Running Brook Elementary School's motto is “We Are Running Brook.” Every member of our school community plays a vital role in the success of Running Brook. Our 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:** 515

(This does not include additional capacity provided by 2 portable classrooms.)

**Total Enrollment (PreK–5):** 402

Official count 9/30/20

**Ethnicity FY21**
- American Indian/Alaskan: ≤5.0%
- Asian: 8.2%
- Black/African American: 53.5%
- Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: ≤5.0%
- Hispanic/Latino: 12.4%
- White: 16.4%
- Two or more races: 9.0%

**Students Receiving Special Services FY20**
- Free/Reduced Meals: 51.3%
- English Learners: ≤5.0%
- Special Education: 13.9%

**Title I School**

**Administrators:**
- Anthony Esposito, Principal
- Gillian Spivey, Assistant Principal

Updated January 2021
**Academic Achievement**

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*State tests were not administered in FY20 due to the pandemic.

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

**Accomplishments**

- Received funding for before- and after-school programs through the Bridges Over Wilde Lake grant
- PBIS Gold School, 2011–16
- Participated in Howard County Library System/HCPSS Spelling and Bumble Bee Competitions, 2008–17
- Received Bright Minds® Grants, 2017

**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
- World Language (Spanish)

**Educational Partnerships**

- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Iota Lambda Omega Chapter
- A-OK Mentoring-Tutoring, Inc.
- Avalon Apartments at Fairway Hills
- Blessings in a Backpack
- Columbia Youth and Teen Center @ The Barn
- Dorsey’s Search Community Assn.
- Hickory Ridge Community Assn.
- Howard Community College
- Howard County General Hospital, A Member of Johns Hopkins Medicine
- Howard County Library, Central Branch
- Howard County Police Department
- Kittamaqundi Community Church
- Magellan Health, Inc.
- Rotary Club of Columbia Town Center
- Smoothie King, McGaw Road
- TasteWise Kids
- The Arc of Howard County
- The Brook at Columbia Apartments
- The Columbia Bank, Columbia Town Center
- Town Center Community Association Vantage House
- Wilde Lake Community Association