



The Eagle's Nest

The Brooke Grove PTA Newsletter

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Welcome Back

Greetings to all returning and new students and parents!!! We are excited to welcome you to another fun filled school year at BGES.

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 5th grader's artwork will be featured on the directory cover. Artwork submissions are due September 23, 2011.

Back to School Night

Back to School Night is Thursday, September 8, 2011 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. This is a great time to hear what will be going on in your child's class throughout the year. Babysitting will be available.

Join BGES PTA

Individual membership in BGES PTA costs \$20.00. **Members receive a school directory**, only available to *BGES PTA members*. We always welcome your active involvement. BGES PTA actively recruits volunteers at Back to School Night in September. We send e-mails throughout the

year requesting assistant 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.

Back to School Picnic

All Brooke Grove families are invited to this year's BGES Back to School PTA Picnic on Friday, September 9th from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Bring your own picnic dinner or purchase a catered dinner of hamburgers, hot dogs, BBQ, and other cookout treats from Black Tie Q Caterers. No need to pre-order – all food will be sold on-site. Black Tie Q will donate 10% of the food sale proceeds to the BGES PTA. DJ Chocaflan will provide entertainment for the kids throughout the evening. Please bring a dessert to share! Volunteers are needed to make this event a success. If you are able to help, please contact Karen Castle at (301) 570-4566 or karen@thecastlefamily.org.

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!! If you have any questions please contact Anne Rood at (301) 570-3251 or barood@verizon.net.

Volunteers Needed

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

Scholastic Fall Book Fair

The annual Scholastic Book Fair will take place Oct. 17 - 20 in the Media Center. 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 or Mary Gross at thegrosses1@verizon.net.

Bingo Night

Mark your calendar for the 8th Annual Bingo Night on Friday September 23rd. 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.

Foreign Language in the Elementary Schools

Let the World In....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. If you have any questions please contact Susan Ramsay at 301-412-1742 or susan_e_marra@mcpsmd.org.

Catch Up Corner

The Catch Up Corner is a new feature to the Eagle's Nest. Each issue, we will update recent PTA events and fill you in on our fundraising profits. We are happy to report that the PTA wrote a check to Mrs. West for \$9,600, which was used to purchase an ELMO (Electricity Light Machine Organization) Projector in each classroom!



Happy Birthday, Staff!

- 8/31 - Chas Southworth
- 9/1 – Dale Tepper
- 9/7 – MeLinda Ford
- 9/13 – Karen Atabek



Mark Your Calendar



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- Mon., Sept. 5.....No School
 - Thurs., Sept. 8.....Back to School Night
 - Fri., Sept. 9.....PTA Family Picnic
 - Fri., Sept. 23.....Bingo Night
 - Wed., Sept. 28.....1/2 Day
 - Thurs., Sept 29.....No School