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9.22.23

Dear Brooke Grove Families,

We have had another wonderful week at The Grove! Thank you for your continued support and collaboration. Today was an early dismissal day for teachers to have time for grading and reporting, as we are now halfway through the first marking period. You are able to see your child's grades and other information on ParentVue, so please make sure that you have your access. Please call the front office at BGES (240-722-1800) if you need assistance in setting up your ParentVue account.

If you have questions about Brooke Grove Elementary, please check out our [BGES Parent Handbook](#). If you do not find the information you are looking for, or have suggestions for additional information and resources, [please let me know](#) and we will add it.

Just a reminder that there is no school for students on Monday, September 25. We look forward to seeing our wonderful students back on Tuesday, September 26!

Warmly,
Jolynn Tarwater, Principal



OCTOBER 4 WALK/BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY

Did you know that Brooke Grove ES is considered a “walking school”?

Approximately 80% of our students are considered “walkers”, as they live within 1 mile (using accessible walking paths) of the school. Still, we have a great many cars at school each morning and afternoon. October 4 is National Walk & Ride to School day. We hope that you will be able to take some extra time to observe this day and celebrate the joys and benefits of walking/biking. Brooke Grove has been chosen as the Montgomery County Department of Transportation as their “Host School” for this event. We will have some fun activities planned for this morning. Stay tuned for more information!

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Spirit Week - We are excited to have our first Spirit Week the first week of October!

SPRIT WEEK
WE'LL BE THERE FOR YOU!

*October 2nd-
October 6th*

MONDAY: WE'LL BE THERE FOR OUR FAVORITE TEAMS! DRESS IN YOUR FAVORITE JERSEY OR TEAM COLORS!

TUESDAY: WE'LL BE THERE FOR BGES! DRESS IN YOUR BEST SPIRIT WEAR!

WEDNESDAY: ITS WALK TO SCHOOL DAY! WE'LL BE THERE FOR YOUR HEALTH AND WELLNESS. DRESS IN EXERCISE CLOTHES!

THURSDAY: WE'LL BE THERE FOR OUR FRIENDS DAY! DRESS LIKE A FRIEND (OR 2 OR 3!) OR DRESS LIKE YOUR TEACHER!

FRIDAY: ITS PICTURE DAY! WE'LL BE THERE TO CELEBRATE YOU. DRESS AS YOUR BEST SELF!

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Hello Eagle Families!

The PTA is working on bringing back the Variety Show to Brooke Grove this spring. This event can't happen without your help! Please complete this [FORM](#) if you are able to volunteer. BGES PTA

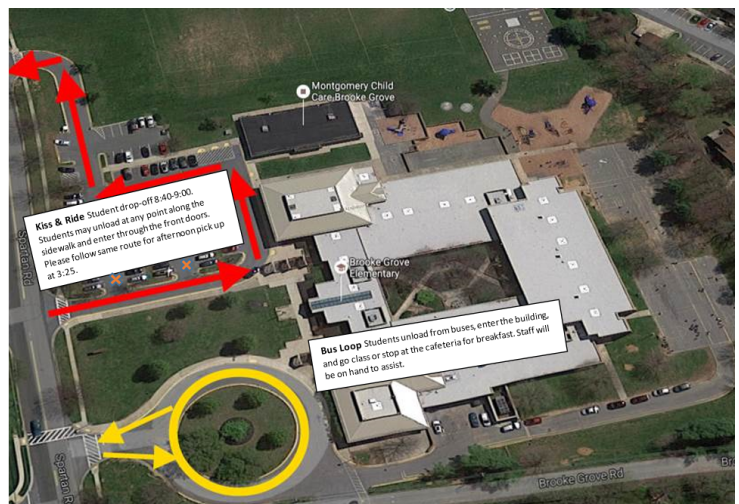


Parking Safety

We are having some problems with cars parking illegally at dismissal. Remember every child can be picked up in the car rider line. The line goes quickly. Just let your teacher know your child will be a car rider.

If you do park to get your child please follow these rules for the safety of our students.

- Do not park near the clothes bin or any area on the yellow curb. The yellow is faded and we have requested a painting refresh.
- Do not park in the aisles and leave to go get your student
- Please follow NO parking signs on Spartan Rd.



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- Do not park on Spartan Rd by the stop sign near Old Baltimore. This doesn't leave room for cars to pull out or cars coming the other way. A bus coming the other way almost hit a car coming around the corner yesterday.

Thank you for your assistance in keeping our students and community safe and healthy!

After School Enrichment

Big Learning has Foreign Language classes and Science & Engineering classes after school located at Brooke Grove ES. The registration link is <https://biglearning.asapconnected.com>. Classes are open for registration. These activities are not sponsored by BGES, but we have had a long time successful collaboration with Big Learning.

Saturday School

If you would like to register for this wonderful opportunity, please return the forms directly to Saturday School or you may enroll online. Please do not return the forms directly to Brooke Grove. Registration for the George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy (Saturday School) is open. Saturday School provides academic tutoring and instruction with certified teachers in a nurturing and supportive environment. The program is in 12 school locations across Montgomery County and runs from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with breakfast provided at 8:00 a.m. [Click here](#) for more information.

PTA FUNdraiser

Kona Ice puts the FUN in the fundraiser! Our PTA will host our first “restaurant night” of the year! Join us in the BGES parking lot on 9/29 from 4:15- 6:15. Kona Ice will donate a percentage of the evenings’ proceeds to the BGES PTA.

KONA ICE
IS COMING!

Brooke Grove Elementary School
AFTER SCHOOL PTA FUNDRAISER
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
4:15-6:15PM

1 STEP 1: Choose Your Size
\$4.00 Kiddie, \$5.00 Klassic, \$6.00 King, \$7.00 Color Changing with \$4 Refills

2 STEP 2: Choose Your Flavor
Tiger's Blood, Blue Raspberry, Groovy Grape, Cotton Candy Blue, Monster Mango, Lucky Lime, Watermelon Wave, Strawberry'd Treasure, Ninja Cherry, Piña Colada

KIDDIE \$4.00	KLASSIC \$5.00	KING \$6.00	COLOR CHANGING \$7.00

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Absences : Click here to Report an absence.

Once you complete the online form, that information will go to our attendance secretary and she will mark your child absent. If you do not contact us by 11am then you will receive a phone call to notify you of your child's absence. If we do not hear from you your child's absence will be marked unexcused.

Share Your Feedback on the 2024–2025 School Year Calendar

MCPS is seeking the community's feedback as it works to finalize the 2024–2025 school calendar. Please [complete this survey](#) to share your input.

Your feedback represents an important component of the development process. MCPS will consider educational interests, operational needs, mandated school closures by state law, compliance with minimum instructional days and credit hour requirements, inclement weather and other emergencies, staff professional days and early release days, alignment with assessment schedules and more.

[Take the survey](#)

MCPS to Host Girls' Summit

The district is inviting all MCPS families to the Girls' Summit on Saturday, Oct. 21 at Clarksburg High School. This event will provide informative workshops geared towards middle and high school girls on a variety of current topics. Join us for a chance to network, participate in fun activities, learn valuable skills and enjoy a fashion show presented by White House Black Market celebrating diverse body types!

Sessions will be provided in English and Spanish, and will be organized by grade level. Student Service Learning (SSL) hours will be available for students. Topics and activities will include:

- Healthy relationships/dating violence
- Social media use and mental health, including cyberbullying
- Self-esteem
- Identifying symptoms of depression and anxiety
- Healthy eating and body image
- Music therapy, Zumba and Kaiser Permanente spin bikes for art therapy
- Narcan kits will be distributed and training will also be available.

[RSVP](#)

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Free Movie Screening

There will be a free viewing for the movie Angst at Sherwood High School on October 3, 2023. This movie raises awareness around anxiety and its effects on children and families. Please [click here](#) for more information.

IMPORTANT DATES [Click here](#) for a list of events/dates for the school year.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday, Sept. 25		No School for Students and Teachers
Friday, Sept. 29	4:15-6:15 pm	Kona Ice Truck in parking lot
Monday , Oct 2	Spirit Week	Wear your favorite jersey or team colors
Tuesday, Oct 3	Spirit Week	Dress in your favorite BGES Spirit wear
Wednesday Oct 4	Spirit Week	Walk to school day- Wear exercise clothes
Wednesday, Oct. 4	8:30-9:00 am	Walk your child to school day
Thursday, Oct 5	Spirit Week	Friends day. Dress like a friend or teacher
Friday, Oct 6	Spirit Week	BGES dress up day - Picture day

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Friday, Oct 6	9:15am	Individual Pictures 9:15 am
Monday, Oct. 9		Professional Day - No school for students