



TBS News & Information

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TBS CARES! Care, Acceptance, Respect, Empathy, Safety

TidBits...

TBS swung into high gear as teachers and students are now well into our curriculum, activities are beginning, and enrichment opportunities have started. Here are some highlights.

Roaring Brook Nature Center - Mrs. Marjorie Winters presented to our 5th graders on the Food Web and Food Chain. All 5th grade students attended her grade-level presentation on Monday before participating in small group sessions later in the week. Thank you to our PTO for sponsoring RBNC!

Winding Trails- Our entire student body spent a day at Winding Trails in Farmington over the past two weeks. Our teams participated in team building activities to help classes and student groups bond together, support each other, and start the year on a positive note. We had beautiful weather for all six trips.

Enrichment - Each week TBS students may take advantage of our new Problem of the Week (POW) for mathematics. Feedback will be provided each Monday after the student submits answers to the problem. Students should ask their math teacher for the Google Classroom code to participate if it has not been received yet.



Students learn about Food Chains and Webs from Roaring Brook Nature Center on September 23rd.

School Counseling Lessons

Grade 6 School Counseling Lessons:

Mrs. Chaves co-taught with Mrs. Harmon during health class with a focus on advocacy, knowing and utilizing resources inside and outside of school. She is following up with all the grade 6 classes by having them advocate for themselves and completing a survey on how 6th grade is going thus far and what can be done to make sure it is a successful year.

Grade 5 School Counseling Lesson:

Grade 5 received Role of the School Counselor lessons that included the role of the school counselor and key concepts related to confidentiality and self-advocacy. Students demonstrated self-advocacy by completing a survey to inform Mrs. Chaves how 5th grade is going thus far and what supports could be implemented to make sure it is a successful year.

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School Policy - Medicine

A reminder to parents and guardians that all medication (including non-prescription drugs) taken by students in school must be authorized by a note from a doctor and approved by the school nurse. Students are not allowed to carry medication unless, in limited situations, it is approved by the school. Contact Mrs. Farrell (efarrell@avon.k12.ct.us), our school nurse, with questions.

ECollect Forms Needed

ECollect houses forms parents/guardians are required to complete each year. These forms include: Back to School student, parent, and emergency contact information, health/medical information, technology use forms, and our media release permission form.

Each year, parents/guardians must update information or verify current information is correct. You may access the parent portal at avon.powerschool.com and locate 'ECollect Forms' under navigation.

Presentation: Anxiety vs. Stress

All of us experience stress in our daily lives; some of us are anxious. Knowing the difference between healthy amounts of stress and unhealthy anxiety is important to our students' well-being. To learn more, join the PTO-sponsored presentation at TBS by Dr. Alicia Farrell on Monday, October 7 at 6:30 pm. No registration required.

TBS T-Shirts for All

The TBS will sponsor a school t-shirt for all students this year. Classroom teachers have sent home information to get the correct shirt size. Shirts will be given out in October and students will be asked to wear them at school activities, town meetings, and special events. Be sure to keep your TBS t-shirt in a safe place!



Thanks again to our PTO for generously supporting TBS!

To learn more about PTO activities and programs, visit <https://thompsonbrookpto.org/>

TBS School Picture Day

Thursday, October 3rd



TBS IMPORTANT DATES:

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| October 3 | TBS School Picture Day |
| October 7 | Alicia Farrell Ph. D., presents on 'Anxiety vs. Stress' for all TBS Parents, TBS Gym, 6:30 pm |
| October 9 | Yom Kippur, No School |
| October 14 | Columbus Day, No School |
| November 5 | Election Day, Professional Development for teachers, No |