



# 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. Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>**

### Directory Artwork

We are trying something different with the directory this year. We want to publish every child's artwork in the directory. A letter was sent home with a box for your child to create a picture to be published in the BGES PTA directory. **Here are the rules: the drawing must be in black and white, it should depict life at Brooke Grove, and it should be drawn and shaded only by the student artist. All submissions will be published.** One lucky 5<sup>th</sup> grader's artwork will be featured on the directory cover. Artwork submissions are due September 23, 2011.

### Join BGES PTA

Individual membership in BGES PTA costs \$21.00. **Members receive a school directory**, only available to *BGES PTA members*. We always welcome your active involvement. We send e-mails throughout the year requesting assistance for individual events and we advertise volunteer opportunities in the Eagle's Nest newsletter. Joining BGES PTA, however, does not obligate you to attend monthly meetings, join committees, or fulfill a set number of volunteer hours.

### Volunteers Needed

We are looking for a few volunteers. Contact Gail Kahan at (301) 774-2999 or [kahan4@verizon.net](mailto:kahan4@verizon.net). The following positions need to be filled: Delegate – 2 openings

### Innisbrook Paper Sale has begun!

By now you should have received your fall fundraiser packet. We are in our second year of using the Innisbrook catalog. They offer high quality, unique wrapping paper, bows, bags, etc. In addition, they also offer great gift products that are original and fun, not to mention their delicious candy products! Please take a moment to review the catalog and the enclosed letter. The letter explains how you can easily set up an internet account for out of town guests. The best part is that whether you order via the internet or directly from the catalog, your child will receive credit towards the Innisbrook prizes. Look for more details about additional student prizes offered by the PTA. Everyone who participates will receive something!! All orders are due in by Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you have any questions please contact Anne Rood at (301) 570-3251 or [barood@verizon.net](mailto:barood@verizon.net).

### Scholastic Fall Book Fair

The annual Scholastic Book Fair will take place Oct. 17 - 20. We are looking for parent and student volunteers to help during the fair. Please contact Charlie Gabel at (301) 774-3928 or [chgabel@gmail.com](mailto:chgabel@gmail.com) or Mary Gross at [thegrosses1@verizon.net](mailto:thegrosses1@verizon.net).



### Save Box Tops

Please remember to save your General Mills Box Tops and send them in with your child during the school year. Brooke Grove receives 10¢ for each box top collected! Any questions, please contact Amanda Gabel at [pandalg81@gmail.com](mailto:pandalg81@gmail.com).

### **Bingo Night**

Mark your calendar for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Bingo Night on Friday September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Enjoy an evening of fun, games and refreshments from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Great prizes will be awarded and we'll have a few special guest BINGO callers! Keep an eye out for the flyer to sign up and to pre-order pizza. We are looking for adult volunteers and students volunteers. If you are able to give us a hand or you have a child that would like to earn SSL hours by helping out with BINGO Night please contact Denise Baker at 301-774-7582 or csbdmb@msn.com. Any general questions about the evening please contact either Denise Baker or Young Hill at 301-774-4722 or Young.Hill@Marriott.com.

### **Hands on Science**

Hands on Science is an after-school, interactive, K-5th grade science enrichment program being offered for a third year at BGES. The theme of the 2011-2012 academic year is "Energy;" the fall semester will examine natural, non-solar energy. Fall 2011 registration forms can be found in the PTA package sent home in your child's Wednesday folder. Registration forms and payment are due to the BGES parent volunteer coordinator by Sept. 16th. Classes will be held on Tuesday, beginning on Oct. 11 and will go for 8 weeks. The fee for the fall semester is \$90; a limited amount of partial scholarships may be available. For more information about the program, please see www.hosprograms.org. For information regarding registering for Hands on Science at BGES, please contact Ian Deveau at ifdeveau@verizon.net.

### **Restaurant Night**

Join us Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at Cheeburger Cheeburger for our first restaurant night from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. A flyer will be sent home for you to bring so BGES receives a percentage of profits.

### **Foreign Language in the Elementary Schools**

Spots Still Available! Register Your Child For FLES! We are thrilled that the Foreign Language in Elementary Schools Program (FLES) will offer quality before and after school Spanish Instruction this year at BGES. Classes will be held once a week beginning in October. Introductory and Beginner classes will be held on Monday afternoons and Intermediate/Advanced classes will be held on Tuesday mornings. New this year: 12 week sessions for the Beginner Level class and the option to pay online! Look for the registration form in today's Wednesday Folder. You can also visit the website at www.fles.org. Please contact Susan Ramsay at susan\_e\_marra@mcpsmd.org if you have any questions.



### **Catch Up Corner**

Our membership drive has started strongly. As of Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 10 staff and 36 parents have joined BGES PTA. Please help us reach our goal of 200 members.

We are also effectively communicating using our website. As of Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> 461 people are receiving our email messages via our new website and email program. Sign up for email by sending Gail Kahan a request at bgespta@gmail.com.

Black Tie Barbecue donated \$85 to BGES PTA to thank us for having them cater the Back to School Picnic.

### **Happy Birthday, Staff!**

- 9/22 – Gail West
- 9/26 – Mindy Oxman
- 9/27 – Linda Corrado

### **Mark Your Calendar**



- Fri., Sept. 23.....Bingo Night
- Wed., Sept. 28.....1/2 Day
- Thurs., Sept. 29.....No School
- Tues., Oct. 4.....PTA Meeting
- Wed., Oct. 5.....Walk your Child to school day
- Thurs., Oct. 6.....Individual Pictures