



The Eagle's Nest

The Brooke Grove PTA Newsletter

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DEADLINE for next Eagle's Nest: Sept. 9th at 3:00 PM

Back-to-School Night

Please mark your calendar for Back-to-School Night to be held on Thursday, September 10th from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. This is a parents-only event, and is an opportunity for you to spend some time with your child(ren)'s new teacher & gain an understanding of the year's curriculum.

PTA's Back-to-School Picnic

The Brooke Grove PTA invites you to our Back-to-School Picnic on Friday, September 11th from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the BGES playground. Pack your own picnic and bring something to share. If your last name begins with A-K, bring drinks (water bottles, cans of soda, or juice boxes). If your last name begins with L-Z, bring a dessert, salad, or chips. If you don't have time to pack your own picnic, pizza will be sold by the slice or whole pie, along with Rita's Italian Ice. To guarantee a whole pie, contact Janet Levy with your order at 301-570-0282 or [Janet E Levy@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Janet_E_Levy@mcpsmd.org).

We're also looking for parent, middle, or high school volunteers to help with set-up, clean-up, and the food table. If you can help, please contact Janet Levy at 301-570-0282 or Glenda Cole-Bobo at 240-472-5991.

Welcome Back from the PTA
Welcome back to Brooke Grove! The PTA Board of Directors hopes you had an amazing summer. Planning for the 2009-10 school year is well underway and we hope you are all ready to jump back in to help make this school year the best yet! Don't forget to attend our Back-to-School picnic on Friday, September 11th. This is a great way to meet new families. Our Sally Foster fundraiser kicked off this past Monday. We truly understand that budgets are tight. The school's budget is extremely tight as well. Every dollar counts and goes directly back to the school. Please make every effort to participate. We also want to take this time to remind everyone that the PTA is here for **all** Brooke Grove families. If you have a concern, question, or problem, please come to a PTA meeting or contact a board member. We want to hear from you!

Welcome Mr. Ross!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the newest administrative member of the BGES team. We are delighted to have Mr. Duane Ross join us as our new Assistant Principal. Mr. Ross brings many years of school and community experience to Brooke Grove and we look forward to learning from him and working with him towards a successful 2009-10 school year!

School Supply Kit Update

If you ordered a School Supply Kit for your child for this school year, it should have been delivered to your child's classroom. If your child did not receive their kit, please contact Kerri St. Laurent at 301-774-0032 or kerri.stlaurent@yahoo.com.

Happy Birthday, Staff!

MeLinda Ford
Karen Atabek

Sept 7
Sept 13



Cafeteria Servers Needed

The cafeteria is looking for volunteers to help serve lunches Monday – Thursday from 11:25 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. You decide which day of the week and if you want to help every week or every other week. This service is really appreciated by the children because they can get through the lunch line faster and have more time to eat their lunch. If you can volunteer, please call Sheela Huff at 301-570-0918 or email at sheela.huff@verizon.net.

Sign Up To Volunteer

The PTA has many committees and events for you to get involved. Sign-up sheets will be displayed outside the gym during Back-to-School Night. Please make sure you check them out and sign-up for at least one activity. We cannot provide the programs we offer without volunteer help.

Volunteer Orientation

Want to volunteer, but don't know where to start? Did you sign-up to be a room captain? Already a committee chair or member? We need all volunteers including room captains and committee chairs to attend Volunteer Orientation on September 23rd at 7:30 p.m. Babysitting will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Agranov at 301-260-9303.



Halloween Costume Ball

Even though we are still in the midst of the dog days of summer, the crisp, cool days of fall are right around the corner. The plans for the 3rd annual Halloween Costume Ball are well underway. Have you started thinking about your costume yet?

It's Sally Foster Time!

Once again BGES is participating in the Sally Foster Gift Wrap and Giftware Program.

The great news is that 50% of every purchase goes directly to Brooke Grove. These funds help pay for many programs and equipment in our school.



Our Sally Foster fundraiser begins today. On the first day of school, your child should have received a packet with order forms and important information regarding the program. This year, the PTA is offering many new and exciting prizes for selling Sally Foster. Please contact Anne Rood at 301-570-3251 or barood@verizon.net with any questions you may have or if you did not receive your packet.

School Directory

Once again, the PTA will be publishing a school telephone directory. The directory will be distributed to all families joining the PTA and will include all students attending Brooke Grove. If you do not wish to be included in the directory this year, **you must let us know**. Look for a form at Back-to-School Night and return it to your child's teacher immediately if you have address changes or do not wish to be included in the directory. If you have any questions, please contact Denise Baker at csbdmb@msn.com.

School Directory Advertising

Do you have a community-based business or know of someone in the local area who could benefit from getting exposure to our staff, student, and family community? As we have done in the past, we will be selling ads for our annual School Directory. The ad costs are extremely inexpensive and will be used to help cover the cost of printing. Please look for the form that was included in your Open House packet.

Newsletter Publication Dates

For the remainder of 2009, *The Eagle's Nest* will be published on the following dates: Sept. 16 & 30, Oct. 14 & 28, Nov. 11 & 25, Dec. 9 & 23. The deadline to submit articles is the Wednesday before publication. Information should be sent electronically through the BGES website (PTA page) or directly to bgesnewsletter@yahoo.com.

Mark Your Calendar



Mon, Sept 7	NO SCHOOL
Thurs, Sept 10	Back-to-School Night
Fri, Sept 11	Back-to-School Picnic
Fri, Sept 18	Sally Foster Orders Due
Wed, Sept 23	Volunteer Orientation
Mon, Sept 28	NO SCHOOL
Thurs, Oct 1	Individual Student Pictures