Hello Everyone,

I hope you have had a great week. It is hard to believe but this will be the last BRRSD BUZZ of the 2018-2019 academic year. On Friday, June 7, 2019, the Laliberte Elementary School was officially honored at the Massachusetts State House by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Commissioner Jeffrey C. Riley as a “School of Recognition”. The Laliberte was only one of 53 schools, out of a little more than 1,850 throughout the Commonwealth, to have earned this achievement due to high student performance. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of the incredibly hard working and dedicated students, families, faculty, staff & administrators at the Laliberte Elementary School on this outstanding accomplishment. Please know that you have all brought great pride and honor to our wonderful District. I could not be more proud.

**MSBA Update:**

During the month of June, the Bridgewater School Building Committee (SBC) hosted two public forums pertaining to the tentative George H. Mitchell Elementary School building project. The first took place on Thursday, June 6, 2019 in the Bridgewater-Raynham Regional High School Library at 7:30 p.m. (Interactive Workshop) & the second on Thursday, June 13, 2019 that was held in the Bridgewater-Raynham Regional High School Lecture Hall at 7:00 p.m. (Informational Presentation). Free childcare was provided by volunteer parents & staff in the Bridgewater-Raynham Regional High School Cafeteria for parents/guardians who attended these evening events. We would like to take this opportunity to thank those wonderful volunteers for their time and efforts in regards to providing this service. We would also like to thank all of the outstanding community members who attended the interactive workshop and informational presentation. Please know that your attendance, participation and feedback was greatly appreciated and has assisted the designers in further refining the GMES Schematic Design.

There are two very important SBS meetings in the coming weeks. The first will take place on Monday, June 17, 2019 in the Town Council Chambers of the Academy Building in Bridgewater, MA at 6:30 p.m. At this meeting, the members of the SBC will be thoroughly reviewing and discussing the construction estimations that have been developed by the cost estimators at our Owner’s Project Manager firm Daedalus Projects Inc. The second SCB Meeting will take place on Monday, July 8, 2019. This meeting will also be held in the Town Council Chambers of the Academy Building in Bridgewater, MA at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of this meeting will be to thoroughly examine and vote upon the GMES Schematic Design that will be submitted to the MSBA for their approval at their Wednesday, August 28, 2019 Board Meeting. If the GMES Schematic Design is ratified by the MSBA Board in August, the Bridgewater Town Council will then vote to have this as a ballot question at a special town election sometime in October of 2019. Just a reminder that all SBC meetings are open meetings and that community members are encouraged to attend and provide feedback and input. As always, additional George H. Mitchell Elementary School Project & MSBA information updates can be found at [http://www.bridgewaterschoolproject.com](http://www.bridgewaterschoolproject.com).

**2019-2020 Bus Route Information:**

The 2019-2020 BRRSD Bus Routes were reviewed and approved at the Wednesday, June 12, 2019 Bridgewater-Raynham Regional School Committee Meeting. Please note that the 2019-2020 BRRSD

Bus Assignment information, for all current BRRSD bus students, will be emailed to families on Friday, June 21, 2019 after 5:00 p.m. All incoming Kindergarten students’ 2019-2020 BRRSD Bus Assignment information will be sent out via email as well. We ask that the parents/guardians of all bus students please review the 2019 -2020 bus stop locations and times. Please note that all 2019-2020 bus routes have been reviewed by Lucini Bus Lines & the BRRSD Central Office Administrative Team, were driven and observed by the Lucini Bus Drivers, and were further reviewed by local Safety Officials. Based upon the recommendations of these individuals, some minor adjustments have been made as means of ensuring the safety of all our bus students. If you have questions regarding your child(ren)'s 2019-2020 Bus Assignment, we ask that you please contact Mrs. Ellen George, Administrative Assistant for Transportation, at egeorge@bridge-rayn.org or (508) 279-2140 ext. 140.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire BRRSD community for yet another wonderful school year. I am so fortunate to have the privilege of working with such a highly dedicated faculty & staff and incredible students & families. I look forward to September and once again hitting the ground running. Should you have any questions and/or concerns, I will be available throughout the summer. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 508-279-2140 ext. 113 or via email at dswenson@bridge-rayn.org. I wish you and your family relaxing, safe, and wicked awesome summahhh! Respectfully, Derek

**“WE ARE B-R, ONE TEAM, ONE FAMILY”**
Each year it amazes me just how quickly the days fly by! We are once again about to tie up another successful school year! Please be sure you keep your eye on your emails this summer as we hope to communicate important information to you about the 2019-2020 school year - senior and junior parking, new attendance rules, orientation information, schedule information, etc.

We are making some substantive changes to our Student Handbook that parents need to be aware of, so once those changes are approved we will share them with you. Please remember to encourage your child to complete his/her Summer Reading and Summer Math over the course of the summer so they begin the school year on solid ground!

Have a wonderful, restful, safe summer and we will see you next year!
THE KIDS RACE IS BACK!!

BRIDGEWATER KIDS ROAD RACE
THIRTY-SEVENTH EDITION

Staged by Bridgewater State University Athletics—Track and Cross Country Teams
(Not affiliated with the Bridgewater-Raynham Regional School District)

DATE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2019
RAIN DATE: (only if heavy rain, Sunday, October 13, 2019)
(If in doubt about the weather, call 774-208-2933)

ELIGIBILITY: THE RACES ARE OPEN ONLY TO BRIDGEWATER STUDENTS CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN GRADES K-8 AND IS OFFERED FOR FREE! NO REGISTRATION FEE.

DISTANCES-STARTING TIMES:
ONE MILE -- GIRLS-GRades K-8 -- 2:00 P.M.
ONE MILE -- BOYS-GRades K-8 -- 2:20 P.M.

WHERE: FRONT OF BSU’S BURNELL HALL—Hooper Street—Check in and Day of Race Registration in the Atrium in the center of the building. All entrants must check in or sign up at least fifteen minutes ahead of their race to pick up their numbers.

COURSE: The races begin and end on the roadway in front of Burnell, just off Route 104. Runners will leave Burnell, heading toward Burrill Avenue. They will turn left onto Burrill Avenue, continue up the hill around the Great Hill (Shea-Durgan) dorm, return on Burrill Avenue, and back to Burnell.

PARENTS: MAY RUN ALONG WITH OR BEHIND YOUNGER CHILDREN (AGE 10 AND BELOW) (Only the children will wear race numbers and should cross the finish line. Parents should monitor their children to make sure they run the course correctly and in its entirety.)

COMMEMORATIVE RIBBONs TO ALL FINISHERS

CERTIFICATES: TO ALL FINISHERS (Given out in school the following week.)

ENTRIES: PLEASE ENTER AHEAD OF TIME AT THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE

DAY OF RACE ENTRIES ACCEPTED UNTIL 1:45 P.M.

RACE ORGANIZATION QUESTIONS? Call Sam Baumgarten, 774-208-2933.
REGISTRATION/WEBSITE QUESTIONS: Call Dan Lamoreux 508-205-9050

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DONT MISS THIS GREAT CELEBRATION OF RUNNING & FITNESS. HELP CONTINUE A 36 YEAR TRADITION!


SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS:
BRIDGEWATER POLICE FOUNDATION  COLONIAL ROAD RUNNERS
NORTHEAST RACE MANAGEMENT
Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to help us out this year and especially the past month. We have had many activities, field trips, field days, classroom presentations....so many parents dedicated their time to assist us with these festivities. Your dedication to our school and our students is very much appreciated.

Reminder: Monday, June 17th is the last day of school, it will be an early release day, dismissal is at 11:20 and brunch will be served.

Student placements will be posted on August 16th and our Summer Open House will be on August 20th from 3:30-6:00 p.m. At that time you will be able to walk the building and acquaint yourselves with the location of your team and homeroom.

From the Williams Intermediate School family to yours we wish you a very safe and happy summer vacation. Enjoy your time away and return to us safely in September.

Please help us help you by filling out our School Climate Family Survey using the link below. Answer the questions as best you can. If you have any questions please contact the school. Please complete the survey on or before June 28th.

https://forms.gle/3hEwhPQhdigCVxsz6
We would like to congratulate all of the creative, courageous and charismatic students who took their talents to the stage for our 8th Grade Talent Show on Tuesday! Thanks go out to the talented students who worked with the back-stage, front-stage and lights booth crews, and to Ms. Phaneuf for lending her technical sound / light expertise, as well as the Raynham Channel technician for filming this special event. Thanks also to all of the parents, friends and families who attended on Tuesday night, as well as all of the RMS staff who mentored and coached the student acts, and finally many special thanks go out to Mrs. O’Connor and Mrs. Lacouture for once again producing and directing a fantastic show this year!!

Great job 8th graders on your Field Day on Wednesday - a fun time was had by all, and Mr. Schondek’s homeroom suffered an uncharacteristic early loss in the kickball tournament this year - better luck next year, Mr. S! Special thanks to the Grade 8 teachers for facilitating the activities and to Mr. Glaser, Mrs. Cantelli and Ms. Driscoll for leading the athletic events.

Congratulations to all the students recognized for winning awards this year during our Award Ceremony on Thursday, and to all teachers / presenters for giving these students a moment to shine! Thank you to students in attendance for your respectful, enthusiastic support of your peers, and to special guest speaker, Mr. Tartufo for your inspirational student address and awarding the awards given in your name!

Have an awesome Summer!
What Makes LES a Thriving School for All:
As educators, at the close of a school year comes reflections on growth, successes, areas to improve upon and more. I would like to share with the community my reflections on why LES is such a thriving school.

1. Each of the faculty members has a genuine love for teaching and investment in individual student success,
2. A faculty willing to try new approaches with support of administration,
3. Students feel safe in this school and come each day ready to learn,
4. Two-way communication between and among all stakeholders,
5. A well-organized faculty who puts the learning needs of students first,
6. All faculty, administration and volunteers work together to make this a wonderful learning place for students,
7. Opportunities for meaningful professional learning through PLCs and a willingness to try new approaches,
8. Growth Mindset of adult and student learners,
9. Dedicated faculty-friendliness of faculty-feeling of community. These things are most important because they trickle down to the students,
10. Implementation of the Buddy Program and
11. Further understanding of inclusive schools.

Our Retirees

Congratulations to our retirees, Ms. Elaine Ryan-Langevin, Ms. Suzanne Marino, Ms. Trish Tranter and Ms. Linda Warnock. As a school community, we wish them much happiness and joy as they enter this new chapter in their lives. BRRSD was so fortunate to have their expertise, commitment, and passion for what they did for our students over the many years.

Field Day, June 6th

What a great outdoor time was had by all as students experienced their annual field day on a picture-perfect weather day. This day would not have been so successful if not for the planning, organization, set up and management by Ms. Suzanne Marino and Mr. Patrick Connor, our PE instructors. Also, the multi-tasking by Mr. John Smith was truly something noteworthy as he assisted from early morning to late afternoon. Our office buzzed with excitement as Ms. Chickering welcomed parents, signed them out, assisted with many questions by all, and then ensured all students were safely dismissed all with a smile. Mr. Eric DeLisle was on site to ensure the students’ picnic lunch was welcoming and enjoyable by all. Thanks to all the staff of LES who had a part in making this day so successful. And thank you to our parent volunteers who so willingly gave of their time throughout the day. The hit of the day was the visit by the Raynham Fire Department and the traditional water spraying they provide over the football field for all to partake in. Thank you to both our Raynham Police and Fire Departments for being on site and being a part of field day.

Flag Day

On Tuesday, June 11th at 9:30 we had our first Flag Day Celebration. A thank you to the local Veterans, John McGrath from the Marine Corps League, and Micaela Brillo, from the Office of Veteran’s Affairs for all the guidance in planning this first-time event for LES! Ms. Sandy Leahy was on site to share her love of her country and flag by being our guest speaker! Our agenda included call to colors, raising of the flag, pledge of allegiance, folding of the flag, and more. Our agenda also included presentations by many of classes such as poems, songs, and artwork.
Summer Reading Rally

On Thursday, we had our first Summer Reading Rally at LES. Each child got a grade level themed reading bag that included a strategy book mark, a pamphlet for parents/guardians on the summer slump, a choice board for reading and one for math on how to be active in practicing all the students learned during the summer, a coupon and bookmark from Annie’s Book Stop, and a book mark, pamphlet, and registration card from the Raynham Public Library and most importantly, a “just right” book. We had a schoolwide read-to-self throughout our hallways. New experience, new memories. Happy Summer Reading to our LES Scholars!

Our Annual Fourth Grade Walk to RMS

Thank you to the administrators, teachers, and students of RMS for such a warm welcome to RMS from the moment we arrived. Our fourth graders are now even more so eager to begin their new educational journey at RMS. They are socially and academically ready for the challenge fifth grade brings. All students brought home their required summer reading and math from RMS today as well. Congratulations to our fourth graders, you are an amazing class who will accomplish amazing things in your life. The entire staff at LES wishes you joyful learning at RMS! Go class of 2027!

Dear BRRSD School Community,

At this time, I would like to thank you for allowing me to lead the LaLiberte Elementary School this past school year. It truly has been one of the most memorable and joyful times in my thirty-seven years as an educator. This school community is one that is not readily found and is truly a gift for all who are a part of it. The children are by far the most-polite I have ever experienced as well as being amazing motivated scholars and future leaders. The staff’s skill set is one to be so very proud of as they always put children at the center of all decisions. As parents/guardians, it is most noted that you are fully engaged in the happenings of this special educational haven.

I wish you much joy, happiness, and success as Ms. Holly Hargraves takes on the role of principal at the LaLiberte Elementary School.

Best wishes for an amazing 2019-2020 school year and many more!

Anita M. Rodriguez

Reminders and Updates:

1. June 17th Last Day of School – Half Day for Students and Staff
2. July 1st, Ms. Holly Hargraves will be joining BRRSD as the new principal of LaLiberte Elementary School.
   We wish her a most successful year and look forward to working as a team as we continue to do what is best for all students.

Important Dates for 2019-2020 School Year

- **Aug. 16, 2019** Notification of Classroom/Teacher Placement
- **Aug. 16, 2019** Notification of Bus Assignment
- **Aug. 22, 2019** Visitation Day for Incoming Second Grades and All New Students
- **Sept. 3, 2019** First Day of School
- **Sept. 12, 2019** Open House
- **Nov. 5 & 7, 2019** Parent/Teacher Conferences
- **Mar. 19 & 23, 2020** Parent/Teacher Conferences

Thank you for sharing your children with us.
Have a fun-filled and safe summer!
Merrill School Community Family Fun Night was a HUGE success!!! This night was sooo much fun! Thank you to the many, many families who participated. Again, thank you to the ECPO for sponsoring this event and especially, Jen Rodrigues, Alyssa Eawlins, Lisa Fitch and Nicole Williams for your hours of planning, preparing and organizing.

Our Kindergarten Grande finales were amazing. Students did a great job performing their musical selections. Again, Thank you to music teachers, Mrs. Bram and Mr. Schofield for preparing our students so well.

All of our incoming kindergarteners were screened last week. Thank you parents for taking the time from your busy schedule to bring your child in.

Last day of school is Monday, June 17th. Students will be dismissed at 12:05 and lunch will be served.

I sincerely thank all of our teachers, staff and families for making Merrill School the special place that it is. I wish all of our families a happy, fun and safe summer! Please feel free to contact me at Merrill School or via email over the summer with any questions or concerns you have.
Dear TEAM Mitchell Families:

As we head into the summer season, the rhythm of school life changes along with the gentler pace of our less hectic schedules. We will continue to plan and prepare for your children in the fall and hope that all of you find this time to rest, relax, and rejuvenate.

Many thanks to GMSPA and the many volunteers and supportive parents who continue to help make Mitchell Elementary School the warm and supportive learning environment that it is! We couldn’t do it without your help.

To our amazing teachers, paraprofessionals, support staff, psychologists, nurses, custodians, cafeteria workers, and secretaries I thank all of you for your commitment to excellence and for the compassion you have shown our students every day! All of you have played a special role in the lives of our students this school year! Thank you for always doing what is best for our students.

I would also like to congratulate our students for their hard work, excellent attendance, and positive attitude throughout the school year. To our Grade 3 families, we wish you the best of luck as you transition to WIS! As you begin the next phase of your education, may you always remember the friends, staff, and memories you developed while here at GMES Elementary School. We will miss you!

Thank you all for making my first year in Bridgewater very enjoyable. I look forward to continuing to lead a talented staff and wonderful group of parents and students in the future. Have a great summer!
Mrs. Patricia Bradley will be retiring at the close of this school year. Mrs. Bradley has been an integrated preschool teacher for Bridgewater-Raynham for the past 14 years. In that time, Mrs. Bradley has provided a safe and loving learning environment for so many children over the years, quite a few who have already graduated from high school.

In Mrs. Bradley’s classroom, you can expect to be greeted warmly every day and know you are in for some fun and creative learning opportunities with your friends. Her students learn not only about early literacy and math readiness skills, but more importantly, they learn how to be good citizens of this world. Patty promotes and models kindness and compassion every single day! This is not just in the classroom for her students, but also very much who she is as a person. Mrs. Bradley is always willing to work collaboratively with others for the benefit of children. She is always one of the first to lend a helping hand, materials, and/or resources to other teachers and staff when needed. Patty has been a dedicated educator.

Mrs. Bradley will be missed in preschool for the wonderfully kind and caring person that she is to everyone she comes across. She has worked very hard providing our little ones with a loving preschool experience and deserves to fully enjoy this next life’s journey to its fullest extent. We wish her many many years of health and happiness in her retirement.

Thanks so much for sharing your beautiful children with us this past school year! We have so enjoyed having them participate within our preschool program. We hope your children leave for summer break with many wonderful memories of their preschool experience. The Preschool Team wishes all of our children and their families a very HAPPY and HEALTHY SUMMER!
BRIDGEWATER-
RAYNHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

PRESENTS:

The B. A. S. E. Program

Our mission is to provide quality care for students before and after school, while keeping the lines of communication open between the program and home.

Programs are held at:

Grades K-3, George H. Mitchell at the Middle Elementary School

Grades 4-6, M.G. Williams Intermediate School

Hours: BASE AM and PM Sessions  7:00-8:55 AM and 3:25-6:00 PM

Any other questions regarding the BASE program may be directed to the GHMES at 508-279-2123 or to the program director, Mr. David Bewley: dbewley@bridge-rayn.org or 508-631-1786.