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NAOMI L. BROOKS
ELEMENTARY PTA®

August 31, 2021

Successful First Week!

It's been a successful first week at Naomi L. Brooks!

If you didn't catch the latest *ACPS Brooks Buzz*,
[you can read it here.](#)

Please help our school and...

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Naomi L. Brooks PTA is an *all-volunteer* organization. We rely on our tremendous team of parent leaders to implement our many programs and activities.

Below are our current volunteer openings, but if you want to help out and none of these appeals to you, let us know and we can find a match among our many committees.

President-Elect - This position acts as an aide to the president and performs the

duties of the president if the president is unable to do so. This is a one-year term, and the president-elect automatically assumes the role of president in the coming school year. (The president presides at all the meetings, coordinates the work of all officers and committees, among other duties.) *We really need a president-elect because the president can only serve one year per the bylaws.* Current or past presidents are happy to answer any questions about the position.

Membership Lead - Do you love to meet new people, have an interest in marketing and communications, and have a knack for technology? We are looking for someone who can take the lead in marketing membership to the Brooks community and help manage member data. This position is most active in the fall when we are asking members to renew or recruiting new members.

Special Education Committee Chair or Co-Chair- This committee serves as a support and advocacy group for families with children receiving special education services. It serves as a sounding board where parents can confidentially discuss their concerns. It has also worked on projects such as helping the library collect books that reflect diverse learners and highlighting the books for Disability Awareness Month.

Odyssey of the Mind - This is a creative problem-solving program. Team members work together to solve a problem and present their solution at a competition in the spring. (Last year this was all done virtually.) Currently, we need a parent to serve as the Brooks liaison, but we will also need coaches for any teams that form this year.

Yearbook Liaison - This person will serve as the liaison with our yearbook printer. We are pursuing utilizing an ACHS student to assist with the layout and design, so this position would coordinate with the student as well.

In addition, we have a need for volunteers to lead our large fundraising events coming up in the spring for our annual gala and Spring2Action.

Contact Kara Macek karakmacek@gmail.com to learn more about these awesome public service opportunities!

Room Parent Volunteers Still Needed!

Parent Volunteers are essential to the Brooks community. Please consider serving as a room parent for your child's class.

We are still looking for room parents for the following classes: Kertyzak (1); King (1); Kimball (2); Brasher (1); Hudson (1); Eclipse (1); Lee-Clark (2); Fernandez (2); Selber (2); Chung (2); Hojnowski (2); Baskin (2); Ramirez (1).

The Room Parents will work closely with the teacher to identify support needs such as organizing virtual events and classroom Mystery Readers, helping teachers find needed resources or materials, providing continuous communication between the teacher and parents, and supporting parents, and creating a sense of classroom community.

If you are interested in being a Room Parent for your child's homeroom teacher, please fill out the short survey found here: <https://forms.gle/vfZKZSUX53gGckY28>. I look forward to hearing from many of you soon and to working with all our wonderful Room Parents this year to make this a great school year!

Thank you,

Bryanne Cordeiro Reynolds

Naomi Brooks Room Parent Coordinator 2021 - 2022

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No School September 3 and September 6

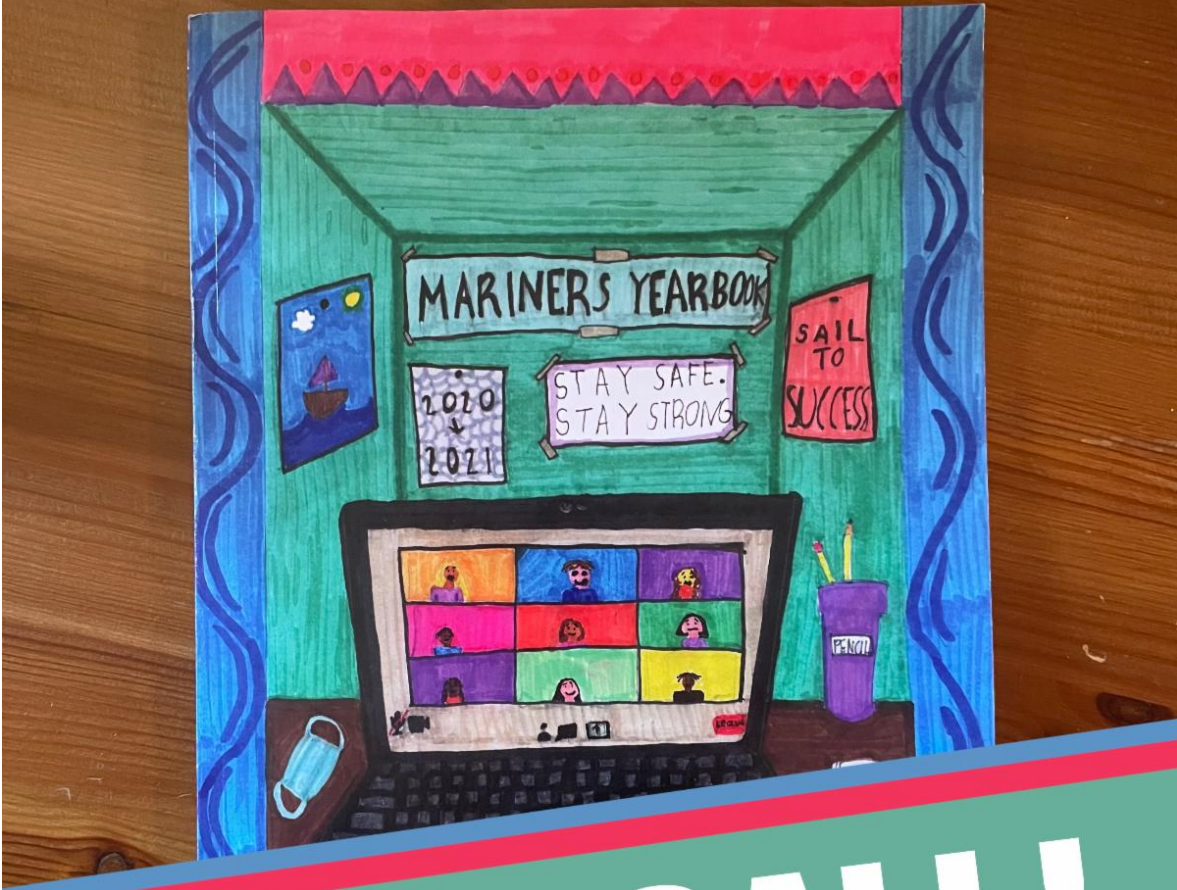
Naomi L. Brooks and ACPS will be closed this Friday, September 3, and Monday, September 6 in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

Join the Brooks PTA for 2021-2022



This year, more than ever, we need as many voices as possible in our membership as we navigate this school year. Please consider joining or renewing your annual membership. The Brooks PTA helps to foster and shape our Brooks community and works with the school's teachers and administration to fund essential programs (such as tutoring support) and support our teacher's needs. Together we can make things happen for our school. [Join the PTA for the 2021-2022 School year.](#)

Last Call for 2020-2021 Yearbooks!



LAST CALL!

Have you received your 2020-2021 yearbook from last year yet? If not, there are still copies left available for pickup at 206 E Oak Street (in a plastic bin on the porch) - they will be available until Friday, September 3.

PTA Meetings To Continue on Zoom

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All Brooks PTA meetings will continue to be held over Zoom until further notice. Please join us online for our first meeting to be held Tuesday, September 7 @ 6pm. You can see all upcoming PTA meeting dates on the [Brooks PTA calendar](#) .

Start the Day with Movement!

Start the school year off right! WALK, BIKE OR ROLL IT!



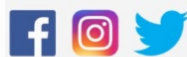
Get physical activity like walking and biking to school everyday throughout the year and

BOOST YOUR BRAIN POWER!

Can't do it everyday? Commit to a few times a week!

Short on time? Park the car and walk the last couple of blocks to school!

Need more info? Contact Jen at jen@runningbrooke.org



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2021-2022 PTA Event Interest Survey

We understand families are eager to get back to normal and enjoy the events the PTA has hosted in past years.

Due to current COVID restrictions in place by ACPS, we are unable to have our typical in-person events at Naomi L. Brooks Elementary.

The PTA Executive Committee has put together [this survey](#) to gauge what events families are most interested in participating in. [Please complete the survey](#) to help us make alternative arrangements where possible.

Upcoming Dates

- September 3: LABOR DAY HOLIDAY - SCHOOLS CLOSED
- September 6: LABOR DAY HOLIDAY - SCHOOLS CLOSED
- September 7: 6pm, First Brooks PTA General Membership Meeting

Frequently Requested Links

PTA MEMBERSHIP

- Please [join or renew your Brooks PTA membership today!](#) This year, more than ever, we need as many voices as possible weighing in as we navigate this school year. Together we can make things happen for our school.

STAY CONNECTED

- Make sure you've [subscribed](#) to Ms. Hess' weekly emails and ACPS updates.
- Get PTA updates: Just text the message "@nlbrooks" to the number 81010 to sign up for this service provided by the PTA. Email brooks-bees+subscribe@googlegroups.com to receive emails. Like our [Facebook page](#) and follow [Brooks PTA on Twitter](#).
- Miss [an email](#)? Looking for [PTA meeting minutes](#)? Catch up on our website at brookspta.org
- Need internet access? [Submit an Internet Access request](#).

OTHER INFORMATION

- If you are interested in receiving updates from the TAG AC, find ACPS Friends of TAG in [Google Groups](#), click "Apply for membership" and

“apply to join this group.” If you have trouble joining the group, contact [Laura Rose](#).

- Need to add school closings to your calendar? Import the [Brooks PTA calendar!](#)
- Need help with [PowerSchool?](#)
- [Food access information](#) for ACPS families

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