



HAWK HAPPENINGS

Runnymede Elementary

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Dear Runnymede Families:

Welcome back! We hope everyone enjoyed their summer break and is coming back to school refreshed and ready to learn! As we begin a new school year we'd like to remind you of the Runnymede Elementary School Mission and Vision for the future.

This mission defines our purpose:

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The Runnymede Elementary School vision describes the school we are striving to become:

- ❖ Our school will be a welcoming, positive and accepting community that supports independent growth and lifelong learning.
- ❖ Students will demonstrate a respect for learning by taking responsibility for meeting high academic and behavioral expectations.
- ❖ Staff and students will identify, support and address our individual learning styles while respecting our differences.
- ❖ We will work collaboratively to establish a supportive and encouraging relationship with the community.
- ❖ Staff relationships will be supportive, collaborative, and respectful in order to strengthen our school community.
- ❖ Staff will maintain a professional disposition and participate in continuous learning.

As a school, we are very proud of our student achievement. As you can see, our school scored well in most areas on last year's Maryland State Assessments:

2010 MSA....Percentage of students scoring at the Proficient or Advanced level:

Grade 3: Reading: 87.0%	Math: 96.3%
Grade 4: Reading: 86.5%	Math: 89.0%
Grade 5: Reading: 90.0%	Math: 82.2%

However, there is still work to be done. In May, our Leadership Team met to review student achievement data, and assess our current instructional programs. We then completed our school wide School Improvement Plan for the 2010-11 school year. Our plan can be viewed on our school website at <http://www.carrollk12.org>. In addition to our school wide plan, each team will write and implement an action plan for the improvement of student achievement. This year, our school will work on improving instruction by learning about the new Maryland Common Core State Curriculum and the Danielson Framework for Teaching. If you would like to know more about, or become a member of our Leadership Team, please contact us. If you would like to learn more about Maryland School Assessment, please visit <http://mdk12.org/>.

As a parent, you may ask, "How can I help with achievement at Runnymede Elementary School?" The answer is simple: be involved in your child's education. Come to "Back to School Night". Make sure homework is completed. Read with or to your child daily. Contact the teacher if your child is experiencing difficulty. Come to conferences. Get involved with the PTO. Sign up to be a volunteer. Call the teacher or the principal if your child is not making progress. If we all work together, we can make a difference.

Here's to a great school year!

Sincerely,

Tammy M. Richards and Debra H. Benner