring Vacation
Mon, Apr. 18-Fri., Apr. 22

NEWS FROM B-PEN (BROOKLINE PARENT EDUCATION NETWORK)

**April 12th: "Let's Be Honest -
Communication in Families that
Keeps Kids Healthy"**
**for parents of Runkle & Lincoln 5th-
8th graders**

7-8:30 p.m., Lincoln School Auditorium
Planned Parenthood's acclaimed "Let's Be Honest" is an evening presentation and community conversation designed to help prepare parents and other caregivers to create an environment of trust and comfort in talking with their children about sex and sexuality.

Let's Be Honest is designed for parents of children in middle school, with talking points that range from understanding puberty to managing peer pressure and media influences to promoting healthy relationships and self-esteem. Bring your questions and your curiosity and join us for what promises to be an engaging, eye-opening conversation. To RSVP or for more information, contact B-PEN coordinators June Harris (jharris@brooklinema.us) or Karen Campbell (kcampbell@brooklinema.us).

Gr. 5-6 Dr. Beauchaine
Gr. 7-8 Mrs. Hollander

I wish each and everyone of you a wonderful Spring Vacation with your family and friends. May each day be sun-drenched and full of fun!

Sincerely,
Vanessa C. Beauchaine, Ed.D.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Below is the schedule for the MAY Math & Science MCAS:

GRADE 3 Mathematics: Tues May 10 & Wed May 11
GRADE 4 Mathematics: Mon May 16 & Tues May 17
GRADE 5 Mathematics: Tues May 10 & Wed May 11
GRADE 6 Mathematics: Thurs May 12 & Fri May 13
GRADE 7 Mathematics: Mon May 16 & Tues May 17
GRADE 8 Mathematics: Thurs May 12 & Fri May 13
GRADE 5 Science/Technology: Wed May 18 & Thurs May 19
GRADE 8 Science/Technology: Wed May 18 & Thurs May 19

As always, please help to put your children in the optimal educational mindset by getting them a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast in advance of each of the testing sessions. Please do not schedule any appointments for your children that would conflict with the testing dates above; if there is an unavoidable conflict please let me know in advance.

Feel free to give me a call at 617-879-4684 with any questions.

Thanks and best wishes,

Jim Stoddard
Vice Principal

From the PTO

SEPAC NEWS

***SEPAC-Special Ed Admin.
Meeting Fri., April 15***

***8:15-9:15 a.m., 5th floor Town
Hall***

This month's meeting features Deb Dimmick from All Tech, Brookline's assistive technology consultant, who will present information on accessible instructional materials (AIM). Our final meeting will be on Friday, May 27. SEPAC - Special Ed Administration monthly meetings are open to all. If you have an issue you wish to address, please come, or you may send it to brooklinesepac@gmail.com.

***Assistive Technology Fair,
Tuesday, April 12, 6-8 p.m.,
Lawrence School***

We'll offer a variety of speakers and demonstrations on various forms of assistive technology, designed to help students with a range of disabilities. There will be demonstrations of apps for smart phones and iPads. Presenters will include All Tech, Easter Seals, and Cambium (maker of the Kurzweil Educational Systems).

***Supporting Challenging Kids
support group - Fridays, 10-11:30
a.m. Brookline Public Safety
Building, 350 Washington
St. Meetings are free and***

PTO SPRING 2011 GRANT AWARDS

The PTO Grant Committee has completed reviewing the Spring Parent/Teacher grant applications. The goal of the Fall and Spring Grant cycles is to encourage and support innovative ideas which enhance students' experience at Runkle. Ideally, grants benefit a large number of students across all grades. This spring the PTO is happy to announce the following grant awards:

- **3rd Grade Team:** \$130 for "TimeTimers" to provide a visual representation of elapsed time.
- **Guidance:** \$200 for Group Games and Reading Materials.
- **ASD Teachers:** \$210 for a video camera and tripod for video modeling.
- **Library:** \$500 for Playaway Audio Books.
- **4th Grade Team/Technology Specialist:** \$1,000 for an Elmo document camera and projector.

Many thanks to the teachers and parents for their thoughtful applications, and to the Grant Committee members for their time and thorough review. Thanks to members: Kwame Morris, Nancy Blumberg, Mark Lowenstein, Andrew Bernstein, Melissa Foley, and Dru Krishnan, the chair Amy Hummel, and our PTO co-chairs Sandy, Emily and Mini.

All funding for the Parent-Teacher Grants is made possible by parent donations to the PTO Annual Fund!

AUTHOR VISIT FOR 5th and 6th GRADES NEXT FRIDAY MORNING! Click [here](#) to find out more about the special guest.

Here's a hint:



registration is not required. For more information write rachaelelisabeth1@gmail.com. SEPAC is looking for volunteers to gather information and opinions and start to develop a guide to local special education providers. The guide will include listings of neuropsychologists, occupational, speech, and physical therapists, executive function coaches, adaptive recreation opportunities, behavior experts, tutors, or any other providers who provide services to our children. Please contact Rachael Wurtman SEPAC co-chair at brooklinesepac@gmail.com

Website brooklinesepac.org

Contact us

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**Attention
ALL Runkle
Parents**

Runkle Extended Day (RED) will be selling RUNKLE SCHOOL sweatshirts and t-shirts (in addition to coffee and munchkins!) at the morning K-2 meetings every Friday. Sweatshirts are \$35 and t-shirts are \$15. ALL proceeds benefit RED's Tuition Assistance Program.

Thank you!

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.

New York Times best-selling author and former NFL linebacker Tim Green will be talking to all 5th and 6th grade classes next Friday, April 15, at 8:15 am in the library.

Each class -- and the library -- will be receiving two copies of his latest book to make the *NYT* bestseller list.

Please note: *The PTO has arranged for the chance for kids to buy Best of the Best at Coolidge Corner's Brookline Booksmith for a special discounted rate of \$11.90 for a week -- from Wednesday, April 13, through Wednesday, April 20. Just tell them you would like the special discount for Runkle students.*

This author visit is funded by the Runkle PTO Annual Fund.

Thanks to the Runkle PTO and the Brookline Education Foundation, Author, Photographer, and Adventurer PETER LOURIE

Presented to Runkle Students and Parents Last Monday Evening!

Peter Lourie, extraordinary adventurer and nonfiction writer, visited Runkle on April 4th, funded by the Runkle PTO Annual Fund, and the Brookline Education Foundation's Saker Fund.

Mr. Lourie has traveled extensively throughout the United States and around the world. During each of his journeys, he keeps a written and photographic journal, which he then turns into interesting and exciting picture books for children and adults alike. During the evening at Runkle, Mr. Lourie shared with the students the adventures that inspire his writing!

For more information about the Brookline Education Foundation visit www.brooklineeducation.org or speak with BEF board members and Runkle parents Linda Carlisle, Beth Harris, Jennifer Shapiro, and Christina Suh.

PICK-UP ASSISTANCE NEEDED

Runkle parent looking for assistance to pick-up 1st grader from RED daily around 5:30 pm and drop back home in Fisher Hill area. If interested, please email sabhas@yahoo.com.

SUMMER TUTOR AVAILABLE

Please contact Kristen Haynes Kristen_haynes@brookline.k12.ma.us

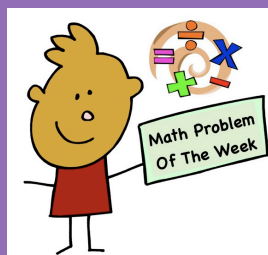
SUMMER TUTOR AVAILABLE

Tutor Available now and for the summer. Grades K-8. Please contact Kayla Myerson kayla_myerson@brookline.k12.ma.us or visit Greatmindsofchestnuthill.com

PRESCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAM

Fun summer program for children ages 2.9 - 5 years. Beautiful Chestnut Hill location and flexible schedule. Children may attend as few as two weeks or as many as seven. Three or four days per week. Teacher with over 30 years of experience. For further information or to receive an application please contact Jude at 617-277-6225 or judeb22@hotmail.com.

From 7th/8th Grade Math Teacher



Math Problem of the Week

e-traders

Three students open e-trade accounts and become day traders. Although they all work hard, they achieve the following steady rates of losing money:

The first student loses \$1000 in one hour, the second student loses \$1000 in two hours, and the

third student loses \$1000 in three hours. Find the number of minutes it takes for the three students together to lose a total of \$2000.

Here is last week's solution:

45. From the definition, the first and second digits of an upright integer automatically determine the third digit, which is the sum of the first two digits. Consider those upright integers beginning with 1: 101, 112, 123, 134, 145, 156, 167, 178, and 189; there is a total of 9 such numbers. (Note that the second digit may not be 9; otherwise, the last digit would be $1+9=10$.) Beginning with 2, the upright integers are 202, 213, 224, 235, 246, 257, 268, and 279; there is a total of 8 such numbers. We may continue this pattern of analysis to show that the numbers of upright integers beginning with a digit of 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, or 9 are 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1, respectively. Therefore, there is a total of $9+8+7+6+5+4+3+2+1=45$ three-digit upright integers.

From Eric Lass, 7th & 8th grade Math Teacher

From the Community

The Corner Co-op Nursery School Open House

*Tues., April 12, 7- 9 pm, 1773 Beacon Street, Brookline
(corner of Beacon & Dean Road; entrance on Dean Road)*

A pre-school for children ages 2.9-5 years; choice of different morning schedules. Come meet staff and other parents, tour the Co-op, view a slide show, and participate in discussions. Children welcome! For more information: 617-738-4631 or

www.cornercoop.org

"Tweets and Tweens: A Dialogue and Parents Guide to Kids' Use of Facebook, Twitter and other Social Media."

Tuesday evening, April 12, at Brookline High School (MLK room)

Want to know what your kids are doing online? The Sher Parent Education Series invites you to join Dr. Michael Rich, "The Mediatrixian," director of the Center on Media and Child Health at Children's Hospital Boston and Associate Professor of Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School, and clinicians from the Brookline Community Mental Health Center, for a lively and informative discussion. For information and to RSVP call 617-277-8107 or visit

visit www.brooklinecenter.org

Swim at Kirrane Aquatics Center during April vacation!

Both Lap and Family swim will be available April 18th - April 22, noon-8pm. For more information about upcoming swimming programs, please call the Evelyn Kirrane Aquatics Center front desk at (617) 713-5435.

A Step Ahead Basketball

Check out 3 weeks of summer basketball camp at Brookline High School:

ASA Hoops Brookline Girls Camp

Dates: Aug 1-5

Who: girls ages 9-17

ASA Hoops Brookline 1

Dates: Aug 8-12

Who: boys and girls ages 9-17

ASA Hoops Brookline 2

Dates: Aug 15-19

Who: boys and girls 9-17

For more information or to register for any of our offerings please visit www.asahoops.com/camps or contact Coach Smith: 617-909-5990 / Coachb@asahoops.com

SmartSummers 2011: For Children Ages 5-13

We offer unique one- to six-week sessions that meet from July 1-August 12, 2011. Experienced and supportive educators are on hand to support children who are learning English. Professionally-staffed and small-sized programs include: Curious Kids * Theater Arts * CyberSummer * Creative Arts * Culinary Creations * Basketball * Active Afternoons * Bringing Books to Life. Full day, half day, and extended hours from 4:00-6:00 pm are now available. For more information visit our website at www.brooklineadulted.org Offered by Brookline Adult & Community Education, a program of the Brookline Public Schools 617-730-2700

Under the Dome: Come Explore MIT!

Saturday, April 30, 2011, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM at many sites on MIT's main campus

77 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Admission is FREE

For the first time in more than 30 years, MIT is offering its neighbors in the Commonwealth an "insider's" view of its campus and laboratories. Through more than 400 fascinating demonstrations, hands-on activities, exhibitions, lectures, and performances, MIT faculty and students will showcase cutting edge developments in robotics, energy, sustainability, transportation, biomedicine, computing, entrepreneurship, the arts, humanities, student life, and more. This free event will feature activities for families, teens, college students, and adults. Test a laser! Meet an astronaut! Witness a model blimp race! Chat with a Nobel laureate!

Find out what makes MIT tick.
For details on the day's programming, please e-mail
mit150@mit.edu



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