

Dear Brooke Grove Families,

I hope you have had a great week. The Grove is full of fun and excitement! Please see the attached newsletter to find out about our PTA, the George B. Thomas Saturday School/Tutoring program, Picture Day and much more.

While school is going great, the COVID-19 virus is still a threat. Unfortunately, we have had another student test positive and is at home sick. We are sending well wishes and hope he feels better soon. Please see the attached notification letter for more details. I will also include the letter pasted below. Please note that only students who are deemed "close contacts" need to quarantine and those families have already been notified. We have begun rapid testing for students who are symptomatic, and our random testing will begin soon. [Click here](#) find out more about COVID testing in schools and how you can "say yes to the test".

Other attachments this week include information regarding Saturday School, how to report bullying, Big Learning Foreign Language/Science Engineering Classes at Brooke Grove.

I hope you have a restful and relaxing weekend.

Warmly,

Jolynn Tarwater, Principal

Brooke Grove Elementary

Dear Brooke Grove Community,

This letter is to inform you that we were notified that a **student/staff member in Third Grade** who was last present at **Brooke Grove ES on 9/22** tested positive for the coronavirus (COVID-19) on **9/23**. We were notified on DATE of the positive test. Following Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) guidelines, we notified individuals who were known to have close contact with this individual and have informed them to quarantine and monitor for symptoms, per CDC guidelines.

Per current DHHS guidance and our contact tracing process, unless you are notified directly, **your child does not need to quarantine** as they were not in close contact with the person who tested positive for COVID-19. Please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/contact-tracing/contact-tracing-plan/appendix.html#contact> for additional information on how the CDC, MCPS and DHHS, defines and identifies close contacts.

We encourage you to closely monitor your child for symptoms of COVID-19, such as fever, cough, headache, and shortness of breath. **If your child develops any of these symptoms, do not send them to school.** You should contact your healthcare provider and have your child tested for COVID-19. Please contact the school if your child develops COVID-19-like symptoms. Students who develop symptoms, or test positive for COVID-19, will not be able to return to the building until they are medically cleared.

As a reminder, here are the steps that we can all take to keep ourselves, families, and school community safe:

Get vaccinated when eligible

Wear a mask, or appropriate face covering, at all times when in school and other public spaces.

Wash your hands frequently with soap and water, especially before and after eating.

Cover your cough and/or sneeze/immediately wash your hands for 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer.

Stay home if you are sick or have any COVID-19 symptoms.

Please visit <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/coronavirus> and <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/> for additional information on COVID-19 resources, including free COVID-19 testing and COVID-19 vaccination sites.

We appreciate your cooperation as we work to maintain a safe and healthy school environment.

Warmly,

Jolynn Tarwater, Principal

Attachments:

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