

## Parent Communication

11.12.21

Dear Brooke Grove Parents,

The Board of Education passed a resolution to close all schools and offices on **Wednesday, November 24**, the day before Thanksgiving. This will provide an extra day for staff and students to be with family and friends during Thanksgiving break. November 24 was originally scheduled to be an early-release day for all staff and students. Schools and offices will now be closed from Wednesday, November 24 through Friday, November 26. Schools and offices will reopen on Monday, November 29. Please remember that **Monday 11/22** and **Tuesday 11/23** are early dismissal days (12:55 pm) to give time for teachers to hold parent conferences. Please contact your child's teacher if you do not have a conference scheduled at this time.

I would like to inform you that Emergency Medical Services were called today for a student in crisis at Brooke Grove ES. The students and staff did a wonderful job following our shelter-in-place protocol while the student was attended to.

Please see below for lots more information regarding Brooke Grove ES. Thank you all for your support and engagement. Have a wonderful weekend!

Warmly,

Jolynn Tarwater, Principal

Brooke Grove Elementary

### **COVID-19 Information**

MCPS has hired Contact Tracers to take this work over from school personnel. We have recently utilized this service and are working with the Contact Tracing team and our School Health partners to ensure that this process goes smoothly. The contact tracer will call you if your child is a close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19. Letters will be sent as a follow-up. If your child needs to quarantine, virtual learning will be provided. Please understand that our school team needs time to prepare and shift to virtual instruction, so virtual learning may not begin on day 1 of quarantine. Thank you for your patience and flexibility.

There are updated quarantine guidelines that state that students who are close contacts of a COVID-positive student but were masked during low-risk exposure may remain in school and do not need to quarantine IF they are symptom-free and signed up for our weekly COVID testing. If you would like to register your child for COVID testing, please visit this [link](#). While this provision is in place for the student to remain engaged in

instruction during the day, the student still must quarantine before and after school and from extracurricular/community events. If your child is not signed up for weekly testing, your child must quarantine for 10 days. Quarantine may be shortened for your child to return after 7 days if they have a negative PCR test on day 5 or after exposure.

### **Picture Day Information**

If you would like to order additional pictures or order from the proof you were provided, Please follow these instructions.

- Go to [www.classic-photo.com](http://www.classic-photo.com)
- Click on schools at top of menu bar

Click order pictures **AFTER PICTURE DAY**

Enter your student's ACCESS NUMBER

Orders will be mailed directly to the families home.

Thank you. Classic Photography



These glasses have been in our office for several weeks. If you recognize them please have your child come to the office.

### **Early pickup**

Please do not pick up your child after 3:00pm unless it is a scheduled appointment and you have notified the student's teacher and the office. The time between 3:00 and 3:20 is a very busy time with students completing their learning for the day and teachers ensuring that all dismissal plans are in place. If you come after 3:00 we will have you wait until regular dismissal time at 3:25. Thank you for your cooperation.



### **Canned Food Drive**

Mrs. Augello and the SGA are beginning our Canned Food Drive Nov. 9 - Nov 19. Please send in canned goods and put them in the grade level food bin that is located by the front door. Thank you for helping our community members who are in need.

Suggestions of items are:

Canned pasta, small condensed soups, hearty soups, peanut butter-smooth only

Canned peas, fruit, sloppy joe sauce, tuna, instant mashed potatoes.

One item that we **do not need** is other beans, kidney, pinto or black.etc...

Thank you for supporting our Olney Community this holiday season!

Watch the SGA Canned Food Drive Video here. [SGA FOOD DRIVE VIDEO](#)



Happy Veterans Day to our military and their families, who sacrifice so much to keep our country safe and strong.

On this day, we honor all current and former members of the Armed Services. Our country's greatness is built on the foundation of your courage and sacrifice. Thank you!

### **Live Theatre Production**

Join Sherwood High School as they go under the sea in their production of *The Little Mermaid*. Some Brooke Grove students will also appear as little fish in one of the musical numbers. It is a celebration you don't want to miss. Shows are Thursday-Saturday, 11/18-11/20 at 7 PM and Sunday, 11/21 at 2 PM. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time at: <https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/57325> See you there!



### **Toys for Tots Donations November 29- December 8**

In the spirit of giving, the children of Brooke Grove are asking for your help with their Toys for Tots campaign. Please bring a new unwrapped toy or book for a child between November 29- December 7.

**Brooke Grove PTA -Art to Remember and the Book Fair.**

Good Morning! I just opened my child's folder (yes, at 7:30am, but I opened it!!!..hahah) and found the Art to Remember form that was sent home! Oh my goodness! The art that they do with Mrs. Intoccia is unbelievable. This is another reason I'm so happy to be back in person. Art to Remember is one of my favorites and we have truly missed it for the past two years. Every year, we order magnets, so that the children can see their art displayed at all times! We order the journals for the grandmothers and they look forward to them and certainly missed opening that special gift at Christmas. Please take a look at that Art to Remember form that came home and have fun with some holiday shopping.

We also want to mention the Virtual Book Fair one more time. Books are an amazing gift to all. Before the pandemic, our school's PTA had a book trolley come out and the children were able to hop on board the trolley and shop for books. It was very cute. We contacted the wonderful woman who ran that business and she was sad to tell us that she lost the book trolley business because of the pandemic. That is when she told us that she had a virtual book fair. We, of course, wanted to support her, so that is why we chose her book fair. It's a win win for all! We support a small business, we get some holiday shopping out of the way and we earn a little cash for our school. The link is below, if you are still interested in purchasing some fun items.

November 8 to 14

<https://bookshop.org/shop/StoryHouseBookFairs>

Thousands of Books for Kids & Adults, Recommendation & Teacher Wish Lists Games, Puzzles, Stationary & More

A portion of each sale benefits our School!

**Bus Information:**

On Friday 11/12/21 a bus was in a little fender bender before they picked up our Brooke Grove students. The Bus Depot arranged for a new bus to take the rest of the bus route. I understand they did not call the parents. They have advised us that sometimes they don't have time to contact all the parents. If the bus is late please call the Bus Depot. If they don't answer, leave a message and they will call you back. They will pick up your child if you let them know you are still waiting. Make sure you are at the bus pick up 15 minutes before and 15 minutes after before you call. They can be running just a few minutes late.

Thank you.

Transportation for bus numbers in the 6000: 240-740-1851

Phone number for bus numbers in the 5000: 240-740-6210

Phone number for bus numbers in the 4000: 240-740-6220

Phone number for bus numbers in the 3000: 240-740-4720

Phone number for bus numbers in the 2000: 240-740-4720.

Thank you.