

Dear Brooke Grove Families,

Thank you for your support and collaboration. It was a pleasure to see so many families at our PTA Picnic last week! Thank you to our PTA for providing an opportunity for our community to come together for fun and celebration!

Many of you have noticed the new fence on our playground. This is a tool to improve the safety and security of students at recess by providing a boundary for the play area at recess, allowing closer supervision of students during this time. We understand that this fence installation has caused some students to have to alter their pathway to walk to school in the morning. We appreciate your flexibility. Another new upgrade to safety/security, is the addition of MCPS Security personnel at the elementary school level. MCPS hired 12 new "rover" positions to be present and available to elementary schools. We are pleased to welcome Mr. Tony Deane to Brooke Grove ES. You may see him around - he will be visiting frequently and will sometimes be present during arrival/dismissal, meeting with our safety patrols, and ensuring that we have the tools and resources we need to enhance our safety. Please see our [BGES Parent Handbook](#) for more information regarding safety and security.

### **Halloween/Fall Celebration**

It is important to us that all students feel valued and included in our celebrations and school activities. It has become more clear through feedback and observation that our Halloween celebrations are not fully inclusive events at our schools.. Therefore, as a cluster, our schools will hold a fall celebration for students, with class parties in every room, but eliminate the custom of Halloween costumes and parades. While we understand that this will be disappointing for some families, we appreciate your understanding of our goal of making all students feel welcome at all of our school events.

Brooke Grove ES will have our Fall classroom parties on Friday, October 28, 2022. Teachers will communicate the time of their classroom party with the two designated room parents. The classroom party should be no longer than 30-45 minutes. Treats and activities should be planned in collaboration with the teacher. Designated room parents/captains should have all the required MCPS volunteer training and requirements. Designated parents must check into the main office upon arrival. Thank you for your understanding and your continued support of our respective programs.

Our PTA will be providing a fun "Trunk or Treat" event and costume parade on Saturday, October 29th. Stay tuned for more information.

Please see the attached newsletter for more information and resources for BGES/MCPS including our wonderful staff spotlight!

Warmly,

Jolynn Tarwater, Principal

### **Attachments:**

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