



The Eagle's Nest

The Brooke Grove PTA Newsletter

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DEADLINE for next Eagle's Nest: Wed. Nov. 30th

Farquhar Modernization Update

While the Board of Education has voted to modernize Farquhar using our preferred land-swap option, this is not a "done deal." Next, the Parks Department has to agree to swap park land for school land. Then there will be a public hearing before the Montgomery County Planning Board. This meeting will require testimony and a large presence by our parents to convince the Planning Board that the community wants and supports the land-swap. We'll let everyone know when future meetings are taking place via email. Please forward our updates to those who may be interested who do not receive Brooke Grove PTA emails. The Superintendent has recommended a one-year modernization delay for Farquhar and all subsequent middle school modernizations. This is due to the County's tight budget situation. If this recommendation is adopted by the Board of Education and the County Council, it means that the construction won't begin until June of 2014 and be completed by August of 2016. If you currently have a second grader and construction is delayed one year - you will be affected by the modernization plans.

Parents interested in getting updates can sign up at www.FMSlandswap.org.

Community Support for one of our BGES Families

As many of you are aware, one of our parents, Lt. Col. David Cabrera, died recently while serving in Afghanistan. The PTA sends their condolences and support to the Cabrera family. The family has setup a Memorial Fund for his children. If anyone would like to make a contribution to this fund please go to <http://www.davidcabrera.us>

Holiday Greeting Cards Needed

Does your family send out an annual holiday greeting card or photo? If so, please put BGES PTA on your mailing list. We are collecting holiday cards and photos from Brooke Grove families to post in a holiday greetings display case. Please send your cards and photos to school in an envelope labeled "Display Case." If you have any questions, please contact Karen Castle at 301-570-4566 or karen@thecastlefamily.org.

School Directories Delivered

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

Art to Remember

Thank you for your support of the Art to Remember program. Please remember that the preview magnets are not free. If you wish to purchase your magnet, please send in \$6. (Checks should be made out to Brooke Grove PTA.) All unpurchased magnets must be returned to the school.

Make Great Gifts for Everyone on Your List at PTA Craft Night

PTA Craft Night will take place on Tuesday, December 6 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the all-purpose room. This year's crafts allow lots of room for creativity and will make perfect gifts for teachers, friends, and family. Photos of this year's crafts are available online at <http://craftnight.webs.com>. You will receive a registration form in this week's Wednesday folder. This form provides detailed descriptions of the crafts and registration instructions. To guarantee your selection of crafts, be sure to register by Wednesday, November 30. Orders will continue to be accepted after November 30, but they will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis and your craft selection cannot be guaranteed. Crafts will also be sold at the door on a first-come, first-served basis. We are still looking for parent and student volunteers to assist at this event. If you can help or if you have any questions, please contact Karen Castle at (301) 570-4566 or karen@thecastlefamily.org.

Science Share Planning

The BGES Science Share will be held on Wednesday, February 29, 2012. It is never too early to start thinking about your project! Planning for the event has already begun. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Leslie Greenberg at 301-260-1998 or LeslieandMichaelGreenberg@gmail.com.

Calling All Adult Scientists

A fun and key feature of the Science Share is the opportunity students have to share their projects with adult Science Advisors. If you have a science background, enjoy talking with kids, and are available the evening of February 29th, we need your help! Contact Leslie Greenberg at 301-260-1998 or LeslieandMichaelGreenberg@gmail.com.

Save Box Tops



With the holiday season upon us many of you may plan on doing your shopping online, why not go through www.btfе.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.



Catch Up Corner

We now have over 120 members of the PTA. It's not too late to join. Thank you to all who attended a fun time at Bowling Night!

Happy Birthday, Staff!

11/14 – Brooke Augello
11/23 – Ariel Perez-Velez
11/29 – Marlisa Fullmer

Mark Your Calendar



Wed., Nov. 23.....	1/2 Day
Thurs., Nov. 24.....	No School
Fri., Nov. 25.....	No School
Tues., Dec. 6.....	Craft Night
Wed., Dec. 14.....	Winter Music Concert
Mon., Dec. 26-Fri., Dec. 30.....	Winter Break
Mon., Jan. 2.....	No School