

PRINCIPAL COMMUNICATION 9-25-20

Dear Brooke Grove Families,

Whew - what a busy month it has been! The successful launch of BGES Online 2020: Fall Edition is because of the kindness, compassion, dedication, love, and collaboration of parents, staff, and students. It looks like we are settling into our routines and most of the kinks with technology have been working out. Students are developing their stamina for online learning, and we are working on helping them to develop greater independence with the technology, too. If you feel like you are helping A LOT at home, in the next few weeks, try fading your support a little bit at a time to see if students are ready to do a bit more by themselves. If your child is still struggling, please reach out to your teacher, myself, or Mr. Gulati. We are here for you!

Please see below for important news and information regarding BGES and MCPS.

Sending warm wishes for a meaningful Yom Kippur to all our families who celebrate.

Enjoy the weekend!

Warmest Regards,

Jolynn Tarwater, Principal

School Spirit - free gift from PTA

Hello BGES Families! We hope everyone is well. The PTA has purchased a Brooke Grove ES t-shirt for all our staff and students. This is a gift, from us! We want to spread smiles and school spirit to everyone! We are asking that all staff and students wear their new BGES t-shirts, on Friday, October 2nd, for our first "BGES School Spirit Day"! Yesterday, (Wednesday, Sept. 23rd) we had our first t-shirt distribution day set up on the Blake's driveway (18405 Snowberry Way, directly across the street from school). Thank you to those families that were able to stop by, for their t-shirt. It was so nice to see some of the students in person. We understand that schedules are crazy and times may not have worked, for our first distribution day, so we have scheduled another pick-up. **Next Wednesday, September 30th, you can stop by the Blake's driveway, between 1-5, and pick a t-shirt up for your child/children.** We are hoping that all students have their new shirt for "BGES Spirit Day" on Friday, October 2nd. We hope to see you on Wednesday the 30th. Also, please sign up for Member Hub. This is the new PTA site, where we can post and send information out. We are unable to send you PTA news, such as school events and updates, if we do not have your information in Member Hub. Member Hub also acts as a directory, for our families. Please also consider joining the PTA. Once you are on Member Hub, you can find a "Shop" link, and this will lead you to joining the PTA. Please know that your contribution, to the PTA, is always put towards our staff and students and will allow us to move forward with school events, whether they are virtual or (fingers crossed) in person. We thank you for your support! Now, set that alarm, write it on your calendar and we will see you next Wednesday, for our 2nd distribution day. Thanks for all your support! We are Brooke Grove Strong!

Fall 2020 Survey

MCPS is soliciting feedback from parents/guardians, students, and staff as part of ongoing efforts to ensure students, staff, and families have the resources and support needed to successfully engage in virtual learning. The survey can be completed [here](#).

MCPS to Provide Triple Meal Service on Fridays (English and Spanish)

MCPS is increasing to a triple meal service on Fridays to help address food insecurity for MCPS students over the weekend. The district will also continue to partner with local nonprofits, faith-based organizations, County Government agencies, and others to provide food and other critical resources to the community. More information is available at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/reopening/meals/.

MCPS brindará servicio de comida triple los viernes

MCPS está aumentando a un servicio de comida triple los viernes para ayudar a abordar las necesidades alimenticias de los estudiantes de MCPS durante el fin de semana. El distrito también continuará asociándose con organizaciones sin fines de lucro locales, organizaciones religiosas, agencias gubernamentales del condado y otras para proporcionar alimentos y otros recursos críticos a la comunidad. Para más información visite www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/reopening/meals/.

Parent Academy Launches To-Go Virtual Webinars (English and Spanish)

Families and students can stay engaged throughout the school year with Parent Academy *TO GO*. Parent Academy *TO GO* is a series of virtual webinars for families to watch at home.

September and October webinars are listed on the Parent Academy [website](#).

La Academia Para Padres lanza seminarios virtuales

Las familias y los estudiantes pueden participar durante todo el ciclo escolar con Parent Academy *TO GO*. Parent Academy *TO GO* es una serie de seminarios virtuales para que las familias los vean en casa. Los seminarios web de septiembre y octubre se enumeran en el [sitio web de Parent Academy](#).