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Dear Brooke Grove Families,

I hope you have had a wonderful week. We are off to a great start to the second marking period. Students are working hard and enjoying learning. Our canned food drive was a huge success! Thanks to the wonderful contributions of the Brooke Grove community, local needy families will have great access to food. Please see the photo below. It has been great to see the students' enthusiasm for community service. Please read below for some additional community service opportunities at BGES, as well as other information and updates. Thank you to our PTA for the wonderful treat of coffee and bagels for staff today! I hope you all have a restful, relaxing, and rejuvenating weekend and a Thanksgiving holiday full of family, food, and joy!

Warmly,
Jolynn Tarwater, Principal
Brooke Grove Elementary

School Schedule next week

Kindergarten -5th grade

Nov 22 Early Dismissal @12:55pm- Parent Conferences

Nov 23 Early Dismissal @12:55pm- Parent Conferences

NO PRE -K classes NOV 22 & NOV 23

Happy Thanksgiving! No School Nov 24, 25 & 26

George B. Thomas Learning Academy

Montgomery County families are invited to join the Saturday School staff to learn about the amazing programs offered on the 6th day of learning. This is a great opportunity for parents in Montgomery County, Maryland to learn more about the programs offered by the George B. Thomas Sr. Learning Academy. Its stellar initiative, Saturday School, has been in the community for over 35 years offering a sixth day of learning.

Now, it is the end of the academic quarter and a time for parents to evaluate the learning needs of their children. Join us for an evening to discover how Saturday School

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can support and elevate your child's success. Click on the Eventbrite link below to register and you will receive the virtual zoom link in the confirmation email.

<https://saturdayschoolopenhousedec2.eventbrite.com>. Programs that will be highlighted during the meeting:

- Grade-level tutoring Pre-K - 5
- Middle School tutoring
- High School tutoring
- Crash Course to College
- SAT Prep
- Coding
- Robotics
- AP/IB Support
- Adult Literacy

Personal Body Safety Lessons

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) is taking an active role in the prevention of child abuse and neglect through early prevention and intervention education. This month our school counselor and classroom teachers will be presenting lessons on the topic of child abuse and neglect. The lessons are known as Personal Body Safety Lessons and their purpose is to help students to:

- Develop knowledge, decision making skills, and behaviors which promote safe living in the home, school, and community;
- Learn skills for self-protection and identifying child abuse and neglect;
- Learn skills for asking for help for self and others and practice reporting to a trusted adult; and
- Engage in positive and appropriate interactions with peers and adults.

If you have any questions or concerns about the topics that will be covered, please contact me, your child's classroom teacher, or the school counselor.

This is a friendly reminder that your Picture Retake Day is on **December 2 – 9am – 11am in the gym**

Parents of the students participating on Retake Day should be aware of the following:

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- If a student was absent on the initial picture day, their name will appear on the unphotographed list so that you are aware that they need to have their picture taken for the yearbook.
- If a parent has expressed interest in having their child's picture retaken, this can also be done on retake day. The student should bring the original photo package, including the original envelope and all picture products, to turn into the photographer when they come to sit for a new picture. They do not need to fill out a new order form.

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 and click on "schools" at top of menu bar

Click order pictures **AFTER PICTURE DAY** Enter your student's ACCESS NUMBER.

If you no longer have your Access Number, please email

Customerservice@Classic-Photo.com for faster service Orders will be mailed directly to the families home. Classic Photography 800-869-9515

CRAFT NIGHT

Hello BGES Families! We are excited to share that our annual Craft Night is still happening! For those that are new to Brooke Grove, our Craft Night has always been a huge success and fun event. We used to host this during an evening, inside the school. Because of Covid, we had to change that last year. Our amazing BGES parent, Danielle Duffy, has always put this huge event together. Last year, we put order forms on Member Hub and families picked their craft items up from the Duffy home. Danielle worked so hard (8 month pregnant at the time) and made sure the annual event still happened during the pandemic. Thanks, again, Danielle! Craft Night will not be able to happen indoors, this year, but don't you worry, the Craft Night Committee has come up with a creative way to still make this event happen. It will be on Tuesday, December 7th, and pick-up will be outdoors at our school. At some point this weekend, you will receive an email that will show all of the craft ideas and you can order and purchase right there, on the site. The crafts are holiday related and make great gifts for family members. Grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends love to receive these gifts that are made with love! Each craft is child friendly where your child will be able to create most of it on their own. Some assistance may be needed, but you will be happy with every choice that is being offered this year! Place your order, when you see that email in the next few days, and mark your calendar for Tuesday, December 7th, from 4pm-6pm, for pick up. At pick up, your child will stay for a few minutes to create a winter/holiday card for a family

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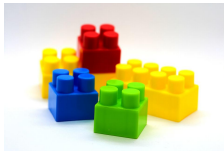
member or the Brooke Grove Retirement Village and your child will also be able to get a cup of hot chocolate with or without marshmallows!!!! Lots of fun and yumminess, too! If that pick-up time does not work for you, please do not let that stop you from ordering. We can arrange another pick-up time, if needed.

Thanks so much and be sure to open the next "Craft Night" email, too, so that you can see all of the wonderful crafts! Spread the word to others! Happy Thanksgiving to all! We hope you have a happy and healthy one!

Smiles!

Your BGES PTA

BGES Canned Food Drive



TOY DRIVE

The toy drive will be November 29-December 7.

Please bring a new unwrapped toy or book for a child to help needy children in our community.



COAT DRIVE

This coat drive was created by parent volunteers and Montgomery County Public Schools staff. Our goal is to provide a system for donated coats to go directly to fellow MCPS students and families who could use support this winter. How to Help: Donate new or lightly used CLEAN coats at our location starting 11/22/21.

Art to Remember

The deadline for Art to Remember orders is MONDAY, November 22! This art fundraiser is a great way to give personalized holiday gifts to your families and friends. If you cannot find the order form, you can go onto the website and search using your child's

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name: <https://arttoremember.com/school/4N4RES> Thank you in advance for your participation. Gifts will be delivered to the school in December and will be distributed for students to take home. Questions--contact beth.mcnichol01@gmail.com