

10-16-20

Dear Brooke Grove Families,

Happy Friday. Thank you so much for your time and support for all of our students during virtual learning. We miss seeing our students and families in-person. Thanks for helping to make the best of our current situation. Please see below for announcements and updates.

Library Books

Thank you to those who have searched for and returned BGES library books! We still have over 600 books checked out to our students. We will continue to keep the cart out front Monday-Thursday from 8:30-4:00 so that you can return them. Mrs. Salnick and Mrs. Rahr are preparing to have students check out books again in marking period two. Some children will be disappointed that the books they want are not available because they are checked out to others. We will also be preparing notifications for families who still have books checked out so that you know what you are looking for. Thank you for your help in getting them back!

Student Material Distribution

Please save the date! We will hold another Student Material Distribution Day on Monday, November 9th. This day is a professional day for teachers, so there is no school for students on this day. This time we will be using the Bus Loop for our pick-up lane, as we needed to use the cafeteria as our staging area. If you have not yet picked up your Brooke Grove T-shirt for your student, we will have it for you that day. We will send more details as we get closer to the date.

Chromebook

Below is a video to demonstrate how student chromebooks can be folded to tablets. This may be useful as students are working on digital assignments.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NZIGXcVHIMrrLV6dT3d_0x4PVOMj9f1M/view?usp=sharing

Halloween

While we will not be able to hold our traditional fall festivities and Halloween parade and parties, we will invite students to wear a costume to the afternoon session of school on Friday, October 30. The week of October 26-October 30 is also Red Ribbon Week, with some other fun dress-up opportunities throughout the week. More details coming soon!

What's Good Wednesdays

Each Wednesday I will have Zoom session for students so that we can connect, share good news, meet new friends and learn together. I have enjoyed seeing students and having some relaxing time to share and connect. We talk about school, hobbies, favorite colors/foods/etc, meet pets, and laugh together. Usually students have a tech tip for others - it is fun to see them share.

Topic: What's Good Wednesdays with Mrs. Tarwater

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

[Join Zoom Meeting](#) Meeting ID: 843 5185 2414 Passcode: bges

Holiday Giving Project of Montgomery County

The Holiday Giving Project (HGP) of Montgomery County has provided Thanksgiving meal and December holiday assistance to families in need for over 30 years. A network of social workers, school counselors, and other human service professionals refer families and individuals in need of assistance. Local non-profits, faith-based organizations, service organizations and other government agencies serve Holiday Giving recipients, as donations are available.

If you and your family are in need and would like to be referred to possibly receive assistance for the holiday season, please complete the following google referral form. The information is required to make a referral to The Holiday Giving Project. To be referred for assistance, you must complete this form by Tuesday, OCTOBER 27, 2020 to be considered for the Thanksgiving services. Google form (in English/Spanish)- <https://forms.gle/6uKccsdMuZeizwBZ8>

Once submitted, please look for notice in your personal US Mail. Donations come directly from local churches and agencies and often come in the form of a post card or letter.

If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Greif, Brooke Grove's School Counselor, at [Rachel S Greif@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Rachel_S_Greif@mcpsmd.org).

Mental Health Monday Virtual Workshop: An Overview of Social-Emotional Learning, Monday, October 19, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Join MCPS staff for an overview of Social-Emotional Learning (SEL). SEL is a process through which adults and children deepen their expertise in understanding and managing emotions and learning how they impact a person's choices, relationships, and outlook on life. MCPS staff will discuss and answer questions regarding SEL and how it impacts your child. Recommended for families of elementary, middle, and high school students and presented by MCPS staff.

You can find the complete list of virtual workshops, chats, and webinars on the [Parent Academy website](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/) at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/.

Please let me know if you have comments, concerns, or kudos! jolynn_e_tarwater@mcpsdmd.org.

I hope you all have a wonderful and relaxing weekend.

Warmly,

Jolynn Tarwater, Principal

Brooke Grove Elementary

