



BROOKE GROVE NEWS

Brooke Grove Elementary School

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Happy Thanksgiving

NOVEMBER



School News: Halloween

The Halloween Parade, parties and Halloween Ball were so much fun. It was great to see the children and families dressed in their best Halloween costumes. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped us celebrate Halloween. Thank you to our **Room Captains** for organizing the classroom parties and planning fun activities and treats. A great big thank you to Mrs. Ronan and her committee for running and organizing the Halloween Ball. The children and parents danced the night away, along with the wonderful D.J.

Parent Teacher Conferences

The 1st quarter of the school year has come to an end and it is time for the students to receive their first report card. Parent/Teacher conferences are set up so that parents and teachers can meet to discuss the student's progress and share how they can work together

to help the students achieve and succeed. It is extremely important that every parent come in and have this opportunity to meet with the teacher. Please make sure to attend and schedule these conferences on Thursday, November 11th and Thursday, November 12th.



Math Curriculum Night PTA Meeting

Many of our wonderful Brooke Grove Staff came out Tuesday evening, November 1st, to help demonstrate math skills and concepts to parents at the PTA Meeting. The staff provided instructional math strategies to help parents help their children at home with math homework and concepts. Thank you to Mrs. Dale Tepper, Ms. Jamie Katzen, Mrs. Kathy Schwartz, Mrs. Karen Newbrough, Mrs. Ann Titherington, and Mrs. June O'Connor for their wonderful and helpful presentation. We hope it was informative and helpful.

Mix It Up Day

On Tuesday, October 18th, we celebrated National Mix It Up Day. This was an opportunity for students and adults to get to know others who might be different from themselves and meet new and different people in the hope of promoting diversity and acceptance. At Brooke Grove, when

students entered the lunch room, they were asked to sit at tables according to their birthday month. At each table, students were given open ended start up questions to begin conversations such as, "What is your favorite color or food?" It was a positive experience. We thank Mrs. Howard, our counselor for spearheading the experience.

Red Ribbon Week



We celebrated Red Ribbon Week the week of October 24th to the 28th. Red Ribbon Week is intended to raise children's awareness of making healthy choices, being safe, and the issues surrounding drug abuse. Each day the students participated in different activities to raise their awareness. Students wore red to show their awareness, wore jeans for being a "Jean-ius and being drug free, wore a hat to put a cap on drugs, wore PJ's to remind them to follow their dreams, and wore BGES clothes or colors to show their school spirit. Mrs. Howard brought in different community speakers to talk to the children. We thank Dr. Broderick, Noah's mom, Mr. Scott, Brian's dad, and Mrs. Ralli for sharing important and timely information with our students.

Student Government Association (SGA)

Mr. Southworth is getting geared up to form our Student Government Association (SGA) Our 5th graders have made posters to announce their candidacy. The students wrote a speech on why they wanted to represent their fellow students, and shared their ideas for how they could help and what they would bring to the students and BGES. Students practiced their speeches and will present them through video tape in our TV studio on Friday. Students are running for school president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and school historian. Mr. Southworth (5th grade teacher) is the SGA sponsor. All the classes will have the opportunity to hear all the candidate's speeches and vote for their choice on the ballots on Monday. Every student who is running should be complimented for taking the risk and showing their leadership skills. We are very proud of them. We wish them all the best of luck.



November Calendar of Events

Math Curriculum Night 7:00pm	11/1
PTA Meeting 8 p.m.	
Walking Club-8am	11/1
Renaissance Assembly	11/3
Walking Club-8am	11/8
3rd Grade Field Trip Sharp's Farm-Szesze, Augello, Berg	11/09
Early Release Days 12:30 p.m.	11/10-11/11
Parent Teacher Conferences	11/10-11/11
Free Flu Vaccine- 12:30-2:30pm	11/11
Veterans Day	11/11
Walking Club 8am	11/15
Picture retakes	11/17
PTA Dinner Fundraiser	11/17
Fire Station 1	
2nd Grade Field Trip Strathmore	11/18
Family Fun Night-Monster Golf Bowling 6-	11/18
Walking Club 8am	11/22
3rd Grade Field Trip-Katzen	11/22
Early Release Day	11/23
Holiday—No School Thanksgiving	11/24-11/26

Walk To School Day

Thank you to everyone who participated in Walk To School Day. We had a great turn out. It was so nice to see the Brooke Grove community out and walking and riding their bicycles to school getting fresh air and exercise. Thank you to Mrs. Helvey for sponsoring and supporting the event.

BGES On The Move Walking Program

Mrs. Ralli, our school nurse, received a grant to organize and run a student walking program to promote health, and physical well-being. We have 12 students who are arriving at school at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday mornings and taking a mile walk with Mrs. Ralli and Mrs. Lawson. Each week a guest walker will be joining them. Mrs. Briscuso was the first guest walker.



Picking up your children before 3:05pm.

Please do not pick up your children before 3:05pm, unless it is an emergency. It is very disruptive to the class.



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Tips and Reminders

Go-for-the-Gold Reading Incentive Program

Our popular and effective Reading Incentive Program is beginning once again on November 2, 2011 through February 29, 2012. We want our children reading and this helps to encourage the children and rewards them as they continue to read more and more. Children will keep track of the minutes read and they will record the minutes on their calendar. Students will receive recognition for the levels achieved. Thank you to our upper grade Reading Specialist, Mrs. Karen Atabek

and the reading committee for organizing and running this program. Please help fill out the daily reading minutes and initial them and send them into school at the end of each month. The students report that this incentive really helps and keeps them motivated to READ!!



Saturday School

Saturday School is held at Sherwood High School each Saturday morning from September 24, 2011 until April 21, 2012 from 8:30—11:00 am. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to receive extra help, academic support, and acceleration. It is a free program, with only a registration fee. Please take advantage of this wonderful program and opportunity for your children. You can view the calendar online at www.gbtlearningacademy.org

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Bus Evacuation Drills



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Student Safety



We need your help to keep our children and families safe during arrival and dismissal. PLEASE follow our school arrival and dismissal procedures at all times. Drop off your children and pick them up in the Kiss n' Ride. Do not double park and let your children walk through the staff parking lot. There have been too many near misses and dangerous situations. This is NOT SAFE. Please do not block other cars in by stopping in the middle of the parking lot. Please be respectful of staff and do not park in the staff parking spots. We have many staff members who begin work around 9:00 a.m. and they often cannot find a spot to park because the parking spots are taken. Thank you for helping us keep your children safe by working with us and following our school procedures.

Gifted And Talented News

Montgomery College Continuing Education **Youth Programs** is pleased to announce their new series **MC Adventures!** (formerly known as Saturday Discoveries) The first one-day enrichment program for students in Grades 4-6 is coming up on **Saturday, November 19th** from 9am to 2:50pm. You can register your child online at their website, www.montgomerycollege.edu/youth, or stop by our school to pick up a brochure. The day is packed full of exciting sessions for your child to choose! Each student will attend four sessions which they choose from the following options: *The Art of Storytelling, Chess Strategies, Exploring Web 2.0 Tools, Going Wild with Clay!, Physics Fundamentals!!!, Robotic Adventures, and Turbo Charge Your Memory.* There is also an available parent session in the morning entitled, "Beating the Bullies". The cost for this one-day program is \$85 and registration is first-come, first-served.

If you have any questions, contact the Continuing Education office at (240) 567-7264.

Highly Gifted Center for 3rd Graders

To All Parents of Grade Three Students: You should have received in the mail, an application from the Highly Gifted Center (HGC) for all third grade students. The Global Screening is part of the preliminary screening process for students who express interest in attending the Highly Gifted Center at Drew Elementary School.

Health and Flu News

We continue to be vigilant and take daily action to keep our students and staff healthy and well. Every one is using hand sanitizer frequently and we are encouraging everyone to wash their hands frequently. Please help us by keeping all sick children home and not sending them back to school until they have been fever free for 24 hours without the use of medication.

The Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will conduct an after school flu vaccine clinic on November 11, 2011 for students enrolled at Brooke Grove Elementary School. School Health Services Nurses and School Health Room Aides will administer nasal spray flu vaccine (FluMist) from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. To sign up for an appointment, please email Kathy_Lawson@mcpmsmd.org.

For up to date information on vaccine availability, visit the county's website www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hlnlflu or call the flu hotline at 240-777-4200.

Thank you for your continued understanding and help in this important matter.



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