

Principal Newsletter 9-13-21

Dear BGES Staff,

Thank you for another great day at The Grove! I am writing to provide a few updates for this week. First, thank you all for you planning and preparation for Back to School Night. Here is the [link](#) for the Administrator's Welcome video for tomorrow. Thank you for sparing a few minutes of your valuable time with parents to show our video, along with the PTA video (see Karen Blake's email for link). Also, our Arts Team has a presentation/Zoom ready for parents who may not have a second session to attend, so please encourage them to hear from our amazing specialists! Since we are providing a virtual event, you may do your BTSN presentation from home. Please let me know if you would like to do your presentation from school so that we can make arrangements with our Building Service Team.

Next, we have put more supplies out in the Teacher's Lounge so that you can replenish your stock of hand sanitizer, wipes, Spic & Span, etc. Please stop by and get what you need. If you need something that is not in the lounge, please let us know. We did receive more child-sized masks, so if you don't already have a box of extras in your classroom, please stop by the office for a box.

Also, today we began providing rapid COVID tests in our health room to students who are exhibiting a COVID-like symptom. We are glad that MCPS and the Montgomery County DHHS have recognized and responded to this great need. This will eliminate the "waiting game" for parents to go get their children tested, wait for results, and then make a decision to quarantine. This practice will enable us to keep more students in school for in-person learning.

Lastly, I want to thank everyone for your teamwork, flexibility and collaboration. We have already had some curve balls thrown at us, we've already had to pivot, and you have all responded with grace and positivity. Thanks for making Brooke Grove such a special place!

Be well,

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