



Brooke Grove News

Brooke Grove
Elementary School

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HAPPY FALL!



October Calendar of Events

Renaissance Assembly	10/1
Individual Pictures	10/1
Early Release Day	10/2
New Family Dessert and Principal's Coffee 6:30 p.m.	10/6
PTA Meeting : Help Your Child With Math 7:30 p.m.	10/6
Walk To School Day	10/7
Family Bingo Night 6:30-8:30 p.m.	10/10
OPEN HOUSE Columbus Day 9-11:30 a.m.	10/12
Book Fair	10/19
Sally Foster Delivery	10/20
Restaurant Night Mamma Lucia	10/22
1st Marking Period Ends	10/29
Halloween Parties 2 pm Halloween Ball 7-9 pm	10/30

School News

We have had a wonderful beginning of school so far. It is hard to believe it is already fall and October. The children are doing a wonderful job and have adjusted very well to school, the routines, and expectations. It is exciting to see them busy and learning.

It was so nice to see so many of you at Back-To-School Night. Your involvement and interest communicates the importance you place on school and learning.

Open House Visitation Day

Monday, October 12th is a morning where you are welcome to come in and observe your child's classroom in action. It is a wonderful opportunity to experience the high quality of learning and instruction that goes on in the classrooms each day. You will also see the schedule, expectations of the classroom, and the curriculum. We hope you will be able to come in and join us.

Volunteers

Parent and community volunteers are so important to the success of our children at Brooke Grove. We had a great turnout for the BGES Volunteer Training. Thank you to all of you who give your time, talent, and help. We appreciate your involvement in our school and in your child's education.



New Family Dessert and Principal Coffee

Please join us for an informal gathering of the new families to Brooke Grove on Tuesday, October 6th at 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. This is a pleasant opportunity to meet, answer questions, discuss issues on your mind, and help you feel more a part of the school and the community. We hope you will stay and join us for the PTA Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on helping your child with math.

PTA Meeting on Math Instruction

"But that is not how my teacher taught me." "That is not how we learned it in school." This is often what parents hear when they try to help their children with math work.

Please come to this month's PTA Meeting on Tuesday, October 6th at 7:30 p.m. Our Staff Development Teacher and Math Specialist have planned a demonstration of math skill instruction. Staff Members will demonstrate how math skills are introduced and taught, using manipulatives, vocabulary, and class and home resources.

By the end of the meeting, participants will have:

- Gained an understanding of the importance of multiple representations and discourse.
- Experienced methods of instruction for a few key concepts.
- Received resources on how to help their child at home in math.

**Please cross the street ONLY at the cross walk with the crossing guard.
Safety is our Goal**



Walk To School Day

Please join us as we participate in International Walk to School Day on Wednesday, Oct. 7. Walking is healthy and a positive way to begin the learning day. We are looking for volunteers to be a part of our walking school bus or bike train. If you are able to meet and walk with students, please email Mrs. Ger, our Patrol Sponsor, ASAP so that we can arrange meeting places and times. As an added note, if your child is a frequent walker or bus rider please let me know. They qualify for a Frequent Walker-Frequent Biker Card. The card is similar to our Mileage Club card and entitles students to prizes just like the Mileage Club does. We hope to see many of you out there with us.

Walking Program

We want our children to be happy and healthy, mentally and physically. Our Brooke Grove School Walking program gives the children an opportunity to exercise during recess. Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday our students will walk the track and add up and track their mileage and earn their "feet" for each mile walked.



Back-To-School Picnic

Students, families and staff had a wonderful time at the Back-To-School Picnic. Despite the rain, we had a great turnout. Thank you to Mrs. Cole-Bobo and Mrs. Levy and the PTA for sponsoring this wonderful event.

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month!

Meet the first Hispanic Supreme Court Justice, The Honorable Mrs. Sotomayor.



In May 2009, President [Barack Obama](#) nominated Sotomayor for appointment to the [U.S. Supreme Court](#) to replace retired Justice [David Souter](#). Her nomination was confirmed by the [United States Senate](#) in August 2009 by a vote of 68–31. Sotomayor was born in [The Bronx, New York City](#) and is of [Puerto Rican](#) descent. Sotomayor graduated from [Princeton University](#) in 1976 and received her [Law Degree](#) from [Yale Law School](#) in 1979.

For more information on Hispanic Heritage month visit: <http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/hispanic/index.htm>



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Tips and Reminders

BGES /Discipline Policy

Please read and review the **Brooke Grove Discipline Policy** with your child(ren) and then sign and return it to your child's teacher if you have not already done so. The Discipline Policy sets the expectations and procedures for helping us to create a positive school climate and a safe environment so that we can all come to school and learn and know we are respected.

Wednesday Folders

- Please read and go through all the papers sent home each Wednesday in the Wednesday envelopes.
- Please sign and return papers and communication to school in a timely manner.
- Establish a routine for nightly homework
- Provide a space that is well lit and organized for homework and have the necessary supplies.

Saturday School

Saturday School begins on Saturday, October 2, 2009 at Sherwood High School. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to receive extra help, academic support and acceleration. The program runs from October until May at 8:30—11:30 a.m. each Saturday. It is a free program, with only a registration fee. Please take advantage of this wonderful program and opportunity for your children.

Gifted And Talented News

Montgomery County Public Schools will host a series of informational meetings for parents on Downcounty, Northeast and Middle School Magnet consortia choice programs and countywide application programs. The evening meetings are scheduled throughout October and November for parents of students in Grades 3, 5 and 8. Some of these programs are available to students regardless of where they live in Montgomery County. Meetings are being held for:

*Current Grade 3 parents interested in the Center Programs for the Highly Gifted.

*Current Grade 5 parents interested in the Middle School Magnet Consortium (Loiederman, Parkland or Argyle Middle Schools) or parents interested in middle school magnet programs at Eastern, Takoma Park and Roberto Clemente Middle Schools.

*Current Grade 8 parents interested in the Downcounty or Northeast consortia, or other high school magnet programs at Montgomery Blair, Richard Montgomery and Poolesville High Schools. For more information and a schedule of the upcoming meetings, call 301-592-2040, or visit the Department of Enriched and Innovative Programs website at: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/enrichedinnovative/>

Highly Gifted Center for 3rd Graders

To All Parents of Grade Three Students: You should have received in the mail, an application from the Highly Gifted Center (HGC) for all third grade students. The Global Screening is part of the preliminary screening process for students who express interest in attending the Highly Gifted Center at Drew Elementary School. The school system is sponsoring two information sessions to allow you to learn more about this wonderful program. The dates are as follows:

October 12, 2009 at John F. Kennedy High School
1901 Randolph Road, Silver Spring, MD 20902

October 27, 2009 at Quince Orchard High School
15800 Quince Orchard Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20878

Both meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. Please make sure that you check your students' Wednesday folder on Wednesday, October 7, 2009 for the application if you did not receive it through the mail.

Health and Flu News

Thank you to our school nurse, Mrs. Lynda Ralli, and our health tech, Ms. Kathy Lawson, for running a successful health clinic and providing the FluMist to many of our students. The students will get a second dose within a month. We will keep you informed about the H1N1 Flu Vaccine when we find out the details. We are remaining extremely vigilant at school in trying to keep all our students and staff healthy. Each classroom has antibacterial soap. Children and staff are being encouraged to wash their hands thoroughly and frequently. Please continue to look for and read carefully all the information the school system is sending home regarding these important health issues.



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