

Principal Communication 9-04-20

Dear Parents,

Congratulations on completing the first week of BGES Online: Fall Edition! Your collaboration and communication is appreciated and has been instrumental in getting things running smoothly. I know that there are a few kinks to work out, and we appreciate your input and suggestions. We are aware that there are some sync issues between ParentVue and MyMCPS Classroom, as well as some issues with Zoom and the Chromebooks. Our staff has elevated these concerns to the appropriate teams, and we are working to clarify the issues and will have some fixes to communicate to you next week.

I have a few other updates for you:

Direct Instruction portions of lessons are being recorded so that if students miss a Zoom session, they will have access to the recorded lesson for 72 hours afterward. Lesson recordings are only housed in the protected MyMCPS Platform in your student's virtual classroom. You may choose to opt out for your students on the ParentVUE portal. The recordings are only used for educational purposes within the platform and are unable to be downloaded and shared on any other media. Teachers will be posting links to recordings on their homepages and will be sharing more information about their virtual classrooms at our **Back to School Night on September 15**. More information regarding Back to School Night coming soon!

If your student misses a Zoom class for whatever reason, please complete the **"Live Virtual Lesson Absence Form"** on our [BGES website](#). You will find this form on the homepage. You will find recordings on teachers' homeroom pages on MyMCPS Classroom. If a student is absent during the live sessions, they can access the recorded lesson within 72 hours. Student/Parent/Guardian must attest to viewing the recording by completing the school-specific **"Live Virtual Lesson Absence Form"** found on the school's website. The attendance secretary will then reconcile the absence on the student record.

I will be sending many more updates in the next few weeks. I will also be announcing some other opportunities to connect, collaborate, and share information with me soon. Your partnership and input is important as we continue to be "Brooke Grove Strong, No Matter the Distance"!

I'd like to end this message with a link to a beautiful and inspiring message that I hope you enjoy as we have a holiday weekend to unwind, rest and relax. I hope that you all have a wonderful weekend. You're doing a good job - you matter!

[One Voice Children's Choir covering "Good Job" by Alicia Keys](#)

In health and wellness,

Jolynn Tarwater, Principal

Brooke Grove Elementary