



# 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. Oct. 5th**

### 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.

### Innisbrook Deadline Extended!

We have received \$4,500 in orders and are half-way to our goal of \$9,000 in orders. With your help we can easily exceed our goal. Profits support 5<sup>th</sup> grade promotion, International Night and Staff Classroom purchases, Read Week and more. Every child who participates will receive great prizes from Innisbrook and BGES PTA. If you have any questions please contact Anne Rood at (301) 570-3251 or barood@verizon.net.

### Spirit Wear

Spirit Wear will be available for sale in just a few days. Show your school spirit with 100% cotton t-shirts, flannel pants, and snuggly sweatshirts. All items will be delivered in time for the winter holidays.

### Out of this World! Scholastic Book Fair

Come visit the Book Fair during the week of Oct. 17 – 20 in the Gym. Explore the large selection of books and great reading material for every member of your family.

Book Fair hours are:

Monday 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.  
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

If you have any questions please contact Charlie Gabel at (301) 774-3928 or chgabel@gmail.com. We are still looking for parent and student volunteers to help during the fair. Please contact Mary Gross at thegrosses1@verizon.net.

### ART TO REMEMBER RETURNS!

Art to Remember will be providing you the opportunity to have your child's artwork reproduced onto a variety of keepsakes that make great gifts for family and friends. Look for more information on this great fundraiser in late October.

### Halloween Ball

Mark your calendars for the 5th Annual Halloween Costume Ball on Friday, October 28th from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Get creative and start planning your costumes! Ticket order forms will be sent home in the Wednesday folders in the coming weeks. We need volunteers to help run the games at the event. Please contact Lynn Ronan at theronans@msn.com if interested in helping out.

**Are you the parent of a child with special needs?**

If so, there is a monthly meeting you should be attending. SEAC (Special Education Advisory Committee) meets the 4th Thursday of every month at the Carver Administration Building, 850 Hungerford Drive, Room 127, in Rockville at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome! Child care is available during monthly meetings.

**Meet Montgomery County’s New Superintendent of Schools**

On Monday, November 21, Montgomery County’s new Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Joshua Starr, will be holding a “Listen and Learn” event from 7:00 to 8:30pm at Sherwood High School in the cafeteria. This event is an opportunity for parents and community members to meet Dr. Starr and to offer their views and perspectives of what is working well in MCPS and what the school system can do to improve. Dr. Starr has a keen interest in hearing directly from parents as he sets his priorities for the school system. This is also an opportunity for parents to learn more about his educational philosophy and leadership style. I encourage all of you to attend the upcoming “Listen and Learn” event at Sherwood HS. Childcare and interpretation services will be provided. If you are not able to attend the event on November 21, Dr. Starr is holding other Listen and Learn events during the months of September, October and November. Times and locations are available on the MCPS website at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org)

**Save Box Tops**



Please remember to clip 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! Look out for a flyer in today’s Wednesday folder with more ways to help earn money for the school. Any questions, please contact Amanda Gabel at [pandalg81@gmail.com](mailto:pandalg81@gmail.com).

**Catch Up Corner**



Thank you to all that attended the 8th Annual BGES Bingo Night! Over 120 kids played Bingo. A big thank you to our special guest callers - Mr. Southworth, Mr. Briscuso, and our mystery guest was Mr. Lohmeier. Also, thank you to Denise Baker & Young Hill for putting together a great night!

**Happy Birthday, Staff!**

9/29 – Maree Nicholl

**Mark Your Calendar**



- Wed., Sept. 28.....1/2 Day
- Thurs., Sept. 29.....No School
- Tues., Oct. 4.....Principal’s Coffee
- Tues., Oct. 4.....PTA Meeting
- Wed., Oct. 5.....Walk your Child to school day
- Thurs., Oct. 6.....Individual Pictures