April 28, 2023

Dear Brooke Grove Families,

We are so excited to meet our new Kindergarten students and parents for the 23-24 school year at our Kindergarten Orientation next week! They will have an opportunity to meet our staff and learn more about our wonderful school as we get them enrolled and ready for kindergarten! Just a reminder that our current Kindergarten students will not attend school on Monday or Tuesday next week. We look forward to seeing them return on Wednesday, May 3!

Thank you for your continued support during the state testing window. Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students have all started their testing sessions and have been so dedicated to showing off their knowledge and skills!

Our 3rd graders were invited to Farquhar Middle School today to see their musical production, "The Little Mermaid". Students had a great time watching the show, and many students told me that they are inspired to be involved with music and/or theater. The show is open to the public next Friday and Saturday. Please see below for ticket information.

Our BGES Spring Chorus/Instrumental Concert will be on Thursday, May 4 at 7:00 pm. This show is open to all of our BGES families, so come on out to be impressed and entertained by our talented 5th graders! All students must be accompanied by an adult.

Congratulations to Ava Hardy for her participation in the 5th grade Honors Chorus this week. Students from all over Montgomery County gathered at Paint Branch HS for the show after rehearsing in the evenings for several weeks. We hope that many of our 4th grade students will audition to participate in the Honors Chorus next year!

We also had three 5th grade students participate in the first-ever MCPS Next Generation Leadership Day. Congratulations to Eliza Hanif, Daniel Mesfin, and Maddie Parks for their engagement in this full-day leadership conference, where they worked on invaluable leadership skills that facilitated developing confidence and a student voice, helped them see the leader in themselves, and were able to meet other student leaders from across MCPS. This program is designed to help our younger student leaders explore their abilities and engage their potential to serve, inspire, and lead those around them.

We are excited to announce that we have officially reached our \$10,000 fundraising goal for the Color Run! We have 135 participants registered and raised \$10,651! We are going to bring great things to BGES because of your support. Also, I promised to dye my hair wacky colors if we reached our goal, so the students are busy advising me on what colors to choose! If you haven't registered yet, we encourage you to do so to secure your t-shirt. T-shirt orders are being placed this week and we will not be ordering extras. <u>Register Here!</u> We hope to see you at the Color Run for some fitness and fun and at the Spring Picnic afterwards for an opportunity to connect with our BGES Community!

Check out our highest registered classrooms. Keep those registrations coming!

Highest Registered Classroom (winner will receive a class pizza party)

- Tied with 7 registered: Briscuso, Kelsey, McNichol, Harp
- Tied with 6 registered: Bonelli, Cisneros, Delisi, Gonsalves

Thank you all for your continued support and commitment to making Brooke Grove such a special place to work, learn, and grow. Please see the attached newsletter for more information and updates!