



# Brooke Grove News

Brooke Grove  
Elementary School

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## Happy Fall!



### School News

It has certainly been an eventful beginning of the school year. Despite the unusual weather, our students and staff are focused and hard at work. The children are in a nice routine, and have adjusted very well to school, the schedules, 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. We had a wonderful turn out. Your involvement and interest communicates the importance you place on school and learning.

Thank you for joining us as partners in your child(ren's) education. Please continue to stay involved and on top of things at school. We love our ELMO's.

### Columbus Day Open House Visitation Day



We welcome and invite you to come on Monday, October 10th to 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. Watching the teaching in action helps to provide a model of how you can support and help your child at home with homework and reinforcement of the learning skills. We hope you will be able to come in and join us.



### New Family Dessert and Principal Coffee

Please join us for an informal gathering of the new families to Brooke Grove on Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> 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 important PTA Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Volunteering opportunities and training.

### Volunteers

Parent and community volunteers are so important to the success of our children at Brooke Grove. We hope to have a great turnout

for the BGES Volunteer Training. This year it is being combined with the PTA Meeting on Tuesday, October 4th. 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. We love having you.

### Parent Teacher Conferences

Please remember to sign up for your fall parent Teacher Conference. This year they are scheduled for the early release days on Thursday, November 10th and Friday, November 11th. Your child's teacher might have different days and times available. We want to meet with each of you to discuss the individual progress of your children and help share the areas of growth and the areas of continued need. It is so important for us at school to share how your child performs at school in a class setting, and for you to share about the strengths and individual learning styles of your child. It is when we put all the pieces together that we get a complete picture of the whole child.

### October Calendar of Events

Renaissance Assembly	10/3
New Family Dessert & Principal's Coffee 6:30	10/4
PTA Meeting 7:30	10/4
Walk To School Day	10/5
Individual and Class Pictures	10/6
OPEN HOUSE Columbus Day 9-11:30 a.m.	10/10
5th Grade Field Trip Strathmore	10/11
Scholastic Book Fair	10/17
Fall Fundraiser Pick-up	10/18
Pre K Field Trip Sharps Farm	10/18
Mix It Up Day	10/18
MSTA Convention	10/21
Red Ribbon Week	10/24-10/28
1st Marking Period Ends	10/28
Halloween Parade & Parties 2-3 pm	10/28
Professional Day for Teachers no School	10/31

**Please cross the street ONLY at the cross walk with the crossing guard.**



### Walk To School Day

Please join us as we participate in International Walk to School Day on Wednesday, Oct. 5. 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. Helvey, our Patrol Sponsor, ASAP so that we can arrange meeting places and times.

### Walking Program

We are looking for parent volunteers to help us run our Brooke Grove 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. We'd like to be able to have a parent supervise the program so that our students can walk the track and add up and track their mileage and earn their "feet" for each mile walked. Please contact Mrs. West if you might be able to volunteer your time. Thank you.

### Step Team

We are still looking for a Step Team sponsor so we can continue our wonderful BGES tradition.



### Back-To-School Picnic

Students, families and staff had a wonderful time at the Back-To-School Picnic. The weather was raining so we had it inside. However the children danced and had a marvelous socializing with family and friends. Thank you to Mrs. Karen Castle and the PTA for sponsoring this wonderful event.



*Partnership*

*I dreamed that I stood in a studio  
and  
watched two sculptors there.  
The clay they used was a young  
child's mind  
and they fashioned it with care.  
One was a teacher; the tools he used  
were  
books, music, and art.  
One a parent with a guiding hand,  
and a  
gentle, loving heart.  
Day after day the teacher toiled,  
with  
touch that was deft and sure,  
while the parent labored by his side  
and  
polished and smoothed it o'er.  
And when at last their task was  
done, they  
were proud of what they had  
wrought.  
For the things they had molded  
into the  
child could neither be sold nor  
bought.  
And each agreed he would have  
failed  
if he had worked alone.  
For behind the parent stood the  
school,  
and behind the teacher - the home.*



## RIGOR RELATIONSHIPS RELEVANCE ENGAGEMENT

**Red Ribbon Week**

10/24-10/28

Red Ribbon Week gives us the opportunity to commit to being and staying healthy, staying away from drugs, and making good choices. Mrs. Howard has many exciting activities for us during this week.

**Mix It Up Day Tuesday 10/18/11**

Get to know a new friend, learn about someone from a different background, or start an interesting conversation by sitting with someone new at lunch. Enjoy!



## 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 began on Saturday, September 24, 2011 at 12 locations including Sherwood HS. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to receive extra help, academic support and acceleration. The program runs from September until April at 8:30—11:00 a.m. each Saturday. It is a low cost program. Please take advantage of this wonderful program and opportunity for your children.

**Gifted And Talented News****Attention All Families of Third Grade Students**

Applications for the Elementary Centers for the Highly Gifted (HGC) were recently mailed directly to all parents of Grade 3 students in Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS). **This is a reminder that if you are interested in having your child considered for the HGC, you must complete the application and return it by November 7, 2011, to:**

HGC Application  
Division of Consortia Choice and Application Program Services  
11721 Kemp Mill Road  
Silver Spring, MD 20902

**If for some reason you did not receive an application in the mail, and are interested**

**in the program, contact the school or access it from the website at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/).** The packet also is available in Chinese, French, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese. If you need a translated application, please contact the school.

There will be two parent information meetings about the HGC on the following dates beginning at 7:00 p.m. The same information will be presented at each meeting. Feel free to go to the one most convenient for you.

October 3, 2011

Parent Information Meeting at Northwest High School

13501 Richter Farm Road, Germantown, MD 20874

October 10, 2011

Parent Information Meeting at Wheaton High School

12601 Dalewood Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20906

Students who submitted their applications by the deadline will be tested in their current school during November 7, 2011. Notification of the testing date and time for your school will be mailed to the homes of those applying.

**Attention All Families of Fifth Grade Students!**

The application materials for the middle school magnet programs at Takoma Park Middle School and Eastern Middle School are available online at [www.montgomeryschoolmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/](http://www.montgomeryschoolmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/). **All fifth graders are eligible to apply.** These are exciting opportunities for interesting and challenging experiences in middle school. The program at Takoma Park Middle School focuses on math, science, and computer science. The program at Eastern Middle School focuses on humanities and communication arts. Parents and students who are interested in learning more about the program are invited to attend the following evening meetings:

October 03, 2011 7:00-8:30

October 13, 2011 8:00-8:30

October 25, 2011 7:00-8:30

**November 7, 2011****Also learn about Loiederman, Parkland and Argyle MS programs.****Contact Mrs. Delyza Howard for more information. 301-924-3154**

Takoma Park Magnet meeting at Takoma Park MS

Roberto Clemente MS

Eastern Magnet meeting at Eastern MS

**Application deadline, postmarked or delivered****John Hopkins Center for Talented Youth**

The Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth is pleased to announce the opening of the CTY Talent Search 2011-2012 for students in second through sixth grade. The purpose of the Talent Search is to identify, assess and recognize the academic abilities of highly able students. The CTY talent search is open to students who have scored in the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile or higher on a reasoning section of a nationally-normed test or have state test results categorized at the highest level of performance (such as advanced, distinguished, exceeds or honors). More information about CTY can be found on the John Hopkins website: [www.cty.jhu.edu](http://www.cty.jhu.edu). To apply parents must submit an application along with the correct fees, and register their student to take the SCAT test. Application are due by November 1, 2011. Applications can be found on their website or you can contact Mary Carroll our GT Liaison at 301-924-3154.



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