



A collaborative, nurturing and learning community

Gold and Blue Review

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Roaring Brook Website

All Lost & Found items are on display in the stairwell across from the faculty lounge.
Please check the lost and found if your child is missing any clothing during the school year.

A note from Mrs. Porcelli

Dear RBS Families,

It has been such an honor serving as interim principal this year. From my first week here back in August, I felt welcomed and very proud to be a part of this very special Roaring Brook community and family. Your children inspired me each day with their kindness towards one another, their enthusiasm for learning, and their citizenship.

Thank you for everything you do to support Roaring Brook! Next year, I will be joining the Katonah-Lewisboro school district as a district staff developer. I am excited about my new venture, but will always hold this year in a very special place in my heart.

On June 13th, we welcomed Roaring Brook's new principal, Doreen O'Leary. She had an opportunity to visit classrooms, meet with families, and meet with teachers. She is excited to get started on July 1st and has taken home a yearbook so she can begin learning your children's names.



Doreen O'Leary

Due to a decrease in enrollment next year, we will now have a total of four classes on each grade level. Andrea Schaber will move to Grafflin to teach first grade, and Miriam Longobardi will teach 6th grade social studies at Bell Middle School. We wish Andrea and Miriam the best of luck in their new roles and schools. We are going to miss them dearly!

Congratulations to all of our 4th-grade students who had their Moving Up ceremony last week. We wish them the best of luck in middle school and hope they will come back to visit! All of us here will surely miss their smiling faces and kind hearts.

Warmly,

Alison



ART with Ms. Feldman

Bugs, Bugs, Bugs, Bugs everywhere! The kindergarten classes have been studying a variety of bugs during the last few weeks and created bugs out of clay in the art room.

Students first rolled out their bug body and then used a pencil to engrave their bug's features. Next, the students attached legs, wings and antennae. They painted the bugs with watercolors, and now they are ready to fly their way home.

This summer, if you get stuck inside on a rainy day, be sure to check out the Katonah Art Museum, as they have a great children's room for the kids to learn, explore and experiment.

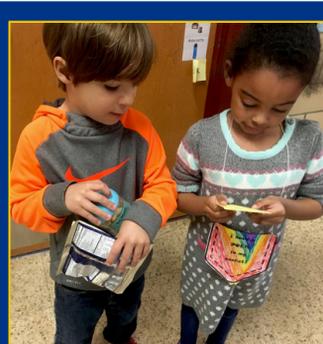


PHYSICAL EDUCATION with Coach Lops and Coach Wollard

Field Day was a huge success with all of Roaring Brook participating in over 24 stations throughout the day.

All grade levels participated in such events as basket shoot, sack race, big bucket water relay, ladder run, parachute, and cup stacking. The scores will be announced on the last day of school.

Remember: Drinking water (or coconut water) before you get thirsty is the key to staying hydrated over the summer. Children should be reminded to drink water as they tend to wait until their bodies need the water.



LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER with Mrs. Eidem

All grades participated in voting for the NYS 3 Apples Book Award. Students read and shared about the books as they narrowed individual choices to the one favorite, discussing reasons why a particular book was a favorite.

In April, students celebrated "Poem in your Pocket Day" following a month of poetry study in library classes. Poetry was shared throughout the day at RBS!

Summer reading lists were developed with the Chappaqua Library and will be posted on the school's [Global Learning Center](#) webpage. The lists also will be sent to you through the PTA's weekly email blast.

Happy reading!



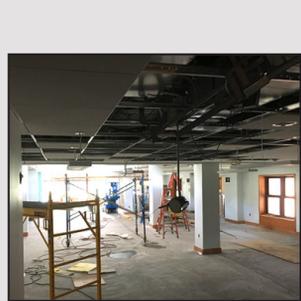
Construction Update



Construction of the **Global Learning Center** is scheduled to be completed by the end of June.

The installation of furniture and technology is scheduled to begin in early July.

This new, innovative learning space should be ready for use when students return in September.



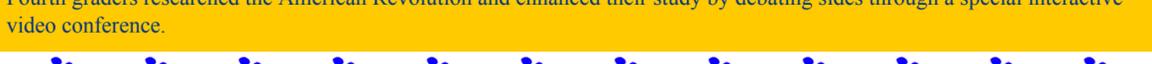
TECHNOLOGY with Ms. Wendel

Kindergarten and first-grade students explored a variety of iPad apps this spring to enhance their classroom studies. Favorite apps include Google's *Toontastic*, where students produce, create, and direct their own mini-movies, as well as *Wixie*, which students have been using as a publishing platform for their writing pieces.



Second and third-grade students have been busy scientists, researching on the *Science Symbaloo* about animal life cycles -- frogs in grade 2 and butterflies in grade 3 -- and then representing their learning in a variety of ways through digital and analog media.

Fourth graders researched the American Revolution and enhanced their study by debating sides through a special interactive video conference.



MUSIC with Mr. DuPont

It has been a very musical spring with Mr. DuPont! In general music classes, there has been a focus on introducing traditional folk songs and folk dancing, while students develop music literacy/concepts in a developmental and sequential manner.

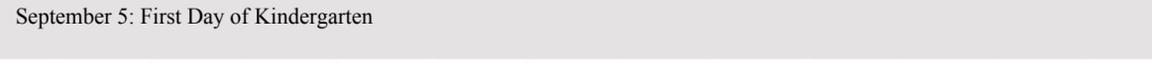
Students in the fourth grade recently participated in the Instrumental Music Recitals for their families and they were very successful. The recital format allows parents to hear many of the folk melodies that the students have been working over this past year. It was wonderful to see the growth and development that the students have made in just one year of playing a musical instrument!

The Third Grade students have selected their instrument choices for year and they are very excited about starting in the fall.



Upcoming Dates at Roaring Brook

- June 20: Report Cards available on Infinite Campus (**AFTER 4:00pm**)
- June 20-22: Early Dismissal (11:50am - no lunch served)
- June 21 (**new date**): New Castle Recreation SUMMERFEST (11am to 1:30pm - Rec Field across from Bell School)
- June 22: Spirit Day / Last Day of School! (Dress in Blue / Gold / RBS Spiritwear)
- September 4: Students Return (Grades 1-4)
- September 5: First Day of Kindergarten



A note from the School Nurse . . .

Please remember to pick up your child's medicine by the last day of school. All expired medication will be disposed of.

If your child must receive medication during the 2018-2019 school year, provisions of New York State Education law and the Nurse Practice Act require that the health office must have this written request on file to dispense medications, prescription and non-prescription, to a child.

Below is a link to the required form to be completed by **you and your physician**.

- [Prescription and OTC Medication Authorization Form](#)



EMERGENCY ALLERGIC REACTIONS

If your child requires an Epi-pen, Auvi-Q, Benadryl, or another medication to be administered in the event of an allergic reaction, please complete the Emergency Allergy procedures form and return prior to the first day of school.

- [Epi-Pen, Auvi-Q Medication Authorization Form](#)

Kindly call the health office to schedule a convenient time to bring in your child's medication and completed forms during the last week of August. **The main office cannot accept any medications.** Please place the medications and forms in a Ziploc bag with your child's name written on it and bring it to your scheduled appointment with the school nurse.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS

In order to keep a current and accurate health file on your child, we ask that you send the most recent physical exam to the school nurse every year, if you have not done so already. New York State education law requires that **every school age child have a physical examination upon entering kindergarten, grades 1 and 3.** This requirement is primarily for the purpose of finding and correcting conditions, which may interfere with your child's learning.

Kindly forward a copy of your child's most recent physical exam findings as soon as possible. You may mail them to Roaring Brook Elementary School, attention Suzanne Rota, R.N., email them directly to surota@ccsd.ws or fax a legible copy to the health office at 914-238-4716.

Thank you so much for your help. It is greatly appreciated.