Dear Brooke Grove Families, December 4, 2020

I hope you have had a great week. Thank you for being the most amazing community in MCPS!  It was wonderful to see many parents at our PTA Zoom meeting on Tuesday! Below is the data I shared with parents regarding the results of the parental preference survey thus far. We still have 209 non-respondents, so we really hope that those of you who have not completed the survey to indicate your preference to return to school or remain virtual will do so this weekend.  If you have not completed the survey, please do so today at [www.mcpsfamilypreference.org](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.mcpsfamilypreference.org%2F&data=04%7C01%7Ctammy_hertel%40mcpsmd.org%7Cdbba4908e3734299ca1908d898b22fcc%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C1%7C0%7C637427238360605779%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=Kc26s2KXW7ufnq2IiJiPmqhZ2namt6qIWOP%2B5QjfR78%3D&reserved=0). If you have questions about the survey, contact [mcpsinfo@mcpsmd.net](mailto:mcpsinfo@mcpsmd.net). **IMPORTANT NOTE:** If you do not complete the survey by December 7, your child will remain in the virtual-only learning model.

Please read this important update on the district’s plan for the return of students to in-person learning: [https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/publicinfo/community/school-year-2020-2021/community-update-20201204.html](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.montgomeryschoolsmd.org%2Fdepartments%2Fpublicinfo%2Fcommunity%2Fschool-year-2020-2021%2Fcommunity-update-20201204.html&data=04%7C01%7Ctammy_hertel%40mcpsmd.org%7Cdbba4908e3734299ca1908d898b22fcc%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C1%7C0%7C637427238360605779%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=OozZVKrdfLOjGyBw9lx4C%2BppU7uSCIRoZlXI21ZxoEs%3D&reserved=0)

The following two announcements are reminders from previous updates.

**Parent Vue**

You may have forgotten to sign up for ParentVUE!  ParentVue is the brand new, powerful, single location for all information about how your child is doing in school. ParentVUE is also a new tool we use to stay connected with you. When you are logged into ParentVUE you can:

* See your child’s schedule.
* Check your child’s grades (and report card).
* Check your child’s assignments.
* Send a message to your child’s teacher.
* Update your contact information

Soon, you will even be able to see a report on Student Service Learning Hours (SSL)! If you haven’t yet activated your account, please be on the lookout for an email and/or a notification via U.S. mail because soon,  we will send you a new activation letter. Once you’ve received your activation letter simply visit [www.MCPSParentVUE.org](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.mcpsparentvue.org%2F&data=04%7C01%7Ctammy_hertel%40mcpsmd.org%7Cdbba4908e3734299ca1908d898b22fcc%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C1%7C0%7C637427238360615768%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=tGJ4k1RgYct1tkHdgG603UMCvN7756p4MwXk3X%2FXhCk%3D&reserved=0) to activate your account.

**If you have already activated your ParentVUE account, you will not receive a notification because you are already enjoying the benefits of ParentVUE**. Parent Vue is built on the powerful Synergy platform; ‘Teachers put their energy into Synergy, and so should you!’

Please check out this support guide for help! [Synergy Parent Guide](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdocs.google.com%2Fdocument%2Fd%2F1ukuv45XQeE3h0LWv8I5rRee5Eo_e7dmlkifpwPZdvy0%2Fedit%3Fusp%3Dsharing&data=04%7C01%7Ctammy_hertel%40mcpsmd.org%7Cdbba4908e3734299ca1908d898b22fcc%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C1%7C0%7C637427238360615768%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=jRCZdhaQFxlS1v32GYE5YtSmkthygs8%2BTX3rLQz%2FVWU%3D&reserved=0)

If for some reason you do not receive your notification in the coming weeks, please do not hesitate to contact us.

**BGES Library Book Exchange**Does your child need books to read?  We are excited to announce that we will begin Brooke Grove Book Check Out next week!

Here are the steps that you and your students will need:

1. Select the appropriate form to complete.  
   **Kindergarten-1st Grade**: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdHuxgHVPWWphkjghGIrpnTMzr0v3IYkeOmlBfYEXidzX8IWg/viewform?usp=sf\_link](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdocs.google.com%2Fforms%2Fd%2Fe%2F1FAIpQLSdHuxgHVPWWphkjghGIrpnTMzr0v3IYkeOmlBfYEXidzX8IWg%2Fviewform%3Fusp%3Dsf_link&data=04%7C01%7Ctammy_hertel%40mcpsmd.org%7Cdbba4908e3734299ca1908d898b22fcc%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C1%7C0%7C637427238360625773%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=AkIG2ernOVzcMUicRKPpQgNAaEO6z3cGuOsQl2suy0Q%3D&reserved=0)     **2nd-5th Grade:** [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc8Dqbt65k4dSR1aZ-RsvlXpiQdnrHiIHcQlsEUCet4v4V8Yg/viewform?usp=sf\_link](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdocs.google.com%2Fforms%2Fd%2Fe%2F1FAIpQLSc8Dqbt65k4dSR1aZ-RsvlXpiQdnrHiIHcQlsEUCet4v4V8Yg%2Fviewform%3Fusp%3Dsf_link&data=04%7C01%7Ctammy_hertel%40mcpsmd.org%7Cdbba4908e3734299ca1908d898b22fcc%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C1%7C0%7C637427238360625773%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=yGc56eifJ%2BecEOlIWD2swHcHPocyhZ4oXeag%2BxSLkVY%3D&reserved=0)
2. For book ideas, watch the video on Destiny Discover, our online library catalog.  
   [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UL6FZcZoT7jb-ywey-SdAALFW3NEJ\_74/view?usp=sharing](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdrive.google.com%2Ffile%2Fd%2F1UL6FZcZoT7jb-ywey-SdAALFW3NEJ_74%2Fview%3Fusp%3Dsharing&data=04%7C01%7Ctammy_hertel%40mcpsmd.org%7Cdbba4908e3734299ca1908d898b22fcc%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C1%7C0%7C637427238360635767%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=L8MHHSfzSYSL40MWgUeq2QBhQQblRloHNuyJVmctMz0%3D&reserved=0)
3. Submit your completed form by Monday evening.  Mrs. Rahr will be pulling books on Tuesday mornings and, if available, your books will be ready for pick up on Wednesday or Thursday between 9:00-3:30 in the front entrance of the school. When you arrive, please ring the buzzer and staff will buzz you into the vestibule. You will find your books there labeled with your student’s name. Please email Mrs. Rahr if you have any questions. [ellen.rahr@mcpsmd.net](mailto:ellen.rahr@mcpsmd.net)

Media Center page on Canvas MyMCPS Classroom: <https://mcpsmd.instructure.com/courses/145309/pages/media-home-page>

**Parent Preference Survey**

**As of 11.30.2020**

Total Students: **451**

Non-Response: **209**

Responses: **242**

* Remain Virtual Only: **111**
* Partial in-person:       **131**

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| **Return to School Breakdown by Grades** | | **Remain Virtual Breakdown by Grades** | |
| PreK | 3 | PreK | 4 |
| K | 22 | K | 14 |
| 1 | 21 | 1 | 19 |
| 2 | 26 | 2 | 16 |
| 3 | 11 | 3 | 20 |
| 4 | 34 | 4 | 16 |
| 5 | 14 | 5 | 22 |

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| **Non Respondents** | |
| PreK | 13 |
| K | 25 |
| 1 | 25 |
| 2 | 33 |
| 3 | 35 |
| 4 | 35 |
| 5 | 43 |

Thank you to all parents who have responded. We look forward to hearing from everyone. I hope you are able to get some rest and relaxation this weekend! Warrmly,

Jolynn Tarwater, Principal Brooke Grove