

April 14, 2023

Dear Brooke Grove Families,

I hope that you all had a wonderful spring break! We are glad to be back and working hard during the last marking period of the school year. The last quarter of the school year is action-packed with activities and events, so please be sure to read this weekly newsletter and all messages from your child's teacher.

Our state-mandated testing begins next week with our third graders. The Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) provides information to educators, parents and the public on student progress towards proficiency on the [Maryland College and Career Ready Standards](#). Through a strong assessment system, stakeholders gain an understanding of how schools are performing and where assistance can be directed to support student growth and achievement. The federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires that states administer the following annual statewide assessments:

- English Language Arts/Literacy – Grades 3-8 and 10
- Math – Grades 3-8, Algebra I, Algebra II and Geometry (MS only)
- Science – Grades 5, 8 and HS students enrolled in Biology courses.

Please see the full testing schedule below. On days when your child is testing, please ensure that they arrive at school on time and try to prevent scheduling appointments during the scheduled testing. If your child is tardy, they will be unable to join the testing session upon their arrival and will need to have an alternate activity in an alternate location. Then they will have to miss classroom time later to make up for the missed test. Thank you so much for your cooperation and understanding. We look forward to our students being able to “show what they know” after having worked so hard and learning so much this year!

We have a PTA meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 18 at 7pm. We will discuss upcoming PTA events, and I present information about school safety/security, as well as information regarding our new social-emotional learning curriculum for next school year. We hope to see you at 7pm in our school media center. We are excited to have our first PTA Fun Run this year! This will be fun, fitness, and fundraising, all in one! After the Fun Run, we will hold our annual Spring Picnic on our school playground. Bring a blanket, chairs, and a picnic and come on out and have a wonderful evening with other BGES families!

We also are looking forward to our first Spring Chorus and Instrumental Music Concert in several years. Ms. Fritts and Mr. Kepler have been teaching our students so many wonderful skills, and we are looking forward to our fifth graders being able to perform for their families on Thursday, May 4th.

Just a reminder that there is no school for students on Friday, April 21. **Please see the attached newsletter below for more information and updates.**

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend. Please reach out if you have any questions, concerns, or feedback!

Warmly,

Jolynn Tarwater, Principal

Attachments:

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