

March 3, 2023

Dear Brooke Grove Families,

Today marks the interim of the third marking period. Teachers have been busy teaching, giving assessments, and grading assignments. You may log-in to ParentVUE to see updated information regarding your child's academic progress. Thank you for your continued support and collaboration in supporting our students' academic success.

This morning we had a Town Hall assembly. This is an opportunity for our school to gather as a community to learn and celebrate together. Today we learned more about the competency of "Relationship Skills", focusing on:

- Initiating contact with others and cultivating friendship.
- Sharing one's thoughts and feelings (appropriately)
- Communicating effectively.
- Developing positive relationships.
- Demonstrating cultural humility.
- Practicing teamwork and collaborative problem-solving.
- Resolving conflicts constructively.

We also celebrated our school "bucket fillers" and had reminders about our school expectations of all of us working together to be "Respectful, Responsible, and Ready to Learn". A copy of our Town Hall presentation is attached to this message.

Please note that our 5th grade students will take the Maryland Integrated Science Assessment next week on Monday, March 6 and Friday, March 10 in the morning. Please ensure that students are on time to school so they can fully participate. **About the Assessment:**

- The Maryland Integrated Science Assessment (MISA) is administered to all students in fifth grade, eighth grade, and high school. The MISA is aligned to the [Maryland Next Generation Science Standards \(NGSS\)](#). The NGSS integrate three dimensions necessary to understand science. The dimensions are the Science and Engineering Practices, the Crosscutting Concepts, and the Disciplinary Core Ideas. To assess the three dimensions of the NGSS, a set of interrelated items is required. All items on the MISA are part of an item set.

This is the time of year when we begin making plans for next year. We will soon be sending home a "Student Information Profile" page for you to indicate if your child is NOT returning to Brooke Grove Elementary next year. If your child is returning, you may use this optional form to provide us with insight into your child that may help us in planning. The form is also attached to this message for your convenience.

Next week we will celebrate "Read Across America!" week. See below for more information for our spirit week. We are excited to have our whole school Read-In next Wednesday afternoon! Please see the attached newsletter for more information and updates. I hope you all have a restful and relaxing weekend!

Warmly,

Jolynn Tarwater, Principal