

# Rose L. MacDonald School Newsletter



**May 27, 2021**

See below Save the Bees Tip #8 provided by WB Girl Scout Junior Troop 62138

## Important Dates and INFORMATION

**May 31st – Memorial Day – No School**

**June 2nd – Half day of school; Dismissal at 12pm**

**June 4th – Grade 3 Field Day 8:30–11 a.m. (Rain date June 10th)**

### ***The Sweet Days of Third Grade!!***



The third grade field day committee is planning a candy themed field day on Friday June 4th 8:30-11 a.m. (rain date is Thursday, June 10th). With the help of parent volunteers, parent donations, and our generous PTO we have a lot of fun planned for our third grade class to send them off with a day to remember! **We recommend that you apply sunscreen to your child before school and please send them to school with a towel.**



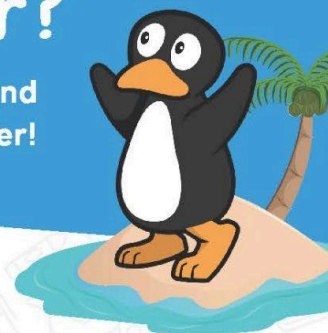
**June 16th – This is our last day of school. It will be a half day of school with dismissal at 12pm. Report cards electronically distributed.**



The latest menu can be found at: [June Menu](#)

# Are you ready for Summer?

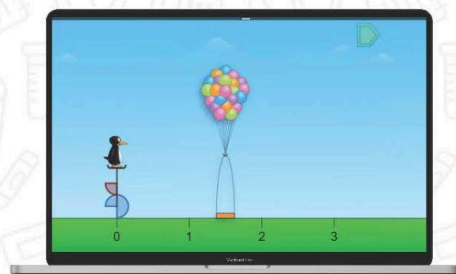
Evoked mathematical thinking and stretch your brains this summer!



ST Math is a visual instructional program that engages students in creative and rigorous problem solving, allowing them to see the math and grow.

In ST Math, the puzzles start off simple and then get more challenging as the student progresses. Instead of giving students the answers, ask questions to help them figure it out on their own.

Check out resources, facilitating questions and more at:  
[stmath.com/parent-math-resources](http://stmath.com/parent-math-resources)



## Summer Math Activities



### 1. Track Your Summer Usage

Encourage your kids to track their minutes using our Summer Usage Calendar every time they play ST Math. All those minutes add up fast!  
[bit.ly/summer-usage-calendar](http://bit.ly/summer-usage-calendar)



### 2. Play MathMINDs Games + Read Stories

Our math games and stories are designed to build deep conceptual understanding of math and inspire out-of-the-box thinking.  
[mindresearch.org/mathminds](http://mindresearch.org/mathminds)



### 3. Gear up for Game-a-thon

This friendly competition lets kids design their own math game. Submit your games by May 31, 2021, for a chance to be featured!  
[mindresearch.org/gameathon](http://mindresearch.org/gameathon)



**ST Math**

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## RLM Student Council



**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** We held our final meeting for the school year yesterday, reviewing the work that we accomplished and setting new goals for next year. We are happy to report that we were able to purchase over 200 blankets for the homeless as a result of our fundraiser. THANK YOU! We will be working on writing letters of encouragement and support to include with each blank in the days ahead. Next year, we hope to reinstate a school-wide recycling program, boost our Wildcat Pride program, and continue our efforts with Box Tops and the Soupman.

**BOX TOPS:** Don't forget - this fundraising program has transitioned to a new digital format. You now **scan your shopping receipts** from any store (like Market Basket, Trucchi's, Target, Walmart, CVS, etc.) to earn money for our school. Download the app today at <https://apps.apple.com/app/apple-store/id1150038564> or send your receipts to school. We are happy to scan them for you! Since school has started, we have earned over \$80. Every little bit helps. Please keep at it!



## Reading at RLM



### **READING CONNECTION NEWSLETTERS:**

- *Reading Connection (Beginning Edition, recommended for Grades PreK-2)* delivers simple tips and activities parents can use to help build a solid foundation for reading success. Here is the [May newsletter](#) for the Beginning Edition.
- *Reading Connection (Intermediate Edition, recommended for Grades 3-6)* provides families with tips and activities to support children as they encounter more challenging content, characters, plots, and concepts. Here is the [May newsletter](#) for the Intermediate Edition.

**SUMMER READING:** Summer break is right around the corner and many students (and their families) are looking forward to a break from school. Let's be honest - it is well deserved after adjusting to many changes and conquering many achievements during this unique and challenging year! However, summer is not a time to take a break from pleasure reading. Research is clear that children who do not read during the summer can lose up to three months of reading progress and that loss has a cumulative, long-term effect. We need to continue to foster a love for sharing books and reading for fun. Therefore, coming back by popular demand is FREE CHOICE and our *Wildcat Postcards*. Children will NOT be assigned a specific grade-level title to read for a summer assignment. Students will be asked to read multiple books of their liking instead. Details and materials will be sent home the last week of school!

## *From the Nurse*

**THIRD GRADE PARENTS ONLY:** All incoming 4th grade students must submit a current physical exam form to the school nurse at the Howard School prior to entering 4th grade or by the end of the 2021 school year.



**Tick exposure can happen year round, but ticks are more active during the warmer months (April - September)**

<https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/index.html>



### ***PTO CORNER***

We are happy to (finally!) share our new logo website and vendor!

We have some classics, and some great new gear!

Orders will be shipped directly to you, and can be shipped nationwide!

All proceeds benefit the West Bridgewater PTO

<https://apparelnow.com/west-bridgewater-ptto-apparel>

***WANTED: Committee Volunteers! Please visit [WBPTO.org](https://www.wbpto.org) to join.***

***FUNDRAISER: WHAT THE HECK? WRITE A CHECK! - This is a quick and easy way to contribute to the WBPTO without the pressure and worry of trying to sell something. There is nothing to buy and no time involved. Any donation is greatly appreciated! Make checks payable to "WBPTO" and include your phone number. Checks can be given to your child's teacher anytime during the year.***





We are the members of WB Girl Scout Junior Troop 62138. Last year our troop focused on caring for our environment. We learned about the importance of using less plastic, recycling and reusing as much as possible. Our friends at "Covered Inn Honey" donated a hive and honeybees to help us learn about the environment and the part bees play in our ecosystem. We were lucky, and the "Helpful Hive" thrived last year and has continued to thrive throughout the winter. This sparked an interest in the members of our troop to continue to learn about honeybees and other pollinators. We are currently working on our Bronze Award project and wanted to raise awareness in our community about the important work our pollinators do. Springtime is a great time to share the information we have learned. Over the next few months, we will share some tips and facts about honeybees and other pollinators in the weekly newsletter. Small steps in protecting these important members of our ecosystem can make a big difference.

**Save the Bees Tip #8 Support your Local Beekeepers!** One of the best ways to help pollinators is to support local beekeepers. There are a couple of ways to do this. One way is to buy honey and beeswax products from trusted local sources. Another way you can support them is to stop using pesticides. Those are the best and simple ways to support local beekeepers.

We hope you enjoy the easy tips we share with you so we can all help our pollinators.

Thank you,

Abby, Brianna, Helena, Holly, Kayla, Lauren, Mackenzie, Maria, Meah, Paige