

February 24, 2023

Dear Brooke Grove Families,

I hope you all are doing well as we wrap up the month of February. In February we enjoyed celebrating kindness, and our SEL (social-emotional learning) focus has been on “Relationship Skills”. In class meetings, teachers have been discussing making positive relationships, working as a team, and dealing with conflicts. This Friday we will have another Town Hall meeting, where we will focus on these skills, as well as highlighting great learning and behaviors we’ve noted.

Also on Friday, students in Kindergarten and Grade 3 will have the opportunity to participate in the **2022-2023 Maryland Oral Health Survey of School Children** sponsored by the *State of Maryland Department of Health & Mental Hygiene*. Howard University College of Dentistry, Department of Pediatric Dentistry is working with the State of Maryland Department of Health to carry out this project. The Maryland Department of Health conducts this important survey periodically to assess the oral health status and needs of children throughout the state to positively affect services and policy. The Oral Health Survey of Maryland School Children (conducted for kindergarten and third grade students) is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and conducted by the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) Office of Oral Health (OOH) to assess the oral health status of school children. The OOH utilizes the results of this survey to develop important public health programs that improve the oral health of children statewide. This **non-invasive one-minute oral assessment** will consist **only of visual inspections using a light, mirror, or tongue depressors** to check for the presence of dental cavities, sealants, and to determine the need for follow-up care. Parents, please return the permission form that was sent home last week. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please note that Friday, March 3rd is an early dismissal day, with dismissal at 12:55. Thank you for your cooperation in picking your child up promptly at dismissal, as staff have several professional obligations to attend to after students are dismissed.

Please see the attached newsletter for more information and updates, including photos from Bingo Night, Dr. McKnight’s safety and security message and upcoming notable dates and events.

Thank you for your continued support and collaboration. I am grateful to be a part of such a wonderful community.

Warmly,

Jolynn Tarwater, Principal

Attachments:

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