



Brooke Grove News

Brooke Grove
Elementary School

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Welcome Back to School



School News

The school building is once again filled with the delightful sight and sounds of happy and busy children. It is wonderful to have the children back at school, 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 Staff, the Building Service Team, the Office Staff, the parents and PTA for all their hard work and help 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.

Back To School Picnic

Please join us for a Back to School Picnic on Friday eve-

ning, September 3rd at 5:30—8:00 p.m. It is such a nice opportunity for the children 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 the main entrance in grade level lines. The patrols will help watch the children. 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.

Please use the Kiss and Ride to drop your children off in the morning and afternoon. There are 2 designated spots for cars to pull up and have the children put in the car or let out. The other cars will remain in the single lane and drive around until they reach the designated spot. If you pull up to the designated spot and your child(ren) 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. 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

Back To School Picnic 5:30—8:00 pm	9/3
Labor Day—Holiday	9/6
Rosh Hashanah—No School	9/9
Ramadan	8/11—9/9
Primary Election—No School	9/14
Hispanic Heritage Month	9/15—10/15
Farquhar—Back to School Night	9/16
Yom Kippur	9/18
Brooke Grove Back To School Night—	9/21
Sherwood High School Back To School Night— 7:00—9:00 p.m.	9/23
Volunteer Orientation— 7:30 –9:00 p.m.	9/29
Early Release Day 12:30	10/1

Walking Program
"Healthy bodies and healthy minds."



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



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

SAVE THE DATE Back To School Night Tuesday, September 21, 2010

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 Tuesday, September 21st at 7:00—9:00 p.m. We will begin the evening 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.*

BABYSITTING will be available in the All Purpose Room. Please call school to reserve a spot.



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
Mrs. Kelly McIntire—
Administrative Secretary
Mrs. Heather Byrnes—Speech & Language Specialist
Mrs. Marlisa Fullmer—5th Grade Learning Center Paraeducator



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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.

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.

Homework

- Establish a routine for nightly homework
- Provide a space that is well lit and organized for homework and have the necessary supplies.

MSA 2010 Results

As you are aware, each spring the students in grades 3,4 and 5 take the Maryland State Assessments in Reading and Math. Our school, county and state are measured against standards called the Annual Measurable Objectives (AMO). By 2014, every student is to be proficient or advanced in reading and math. This year, we were successful in reaching the expected growth for the AMO for each category except one. We were unsuccessful in the subgroup Free and Reduced Students in Reading. As a result our school unfortun-

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

- Contact your child's teacher with any questions and concerns. Forming a close partnership with your child's classroom teacher is essential to help your 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.

BGES Web Site

- The Brooke Grove web site is a valuable tool to find out important information about school. There are wonderful Parent Resources and web sites to help your child learn and

nately, did not make annual yearly progress (AYP) this year. This outcome presents us with a challenge and an opportunity for self-reflection and growth. Our School Leadership Team and School Improvement Team (SIP) met over the summer to analyze the data and to begin strategizing and creating an action plan. We will be working with MCPS to help guide us as we monitor the student's growth and our instructional plan. We ask that you join us in this challenge. We cannot do it without your diligence, support, and daily help at home. Please attend our SIP

time as your schedule allows.

Thank you.

PTA Wish Lists

Thank you to our wonderful and generous PTA for helping to purchase valuable instructional materials and resources for teachers and staff through the PTA funds. We are so fortunate to have such supportive and interested parents who provide so many resources for our school. You are the BEST!!



practice their skills.

PTA Meetings

- 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.
- Share your thinking with your children.

Math Facts

- Practice math facts daily with flashcards, web sites, and games.

Meetings, school functions, and PTA Meetings to further learn about our plan and share your ideas about how we can work together for the betterment of each and every child.

The next SIP Meeting is Monday, October 25, 2010 at 3:30—5:00 p.m. in the Media Center. Babysitting is available.



“Together... there is something we can do about it”

Promethean Board

Thanks to the generous donation and contribution of Farquhar Middle School along with our school funds, we were able to purchase a second Promethean Board. It is installed in the Media Center so that all teachers and children have access to it. It is a very exciting learning tool and we are pleased that our Brooke Grove students and staff will have the opportunity to work with it.

Homework Hotline Live

Homework HELP

T-W-Th 4-6 p.m.

301-279-3234 Comcast 34, Verizon 36



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