



# The Eagle's Nest

The Brooke Grove PTA Newsletter

*Invest in your children's future...the return is immeasurable.*

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**DEADLINE for next Eagle's Nest: Wed. Dec. 28th**

### Check out BGES PTA's website

We post all of the upcoming events and happenings on this website, [brookegrovepta.org](http://brookegrovepta.org).

### New Front Office Sign in Procedures

A new visitor management system is now in place at BGES when visiting the school. Visitors' driver's license will be scanned, and those without identification will have their information entered manually by staff. This new system provides safety and security for our students and staff.

### School Directories Delivered

If you didn't receive your directory, please contact Andrea Keller at [andrea@kellerprinting.com](mailto:andrea@kellerprinting.com) or Gail Kahan at [kahan4@verizon.net](mailto:kahan4@verizon.net).

### Art to Remember

Thank you for your support of the ART TO REMEMBER program. If you have any questions or concerns about your order, please contact Shelly Niverth at 301-570-0938 or [Niverth@verizon.net](mailto:Niverth@verizon.net).

### Farquhar Modernization Update

The Land Swap meeting is rescheduled for January 3 and will take place at Farquhar Middle School from 7-8:30pm. We urge you to attend this meeting. We are hoping that hundreds of people show-up.

### The PTA Meeting for January 3rd is

**cancelled** - attend the Farquhar Meeting in its place.

The purpose of the meeting will be to inform Montgomery Parks on the decision to "swap" land - they need to know whether this is an "equal or better" deal for them.

This is a KEY MEETING and the Parks Department and MCPS need to see that we're committed to the land-swap. A large presence communicates our commitment to keeping the kids off the bus.

As we've stated before, **the land-swap is NOT a done deal**, and **we still need your help** to make sure it becomes one. The few people opposed to the land-swap will be there, and we need everyone there to show just how many people are FOR the land-swap.

Also, we still need to show our community support of the land-swap to the Montgomery County Planning Board via the new petition. If you haven't yet signed it (moms AND dads), please do. Please try and get at least 5 other Montgomery County residents to sign as well. Neighbors, relatives, friends - anyone who supports not busing our kids to Tilden, getting a new park in Olney years ahead of schedule, and saving money. The online petition is here: [www.change.org/petitions/support-the-land-swap](http://www.change.org/petitions/support-the-land-swap)

Signing it will not bring anyone spam or solicitations, and the names and addresses on the petition will be shared ONLY with the Montgomery County Planning Board. Thanks again for everyone's support!

Please contact Troy Kimmel at [tkimmel@stratsight.com](mailto:tkimmel@stratsight.com) with any questions.

### Science Share Season Kicks-off

The BGES Science Share will be held on Wednesday, February 29th. The Science Share is a great way for all BGES students to have fun with science. Registration packets were sent home in today's Wednesday folders. The deadline for turning in registration forms is Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. For more information or if you can help, please contact Leslie Greenberg at (301) 260-1998 or LeslieandMichaelGreenberg@gmail.com.

### Science Share Meeting

Due to the land swap meeting, the Science Share Parent-Student Information Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 3rd has been cancelled. This meeting will not be rescheduled. If you have questions about the Science Share and/or need assistance with your child's project please do not hesitate to contact Leslie Greenberg at 301-260-1998 or LeslieandMichaelGreenberg@gmail.com.

### Yearbooks!

Don't forget to order your yearbook by December 23 for the best price of the year. It's \$20 for a year of memories.

5th grade families - contribute a few dollars extra to help us provide a yearbook for every 5th grade student whose parents can't buy them one.

### Photos for BGES Yearbook

Do you have any photo's you'd like to share for the BGES Yearbook? Please upload photos to <http://dropbox.lumapix.com/?f05e-93af-2731> and drop them in the designated event folder. Any questions, please contact Jennifer Smith at kalilidesign@hotmail.com

### The 2011 BGES Variety Show is coming!

Planning has begun for the 11th annual BGES Variety Show. This year's theme is "You're Going to Hollywood." The show will be conducted April 27th and 28th. Grab your friends, new and old, and start thinking about your act. Look for your registration packets in the January 4th Wednesday folders. Auditions will be held February 22nd-24th. Please contact the Variety Show planning committee at [vsbges@gmail.com](mailto:vsbges@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

### Save Box Tops



With the holiday season upon us many of you may plan on doing your shopping online, why not go through [www.btfe.com](http://www.btfe.com) and help earn more money for BGES? It's at no additional cost - all you have to do is register (make sure you choose BGES as your school), and shop through the Marketplace 100+ retailers participate. Also, don't forget to clip and send in your General Mills Box Tops. Brooke Grove receives 10¢ for each box top collected! Any questions, please contact Amanda Gabel at [pandalg81@gmail.com](mailto:pandalg81@gmail.com).



### Catch Up Corner

Craft night raised approximately \$700 and enjoyed a huge turnout.

Our school enrollment hovers around 400 children.

Don't forget to contribute to the Cabrera Children Memorial Fund at Bank of America, Routing #052001633, Account #446024285643

### Happy Birthday, Staff!

12/27 - Ann Titherington  
12/31 – Sue Barton

### Mark Your Calendar



Mon., Dec. 26-Fri., Dec. 30.....Winter Break  
Mon., Jan. 2.....No School  
Tues., Jan. 3.....FMS Meeting  
Mon., Jan. 16.....No School  
Mon., Jan. 23.....No School