Running Brook Elementary School’s motto is “We Are Running Brook.” Every member of the school community plays a vital role in the success of Running Brook. The staff of committed, caring teachers and support personnel strives to meet each child’s individual needs and unique abilities. We feel that our vision, mission and motto align perfectly with the school system’s Strategic Call to Action. The staff of Running Brook Elementary is fully invested in Learning and Leading with Equity. Some of our innovative academic components that focus on the whole child and prepare our children for college and careers include:

- Expanded Pre-Kindergarten: full-day preschool prepares all eligible children with social and academic skills they need for kindergarten and later in life.
- The Bridges Over Wilde Lake: academic and enrichment programs offered to students after school from October through May.

Running Brook receives technical and material support to improve the academic skills of our students and continue to explore science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). Our reading and math support teachers help classroom teachers develop instructional strategies based upon student needs. Additional teachers allow small group instruction in reading and math, and we offer a technology curriculum designed to infuse content knowledge with computer skills and enhance our students’ college and career readiness.

RBES staff and students are committed to educational excellence and life-long learning in a positive school environment where quality teaching and successful learning are prized and supported. Our staff takes pride in knowing each student as a learner and instilling in all children a love of learning. Our diversity is one of our biggest strengths and we continually work to provide a culturally inclusive environment for all. There is truly a “Running Brook Way” that is distinct from that of other schools, and we are proud to have a school community that believes in the motto, “We Are Running Brook”!

Fast Facts

Facility opened: 1970

Additions/Renovations
1984 (A), 2004 (R), 2006 (R), 2014 (A)

School Capacity: 449
(This does not include additional capacity provided by 2 portable classrooms.)

Total Enrollment (PreK–5): 399
Official count 9/30/22

Ethnicity FY23
American Indian/Alaskan ≤5.0%
Asian 5.5%
Black/African American 50.6%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander ≤5.0%
Hispanic/Latino 12.3%
White 20.1%
Two or more races 10.3%

Students Receiving Special Services FY22
Free/Reduced Meals 46.4%
English Learners ≤5.0%
Special Education 16.5%

Title I School

Administrators:
Gillian Spivey, Principal
Kelly Grenzer, Assistant Principal

Updated December 2022
### Academic Achievement

#### RBES Performance on State Tests*

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*State tests were not administered in FY20 or FY21 due to the pandemic. 2022 state assessment results have delayed reporting due to the standard setting process.

State accountability information can be accessed at [https://reportcard.msde.maryland.gov/](https://reportcard.msde.maryland.gov/)

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### Special Programs

- After School Enrichment Programs, Summer School
- Alternative Education Program, full-time guidance counselor, full-time psychologist, reading support teacher, and math support teacher
- Blessings in a Backpack
- BSAP mentor, ESOL family liaison, BSAP family liaison
- Character Education Program
- Family Math and Reading Nights
- Full day Pre-kindergarten
- Math Tutoring Program
- Parents Empowering Black Students
- Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) schoolwide behavior program
- Reading Recovery (Grade 1), Fast Math
- Regional Early Childhood Center
- Student support from WLHS National Honor Society
- Volunteers from Senior Citizens’ Group, Columbia Volunteer Corp, PTA, and A-OK Mentors

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### Accomplishments

- Received funding for before- and after-school programs through the Bridges Over Wilde Lake grant

#### Educational Partnerships

- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Iota Lambda Omega Chapter
- A-OK Mentoring-Tutoring, Inc.
- Always Reading
- Bethany United Methodist Church
- Blessings in a Backpack
- Columbia Presbyterian Church
- Columbia Youth and Teen Center @ The Barn
- Dream Builders
- Free Bikes 4 Kidz Maryland
- Dorsey's Search Community Assn.
- Hickory Ridge Community Assn.
- Howard Community College
- Howard County Library, Central Branch
- Howard County Police Department
- Kittamaqundi Community Church
- Long & Foster Ellicott City
- Mission 19
- Open Doors Food Pantry
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help
- Prepare for Success
- Residences at Vantage Point
- Rotary Club of Columbia Town Center
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace
- St Johns Baptist Church
- The Arc of Howard County
- The Brook at Columbia Apartments
- Wilde Lake Community Association

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