

November 18, 2022

Dear Brooke Grove Families,

We had another wonderful week at Brooke Grove Elementary! We started the week with a Reptile World assembly. Reptile World programs tell a story of kindness and respect, to not be afraid of those who are different than us, and ultimately encourages us to be better stewards of our wildlife and planet. The students met and learned about reptiles such as alligators, turtle and python. The students had a wonderful time! See photos below.

Our second graders attended a performance at the Strathmore Music Center to hear the National Philharmonic. They learned how music can drive emotions by changing tempo, tone, instruments (brass/strings/percussion, woodwind) and did some singing and movement. They had a wonderful time and were a great audience.

We now have two "Little Free Libraries", one near the front entrance and one in the playground area. Please feel free to borrow/contribute. We want our students to always have plenty of great reading material! Thank you to Mrs. DeLisi, third grade teacher, for initiating this project! If you have unused books at home, now is a good time to clean them out, as our BGES Scholastic Book Fair is coming the week of December 5-9!

Next week each child will be bringing home COVID home test kits. We hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday with family and friends. We ask that you give your child a Covid test after the holiday before returning to school on Monday, 11/28. Thank you so much for your cooperation in keeping our students healthy!

Please read the attached newsletter to find out more about our upcoming holiday craft night, how to report concerns or incidents of bullying, and how to order school photos. Our food drive continues through Tuesday, thank you for your contributions so far! Let's help Olney Help support our community members in need.

Please remember that Monday and Tuesday next week are both early dismissal days for parent conferences. If you have not yet scheduled a parent-teacher conference, please contact your child's teacher. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me at jolynn_e_tarwater@mcpsmd.org.

Wishing you all a restful and relaxing weekend and a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. I am grateful to be a part of such a caring, collaborative, and supportive community.

Warmly,

Jolynn Tarwater, Principal

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