



ROCK BROOK SCHOOL

# Family Flyer

October 2024

## Special Messages/Reminders

### 50th Anniversary Celebration

We had a wonderful 50th anniversary celebration of Rock Brook School at the beautiful Raritan Valley Country Club on Sunday, October 20. Joining us for this incredible celebration included, parents, families, staff, former staff, board members, alumni, supporters, leadership team, and our Board of Trustees. Congratulations RBS, this is a significant milestone!



## Rett Syndrome Day

Students and staff were invited to wear purple earlier this month as we brought awareness to Rett Syndrome, a rare genetic disorder.



**Post Graduate Class:** Our postgraduate class officially opened up the *Rock Brook Dash* which is a snack cart for staff to purchase snacks and drinks. The Rock Brook Dash is open daily and facilitated by our students.



Introducing...

## ROCK BROOK DASH

**What is Rock Brook Dash?**  
 Post Grad has rebranded "The Snack Cart" to "Rock Brook Dash". Rock Brook Dash will be open every day where you can go to the hallway of HS2 and PG to purchase a snack and/or a drink.  
 If you will be unable to go during those times we will have an order form outside the PG classroom. We can deliver your order if needed. We ask the order is placed by 9am to be delivered during store hours.

**Items for Sale:**  
**2 for \$1:**  
 Fruit Snacks  
 Rice Crispy Treats

**\$1 Items:**  
 Water  
 Gatorade  
 Candy  
 Chips  
 Popcorn  
 Belvida Bar  
 Mac N Cheese  
 Ramen

**\$2**  
 Celsus

**StoreHours:**  
 Monday: 10:40-11:00  
 Tuesday: 10:40-11:00  
 Wednesday: 10:40-11:00  
 Thursday: 10:40-11:00  
 Friday: 10:40-11:00

## Quiver Traveling Farm

Rock Brook School welcomed Quiver Farm this month. Farmer Keith joined us along with a host of animals, including chickens, rabbits, a goat, pig, ducks, a goose, and a donkey. We had a great day!



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## Air Therapy Dogs Program

Our therapy dogs were back in action at RBS to visit with our students and staff. Our furry visitors included Alice, Nomie and McKinley . The students enjoyed their time with the dogs and they are always learning new and interesting things about the dogs such as their favorite food and what they like to do during the day.



## Art and Music, Janet Campbell, RMT

We're off to a great start in music and art class! HS1, HS2 and PG have started ukulele lessons in addition to recorder which we started last year. The students are practicing strumming and fingering a "C" chord while singing familiar songs. We hope to continue to add simple one and two-fingered chords as the weeks progress.

Our Composer for the month of October was Paul Dukas, author of "The Sorcerer's Apprentice." We watched the Disney version from "Fantasia."

"The Sorcerer's Apprentice"

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Paul Dukas

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Some other highlights during music are bucket drumming, instrument play alongs, and the story "Max Found Two Sticks." Fabulous illustrations and Rhythm Patterns

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## **Early Childhood Center (ECC)**

ECC has had a wonderful and busy start to our school year and we are excited to be back! We are working hard on using our voices, learning about the seasons, working towards our goals, making science predictions for experiments, and even taking a trip to a local orchard.

In science, we explored the properties of pumpkins (how they look, how they feel, if they are heavy or light, if they sink or float, etc) and then had the chance to go to Terhune Orchards and learn about how pumpkins grow and get to pick our own pumpkins! During reading, we have explored the changing of the season from summer to autumn and the things we can see and feel that indicate that change. We even explored with a leaf scavenger hunt outside around the school.

Additionally, we had the traveling farm come to Rock Brook and both students and staff loved petting and looking at the farm animals!! We can't wait to keep learning and keep growing this year!



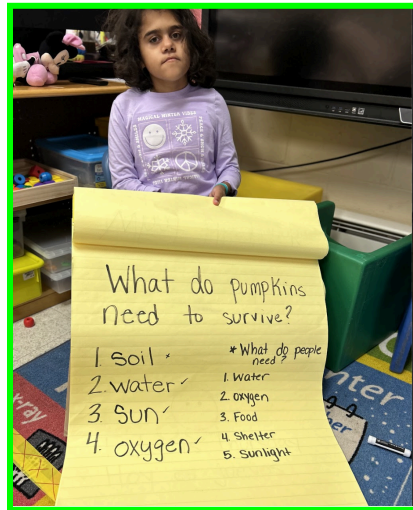
## **Elementary**

This month we learned all about pumpkins and their life cycles. We took a field trip to Terhune Orchards where we learned about apple trees, picked pumpkins, and learned all about who does what on the farm. We also discussed people's needs and compared how they are different from pumpkins.

We are practicing answering and asking wh- questions. The most fun way is by playing HeadBandz. When answering questions, we give two verbal answer options as needed. When asking questions we use visuals to show which wh-questions we are asking about.

We also have a haunted house in our speech corner where students can decorate the haunted house. There are 6 windows and when the students open the window they answer a question based on their goals.

Elementary loved the traveling farm!! We worked on expanding our sentences and using descriptors.



## Halloween Trunk-or-Treat Celebration

We had an amazing school-wide Trunk-or-Treat celebration last week. From our student and staff costumes, Trunk-or-Treat providers, to our families who came as spectators, it was all wonderful to be a part of! We appreciate everyone's participation and it was nice to have our school community come together for this special event.

A special thanks to our Trunk-or-Treat providers. Thank you for coming to the school to set up your cars which looked absolutely amazing and were so creative! We all enjoyed stopping by your cars to pick up some delicious treats!





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### **Message from our Nursing Team**

- ★ As we move into the cold & flu season please be diligent to keep our school safe and stay home when feeling ill!
- ★ Handwashing is super helpful in keeping everyone healthy through this season!
- ★ Reminder of our illness policy
  - Fever > 100.4F will be sent home & must be fever free without medications for 24 hours before returning to school
  - Diarrhea, excessive sneezing/cold symptoms will also be excluded for at least 24 hours, must have improvement of symptoms without medication

**A doctor's note with an alternative diagnosis and clearance for school is the best way to keep our school safe and diagnose between a common cold, RSV, and flu.**

As always, please contact our health office at [nurse@rock-brook.org](mailto:nurse@rock-brook.org) with any questions.

