

December 9, 2022

Dear Brooke Grove Families,

What an exciting week at The Grove. The Book Fair has been a wonderful experience. Students enjoyed browsing and buying books and were inspired to read! Thank you to Janay Mendez, Priscilla Rajan, and Hillary Reed for their excellent planning, organization, promotion, marketing, and sales! **Continue to shop the Book Fair through December 18 by visiting this link: <https://shop.scholastic.com/parent-ecommerce/parent-store-2.html/?fairId=5360916> Brooke Grove will continue to earn 25% in rewards for all online orders placed before 12/18. Thank you for your support!**

We also held Holiday Craft Night, where students were able to make beautiful winter crafts, such as wreaths, snowmen, snow globes, ornaments, candle holders and more. I'm sure families will value their craft decorations and gifts for many years to come! A big thank you to Danielle Duffy for her wonderful creativity, planning, and organization, and for developing a large cadre of volunteers to assist with this beautiful annual event. Both of these wonderful events were made possible by our PTA. Thank you for joining and supporting our PTA!

We know many of our families will spend time over the Winter break traveling, visiting with friends and family, and engaging in fun community activities. As these activities possibly involve a higher risk of exposure to COVID-19, MCPS is distributing at-home rapid test kits to students and staff prior to the break.

Testing is an important way to identify individuals actively positive for COVID-19 who should temporarily isolate in order to prevent further transmission and keep our school community as healthy as possible. Testing is not mandatory. We are depending on our staff and families to consider their exposure risk, and test and report positive results accordingly. Please see the attached newsletter for more information about [COVID-19 testing](#), including when to get tested.

I hope you all have a wonderful and restful weekend!

Warmly,

Jolynn Tarwater, Principal

**Attachments:**

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