

Principal's Weekly Update—Week of September 12, 2022

Greetings RK Finn Ryan Road Elementary School Community!

Welcome to RK Finn Ryan Road Elementary School Kindergarteners!!

We certainly believe that every week at RK Finn Ryan Road is a special week and this past week did not disappoint! A wonderful group of kindergarteners started with us and they truly had a most calm and joyful start to their elementary school experience. We were amazed by their excellent listening and attention and the friendships that are quickly forming.

Our exceptional kindergarten team invested an incredible amount of time before and at the beginning of this first week to help prepare students for this transition and ensure they were feeling safe and supported and we know our caregivers have done the same. Thank you to all for your support and join us in welcoming and celebrating our new kindergarteners!

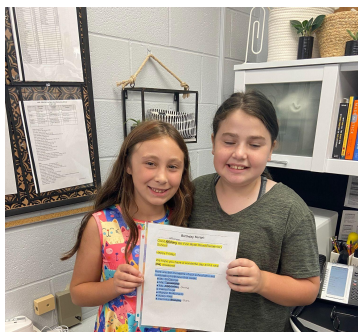


Exciting Happenings and Information:

- Northampton SEPAC Zoom Session: A Discussion with Northampton Public School Administration - Monday, September 19th, 6:00 - 7:30 pm
 - Please join the Northampton SEPAC for a discussion with:
 - Dr. Jannell Pearson-Campbell, Interim Superintendent of Schools
 - Joshua Dickson, M.S. Ed., Director of Student Services
 - Zoom Information:
 - Zoom link:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88672279957?pwd=WGxIbGw4QmV5dUMyblBYTlhnRVR6dz09>
 - Passcode: 765449
 - We will have the opportunity to hear their thoughts on current special education issues and priorities for this academic year and beyond. There will also be time for parents to ask questions. If you have any thoughts or concerns as we begin the start of a new school year, this is a session you won't want to miss!
 - We hope you will be able to join us. If you need translation services email Lschauf@gmail.com
 - What is SEPAC?
 - SEPAC is the Special Education Parent Advisory Council. Every public school in Massachusetts is required to establish a SEPAC. Membership is open to all district parents of children with varying abilities (IEPs and 504 plans) and other interested parties.
 - Questions? Email Lschauf@gmail.com
- Chalk Beautiful!

Happy Friday & Birthday Announcements:

- Thanks for the help with the birthday announcements this week, Rosie and Avery!



RK Finn Ryan Road Loves and Learns about Nature!

- Another Creature at RK Finn Ryan Road Elementary School! One of our amazing students found this little creature hopping and bounding around our playground structures this week! Like last week, can you guess what this tiny little insect is?



● Katydid! Did you guess that the insect we shared last week was a Katydid?

- What is a Katydid - “Katydids, as a group, are close relatives of grasshoppers and crickets! Even if you never see these katydids, you are certain to hear them on hot summer nights, as they rasp their loud calls from high in trees”



This past week at RK Finn Ryan Road -

- **Physical Education and Fun** - Ms. Minton, our amazing Physical Education and Lead Teacher
 - Grades 3-5 -



- Grades K-2 - Helping Hand Tag



With Appreciation -

- **Fall Mums-** Thank you to Ms. Madden for adding new mums to our entryway barrel! Since they were planted, I have been anxiously awaiting the day they will bloom!

ADD PICTURE

Reminders:

[RK Finn Ryan Road Supportive Staff List](#)

- I have attached our **Supportive Staff List to the link above** here and we sent home a copy with our Welcome Letter for the 2022-2023 School Year. We have an incredible team of nurturing and skilled adults who work together to help our students thrive.

After School Options:

- YEP: We will continue to hold YEP (Youth Enrichment Programs) on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 2:10-4pm. YEP runs three 6-8 week sessions throughout the school year. We'll send more information about YEP classes soon.
- Girls on the Run: The other option for after school activities is Girls on the Run, and I have attached that flyer to this weekly update. GOTR will be starting on Tuesday, September 13 after school (2:15pm) and running (ha!) until 3:45pm

- YMCA: The YMCA. Hampshire YMCA runs an afterschool program at the school until 6pm. Space is limited. contact the Hampshire YMCA directly for more information.

Important Upcoming Dates & NPS School Calendar

September 7: First day of School for RK Finn Ryan Road Elementary School Kindergarten!

Stay up to date with all of our school activities on our School Website's Calendar!

<http://www.northamptonschools.org/rk-finn-ryan-road-calendar/>

As always, we hope that all families and caregivers feel welcome, comfortable, and valued at our school. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns. I am happy to meet with any of you or we can talk on the phone anytime.

Karen Albano, Principal
RK Finn Ryan Road Elementary School