



The Eagle's Nest

The Brooke Grove PTA Newsletter

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DEADLINE for next Eagle's Nest: Oct. 21st at 3:00 PM

Read Around the World

Scholastic Book Fair

The annual fall book fair will be held from October 19 – 23 in the Media Center. The book fair will open each day at 9:00 a.m. It will close at 4:00 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday and 3:30 p.m. on Friday. It will stay open late until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday and 7:00 p.m. on Thursday. Students will bring home a wish list, a Scholastic Books flyer, and a trivia sheet either on Monday or Tuesday when they visit the book fair. We hope to see you there! Contact Debbie Metrey if you have any questions at 301-570-3917 or debbienrick@comcast.net.

Halloween Costume Ball

Tickets!

It's time to buy your tickets for the 3rd annual Halloween Costume Ball! The cost will be \$8 per family pre-paid and \$10 per family at the door. We will have food for sale, including hotdogs, salads, pizza and drinks. Carmen's Ice will also be selling italian ice for dessert. Look for the ticket flyer in your child's Wednesday folder. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Ronan at 301-570-3825 or Melanie Whelan at 301-260-0723.

Sally Foster Delivery

Information

Thank you to all of the families and staff who supported our fundraiser. You can pick up your orders on Tuesday, October 20th from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. For your convenience, the Scholastic Book Fair will be open that evening as well. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Rood at 301-570-3251.

Spirit Wear

Spirit Wear is now for sale through Friday, October 23rd. Clothing is available in powder blue or navy and can be seen in the display case near the school entrance. All items will be delivered in time for the holidays. If you have any questions, please contact Gail Kahan at 301-774-2999 or kahan4@verizon.net.

Mamma Lucia Night



Join us for dinner on Thursday, October 22nd and help support the Brooke Grove PTA. Mamma Lucia Restaurant, located in the Olney Village Center, will donate 8% of total sales that night. No flyer needed.

Thank You, Volunteers!

A big thank you goes to the following parents who generously donated their time on September 25th to help out with the Flu Mist Clinic: William Bowen, Heidi Cohen, Nancy Keener, Ana Romero, and Alvaro Romero.

Happy Birthday, Staff!

Teresa Hackett 10/15
Mary Kay Hirsch 10/15
Dorothy Caporaletti 10/21
Melissa Smrcek 10/25



School Directory Update

We are currently in the final stages of the directory and hope to have it distributed by the end of October. The directory will include art work from Brooke Grove students. Each school year this is the first project Mrs. Intoccia works on with the children. They all work very hard and are truly excited that their art work could potentially be included in the directory. Unfortunately, we can't use all of the artwork. We take about 10 pictures from each class. The artwork is given to members outside our community and they pick the best artwork from each grade along with the cover. The process of updating and gathering school information can take a bit of time. We appreciate your patience and we'll get those directories to you soon.

Art to Remember



It's never too early to think about holiday gifts! *Art to Remember* has the perfect way for you to give a great gift and preserve precious memories. Look for more information soon about this great fundraiser that gives you the opportunity to have your child's artwork reproduced onto a variety of keepsakes that make great gifts for family and friends.

Craft Night Needs Volunteers

The Craft Night committee is looking for volunteers to help plan and run this fun family event to be held on Tuesday, December 1st. If you would like to help, please contact Karen Castle at 301-570-4566 or karencastle@comcast.net.

Seeking Snack Donations

The PTA Hospitality Committee needs volunteers to contribute snacks and baked goods for Brooke Grove's monthly staff meetings. If you can help, please contact Jennifer Petronis at jpetronis@healthydirections.com.

Keep Collecting Box Tops



Once again, we will be offering prizes at the end of the year for all participants. There will be several prize levels, so save those box tops! There are 2 ways you can submit box tops:

1. Place them in an envelope or plastic bag with your child's name on it.
2. Fasten your box tops to the fun coloring sheet you will receive in your child's Wednesday folder. Please place only the amount allowed per sheet - 10 box tops.

You may submit box tops all year long. Just choose your method and send them into your child's teacher. Please feel free to contact Anne Rood with any questions you may have at 301-570-3251.

Used Book Sale

We are planning a used book sale this spring. Save your used books, DVDs, VCR tapes, and other media to donate to the PTA so we can have a profitable and successful sale. If you have questions, please contact Anne Rood at 301-570-3251.

Newsletter Policies

The Eagle's Nest is published every other Wednesday throughout the school year. Articles may be submitted via the PTA page found on the BGES website or by sending an email to bgesnewsletter@yahoo.com. All submissions are reviewed before being published and may be edited for content and relevance to BGES.

MCPS Enrichment Programs

Montgomery County Public Schools will host a series of information meetings for parents on Downcounty, Northeast and Middle School Magnet consortia choice programs and countywide application programs. The evening meetings are scheduled throughout October and November for parents of students in Grades 3, 5, & 8. Some of these programs are available to students regardless of where they live in Montgomery County. Meetings are being held for current Grade 3 parents interested in the Center Programs for the Highly Gifted, current Grade 5 parents interested in the Middle School Magnet Consortium (Loiederman, Parkland or Argyle Middle Schools) or parents interested in middle school magnet programs at Eastern, Takoma Park and Roberto Clemente Middle Schools, and current Grade 8 parents interested in the Downcounty or Northeast consortia, or other high school magnet programs at Montgomery Blair, Richard Montgomery and Poolesville High Schools.

For more information and a schedule of the upcoming meetings, call 301-592-2040 or visit the Department of Enriched and Innovative Programs' website at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/enrichedinnovative>.

Why Parents Also Need to Attend PTA Events

Children must be accompanied by an adult (over the age of 18) to all PTA events. The PTA's goal at all events is for everyone to have a fun and enjoyable evening. The chairpersons who oversee each event and the parents who volunteer to help out are all very busy making sure that the event runs smoothly. PTA volunteers are NOT responsible for watching all of the children present to make sure that they are behaving appropriately. We expect that all of our kids will act appropriately for the occasion, just as they do in school. However, we ask that parents who see their child acting inappropriately talk to their child. If a child attends an event without a responsible adult, the child will be removed from the event and his/her parents will be called to either pick up their child and/or come to the event to participate along with their child. Thank you!

Mark Your Calendar



Fri, Oct 16	NO SCHOOL
October 19-23	Scholastic Book Fair
Tues, Oct 20	Sally Foster Delivery
Thurs, Oct 22	Mamma Lucia Night
Fri, Oct 30	Halloween Parties & Halloween Costume Ball