



Brooke Grove News

Brooke Grove
Elementary School

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Welcome Back to School



School News

We had a wonderful start to school. It was so nice to have the children back at school and have the building filled with their smiling faces and bursts of energy, interest, and excitement. The classrooms looked beautiful, colorful, and engaging and are ready for learning.

Thank you to the hard work of the Staff, the Building Service Team, the Office Staff, the parents and PTA for helping to ensure that the school looked beautiful and welcoming for students. Thank you to the PTA for our lovely Back To School Lunch during pre-Service Week after Open House. The lunch helped the staff feel appreciated and was delicious.

Please join us for a Back to School Picnic on Friday evening, September 11th at 5:30—8:00 p.m. It is such a nice opportunity for the chil-

dren to socialize and for you to meet the new families in your child's class.

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

Thank you for helping us ensure the safety of all the children by supporting our morning and afternoon arrival and dismissal procedures. Children should arrive no earlier than 8:30 a.m. because there is no one on duty to watch them. Children will line up outside by grade level. The patrols will watch the children in their grade level lines. Children will be escorted into the gym between 8:35- 8:40 a.m. each morning or earlier if the weather is unpleasant.

For dismissal, students will be escorted by their teachers to their dismissal area. The Bus riders will be brought to the gym, and car riders will go out the door by the kiss and ride loop. They will come out and will line up behind their grade

level signs held by the patrols.

There are 2 designated spots for cars to pull up and have the children put in the car. The other cars will remain in the single lane and drive around until they reach the designated spot. We are trying to maintain an efficient, safe and orderly system. If you pull up to the designated spot and your children are not yet available, please pull ahead and either park in front of the cones or ideally drive around in the loop one more time.

The walkers will go out the main entrance and will be matched and greeted by their parents. We are trying to minimize congestion by having the walkers go out the front door.

The walkers who are not matched up with an adult, will be led over to the car rider grade level line to either wait for an adult to pick them up or to go into a car.

September Calendar of Events

<i>Renaissance Welcome</i>	9/1
<i>Back Assembly</i>	
<i>Labor Day—Holiday</i>	9/7
<i>Brooke Grove</i>	9/10
<i>Back To School Night—</i> <i>7:00 p.m.</i>	
<i>Back To School Picnic—</i>	9/11
<i>Hispanic Heritage Month</i>	9/15
<i>Farquhar—Back to</i> <i>School Night</i>	9/17
<i>Sally Foster Orders Due</i>	9/18
<i>Rosh Hashanah</i>	9/19
<i>Volunteer Orientation—</i>	9/23
<i>Sherwood High School</i>	9/24
<i>No School—Yom Kippur</i>	9/28
<i>Individual Pictures</i>	10/1



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. We are excited to offer this program which has health benefits to the children and provides a safe and structured recess activity. We thank the paraeducators for helping to run the program. We welcome any parent volunteers to join us.



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



Back To School Night

Back To School Night is a special opportunity to come to school and sit in your child's seat in class and hear all about your child's instructional program, the classroom procedures and expectations, homework and learning goals. We want to encourage and invite all of you to attend on Thursday, September 10th at 7:00 p.m. As usual, we will meet together in the gym, and hear from the PTA, as well as the administration. Then there will be 2 sessions to visit classes and to visit the other arts classrooms and specialists classes. We look forward to having you all join us on this very important evening. We are true partners in your child's education.

"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body." - Joseph Addison



Cell Phones are NOT permitted for elementary students. If there are extenuating circumstances, please contact the school administration.



Please help us enforce the rule that Skate Boarding is not permitted on School Grounds due to liability issues.



Welcome to our new Brooke Grove Staff

Mr. Duane Ross—AP
Ms. Michelle Pinto—1st Grade
Ms. Whitney Cain—3rd Grade
Ms. Michelle Leite—5th grade
Mrs. Jane Gratton—Media Assistant



RIGOR
RELATIONSHIPS
RELEVANCE
ENGAGEMENT



“Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere.”

- Chinese Proverb

Tips and Reminders

- Home / School communication is key. We want to keep you informed about school events., curriculum, classroom and school procedures and important messages.
- 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.
- Contact your child's teacher with any questions and concerns. Forming a close partnership with your child's classroom teacher is essential to help you child be a successful learner in school. Parents and teachers see children in a different environment. Each have a different piece of the puzzle about each child. When we put the puzzle pieces together, we are able to paint the best picture about the child.
- The Brooke Grove web site is a valuable tool to find out important information about school. There are



Vision

Our goal is to provide a quality instructional program that inspires and delivers RIGOR, RELATIONSHIPS, RELEVANCE, AND ENGAGEMENT. All children need to be challenged to reach their highest potential. Having high expectations communicates our belief in the children and in their ability to learn and perform at the highest levels. We must prepare our children for the 21st Century. Their world is moving very

quickly and involves technology that we are not even aware of. Children will be required to work in cooperative groups, problem solve and apply their thinking. Children all learn, develop and show their gifts at different times. We must balance our goals of challenging the students with the desire to have them love learning and understand and respect their different learning styles. A classroom that differentiates the instruction and



wonderful Parent Resources and web sites to help your child learn and practice their skills.

- Join us at PTA meetings and school events to understand what is going on each day in your child's school.
- Have the children get a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast each morning.
- Monitor and limit television viewing and video games.
- Read to your children often and discuss the stories. Allow the children to explain about the characters, the setting, the problem in the story and the solution.

provides small group instruction on each child's instructional level allows teachers to meet these individual goals and needs. It is important for all the adults in a child's life to model a love of learning and an understanding that we want each child to feel good about themselves and about learning. It helps to share our struggles with the children and help them see how we problem solve and use our best thinking to come up with solutions.

Health and Flu News

Flu Clinic

You will be receiving a great deal of information about how MCPS and the county is working to ensure the health and safety of the students and staff as we prepare for the possibility of a difficult flu season.

The best advice is to wash our hands frequently with soap and water and to use bacterial gels when this is not possible. It is also very important to keep sick children home so that the germs are not spread. The health de-

partment is saying that students need to stay home for 24 hours after the fever has subsided without the use of Tylenol. Please adhere to these recommendations so that we can all stay healthy.

Brooke Grove will be offering free seasonal flu vaccines (FluMist) on September 25th in the morning. More information will be coming home regarding the flu mist program. We do not have information on H1N1 flu shots at this time.

Media Center Volunteers Needed

The Media Center is in need of volunteers to assist with book check out and check in, shelving books, and clerical duties. No experience is necessary, we will train you. The Media Assistant position held by Mrs. Jane Gratton is a part time position. Mrs. O'Connor will appreciate the extra help so she can continue to serve the needs of the children and the teachers. You can volunteer as little or as much time as your schedule allows. Thank you.



Inside Story

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