



# W.R. Brown Elementary School



*Saddled up for achievement and riding to success...*

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Caesar Rodney School District

April 2023



## Upcoming Dates

**Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**

Elementary Chorus Festival

**April 7<sup>th</sup>-April 14<sup>th</sup>**

Schools Closed  
Spring Break

**Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**

Schools Reopen

**Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

Board of Education  
Meeting  
Allen Frear Elementary  
7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

Third Marking Period  
Report Cards Issued

**Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Rider Pride Day  
10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

CRSD Referendum

**Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**

WRB Beginner Band  
Concert  
6:00 p.m.

Dear W. Reily Brown Families,

Hello and Happy Spring! March was a great month at W. Reily Brown and we are eager for an awesome April.

Our Booster-Thon finale event was held on Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. We would like to thank everyone for their support in helping us reach our goal of \$12,000 to support classroom supplies, yearbooks, and field trips. Giving will remain open for one more week. If you would like to continue to give and share, head to [BOOSTER.COM](http://BOOSTER.COM) today. We are grateful for our W. Reily Brown Elementary School Community!

Please join Caesar Rodney School District Superintendent Dr. Christine Alois at W. Reily Brown on Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. as she shares a presentation on the upcoming tax referendum vote.

Spring Break will be from Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> to Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to welcoming students back on Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.

This month we begin our state testing in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. Your child's teacher will share specific dates. You can support your child by encouraging him/her to get a good night's rest, drink plenty of water, and maintain a positive mindset.

Please join us for a day of community and fun at our annual Rider Pride Day event. Rider Pride Day will take place on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Caesar Rodney High School. Be sure to come find us at the W. Reily Brown Elementary School booth. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

# Delaware School Climate Survey



This 2022-2023 school year, our school is participating in the Delaware School Climate Survey for families. The survey will help us assess how families as a whole perceive our school's environment. Because it gives us valuable information to use in planning, we ask that all families complete the survey.

Please note, this survey is confidential and should take about 10-15 minutes to complete from a computer OR mobile device. The survey is open now and will remain open through April 28, 2023.

To access the survey please use the internet address below or scan the QR code:

Thank you for your participation. We look forward to using your feedback!

# Bring a Leader to Breakfast



We are lucky to have so many amazing leaders in our lives! Our Bring a Leader to Breakfast event was held on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Students and their special guests enjoyed breakfast together served by members of our Student Lighthouse Team followed by photos at our photo booth and a special craft. Thank you to everyone who attended. We look forward to seeing more of our special leaders next year!



# Nurse's Nook



Allergy season has sprung.

Ways to help relieve your symptoms:

- Stay hydrated by drinking eight glasses of at least eight ounces of water a day.
- After coming inside, wipe face and nose with cool cloth to remove pollen particles.
- Treat your symptoms with MD approved over-the-counter cold and allergy relief medications. Research some natural products to use also.
- Cool mist humidification at night to help keep airways moist.
- Eat healthy and remember to eat the colors of the rainbow to help with food choices.



# Leader in Me: Habits at Home

W. Reily Brown is a *Leader in Me* school. We promote leadership for everyone through the 7 Habits.



## The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families

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<b>Habit 1   Be Proactive®</b> Identify any reactive behaviors your family wants to stop doing.	<b>Habit 2   Begin With the End in Mind®</b> Choose a quote that represents what's most important to your family.	<b>Habit 3   Put First Things First®</b> Family time is a Big Rock! Have a family date night. What activity best fits your family?	<b>Habit 4   Think Win-Win®</b> Talk about how you show courage as a family.	<b>Habit 5   Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood®</b> Write about three things you do as a family to show respect to one another.
<b>Habit 6   Synergize®</b> Pick a date this month to synergize as a family with a "family meeting." Complete a Plus/Delta Chart to identify what is going well for your family and what you could change.	<b>Habit 7   Sharpen the Saw®</b> Share a family meal together. Take a family selfie and record the date of the meal.	<b>Habit 1   Be Proactive</b> Identify any proactive behaviors you want to start or continue doing.	<b>Habit 2   Begin With the End in Mind</b> Write a goal that you want to achieve as a family in the next month.	<b>Habit 3   Put First Things First</b> Write to tell about your family's three biggest priorities for the next week.
<b>Habit 2   Begin With the End in Mind</b> Discuss what your family wants to be celebrating at the end of this school year.	<b>Habit 5   Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood</b> What closes the door for understanding in your family? Criticizing, talking about yourself, and giving advice are door slammers. What can you do to open the door to listening for understanding?	<b>Student Name</b> _____	<b>Habit 6   Synergize</b> Identify and record two or three strengths for each member of your family.	<b>Habit 7   Sharpen the Saw</b> Exercise together as a family. How do you like to stay healthy and active?
<b>Habit 7   Sharpen the Saw</b> Write about your favorite family traditions or create a new family tradition.	<b>Habit 1   Be Proactive</b> Identify any reactive language your family wants to stop using.	<b>Habit 2   Begin With the End in Mind</b> Discuss and write about what you want your family to stand for.	<b>Habit 3   Put First Things First</b> Make a "perpetual calendar" for your family. What important dates does your family commit to each week? month? year?	<b>Habit 4   Think Win-Win</b> Talk about how you show consideration as a family. Write about it.
<b>Habit 3   Put First Things First</b> Schedule one-on-one family time. Use the prompt below to write about that time: My time with _____ was special because _____.	<b>Habit 6   Synergize</b> Work together to complete a community service project. Write to tell about how you used Habit 6.	<b>Habit 5   Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood</b> Try using Habit 5 to fill in the blanks: An eight-year old says to his parent, "I hate my teacher." Parent's response: You seem to feel _____ [feeling] about _____ [subject].	<b>Habit 7   Sharpen the Saw</b> Try learning something new together. What did you learn?	<b>Habit 4   Think Win-Win</b> Make an Emotional Bank Account deposit by doing something kind for an extended family member, neighbor, or friend.



In Delaware, a referendum allows residents of a school district, through a ballot process, to vote to approve or reject changes to the operating expense tax and debt service tax.

By passing this referendum the Caesar Rodney School District will be able to better:

- Maintain and expand programs offered as presented in the Strategic Plan 2022-2027
- Maintain a 1:1 device-to-student ratio
- Continue to support local portion of funding for staffing and capital improvements
- Establish regular and consistent referendum timelines

Anyone who meets the following requirements can vote:

- Currently live in the Caesar Rodney School District
- At least 18 years old
- United States citizen
- Able to show proof of identification at the polling place (ex: driver's license, State of DE ID card or a bill addressed to your current residence – credit card or utility statement)

Why is the Caesar Rodney School District asking for this tax increase?

- The Caesar Rodney School District has not received additional referendum-based revenue since the end of 2021
- The 2015 referendum's main objective was to fund the construction of David E. Robinson Elementary School
- David E. Robinson Elementary School and Magnolia Middle School were both opened in 2021 with no additional future operating revenues secured
- There has been significant growth in State funded units (i.e. classroom teachers, paraprofessionals, constables, technology specialists), 65.54 of which the District is responsible for paying approximately 30% out of local funds:
  - Additional 19.00 units from FY 2017 to FY 2021
  - Additional 46.54 units since revenue increase ended in 2021
  - These positions do not include Emergency Relief (ESSER) or other grant-funded positions
  - Increased payroll expenses at approximately 7% in both FY 2021-2022 and FY 2022-2023
- Transportation operations have seen significant growth
- With statewide staff shortages, we need to be in a position to recruit and retain staff
- Last referendum passed in October 2015

Everyone is invited to join District Superintendent Dr. Christine Alois on any or all of the following dates as she shares a presentation on the upcoming tax referendum vote. All presentations will take place at 6:00 PM and are open to the public.

- Tuesday, April 4 - W. Reily Brown Elementary School
- Wednesday, April 5 - Caesar Rodney High School (The April 5 session will also be live-streamed for those who are not able to make the other meetings in person. More details forthcoming.)