

Dear Brooke Grove Families,

Wow, what a wild and exciting first 8 days of school! Thank you all for your flexibility, collaboration and support. It has been nice to see students following routines, learning lots, and making friends. Today we held a “severe weather drill” and practiced our safe locations in the event of impending hurricanes/tornadoes. The students did a wonderful job, and we hope we never need to use it for real!

As you know, we have had students contract COVID-19. We are so sorry to see any of our students sick and we are wishing them a speedy recovery. This has resulted in some classes participating in virtual learning. Teachers will be sharing information with you on how to be best prepared for if your child needs to temporarily engage in virtual learning. We have also had some students who are engaging in virtual learning because a student exhibited COVID-like symptoms at school. Please monitor your child closely for any of these symptoms (cough, fever 100.4 or more, severe headache, difficulty breathing, sore throat, diarrhea/vomiting, new loss of taste/smell) and keep your child home when sick. We appreciate your cooperation and diligence in helping to keep our students safe and healthy! Beginning next week we will begin administering rapid COVID tests at school if a child is exhibiting a COVID symptom. More details coming soon!

Please read below for more information.

Back to School Night

We are looking forward to our Back to School Night on Tuesday, 9/14. This event will be all virtual. We will hold two sessions so that you can attend sessions for multiple teachers. Please look for an email message from your child’s teacher for the Zoom information. Also, once you visit your homeroom teacher’s session, you may want to join the Arts Team to hear about “specials” - Art, Music, PE, and Media. Information is below.

- Session 1 from 7:00-7:30 pm
- Session 2 from 7:40-8:10 pm
- Arts Team Back to School Night Drop-In, Time: Sep 8, 2021 07:00-08:10 PM Join Zoom Meeting <https://mcpsmd.zoom.us/j/87083667746?pwd=ajNaUjN0N082TnJNU0VlL1RhbnVvQT09> Meeting ID: 870 8366 7746, Passcode: bges

Communication

MCPS has provided schools with an electronic platform called Synergy. We use this platform for communication, student database, the ParentVue portal, and attendance. When you receive a message through this platform, it comes as a “No Reply” message. We want to ensure that you see these messages and don’t let them go to your spam folder in your email box. Also, it is very important that you are able to access the parent portal. This is where you can access your students’ grades and attendance, as well as update information such as phone numbers. Please call our front office at 240-722-1800 if you need assistance with this platform.

Assessments

Students will take several kinds of assessments during the school year. Teachers will assess students and provide feedback with classwork, exit cards, quizzes and other informal measures in their day to day instruction. Our Eureka Math and Benchmark Advance Literacy curriculums have module/unit assessments that students will engage in. Students will also engage in MAP testing, (Measures of Academic Progress) in math and reading. These assessments are given three times a year, in the beginning, middle and end of year. The window for the beginning of the year assessment is now through October 8th. Please look for information from your child's teacher regarding the testing schedule for your child. Students will also engage in the testing required by the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), called the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP). Typically, this test is administered in the spring for grades 3, 4, and 5. This year MSDE is requiring students to take these assessments (math and literacy) in the fall, since they did not take them in the spring. The window for these assessments is September 22-October 22. We will provide you with a testing schedule and more information once we have more guidance from the state and from MCPS.

After School Activities

Please see attachments this week for Girl Scouts, Big Learning Science and Engineering programs and Big Learning Spanish and French classes. These are after- school activities sponsored by other organizations. We will continue to try to add a variety of activities and offerings this year.

Important Dates:

Date	Event
Tuesday, 9/14	Back to School Night
Thursday, 9/16	No school for students and teachers

Thank you for making our community such a wonderful place to work, learn and grow. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Warmly,

Jolynn Tarwater, Principal

Brooke Grove Elementary

Dear Brooke Grove Families,

Please see the attachments for after-school activities. I'm sorry I did not attach to my earlier message!


Have a wonderful weekend!


Be well,


Jolynn Tarwater, Principal

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Attachments:

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