

# The **BEE** **MAIL**

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*Tuesday, September 7*

**First PTA Meeting of the Year is Tonight!**

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Please join us tonight for the first Brooks PTA meeting of the year on Zoom at 6pm. [You can join the meeting on Zoom at the link here.](#)

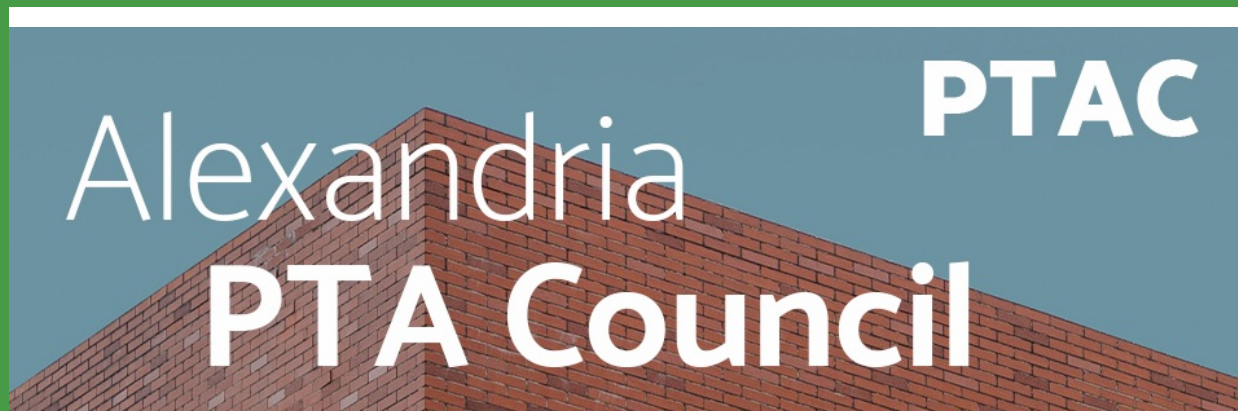
All upcoming PTA meeting dates are on the [Brooks PTA calendar](#) .

**Virtual Back to School Night, Sept. 9.**



On **Thursday, September 9th** from 6-7:30 p.m, you will have an opportunity to hear directly from your children's teachers at Brooks' Virtual Back to School Night! Individual Zoom links will be emailed to you from your children's teachers. There will be three - 30 minute repeated sessions to accommodate parents who have multiple children or more than one teacher. More information is forthcoming.

## PTAC Lunch and Transportation Survey



PTAC has been alerted to reports concerning lunchtime and school bus safety in Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS). In response to these reports, PTAC is conducting a survey on lunch and transportation experiences, as well as ideas or thoughts for improvement. Information from this survey will be used to inform the Alexandria Parent Teacher Association Council (PTAC) and its efforts to advocate for safe and equitable school lunch and bus experiences for all students. The information collected via this survey will enhance PTAC's understanding of these topics across all ACPS schools.

The survey has three short pages (one on lunches, one on buses, and one on open comments). The PTAC is seeking input from both caregivers and teachers/staff through ACPS by September 9th.

English: <https://forms.gle/c1986wUch9bD8Py26>

Español: <https://forms.gle/rnp2K6RpWdGiYutr6>

Please help our school and...



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](mailto:karakmacek@gmail.com) to learn more about these awesome public service opportunities!**

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## **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: King (1); Lee-Clark (1); Hojnowski (2); Baskin (1); 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!

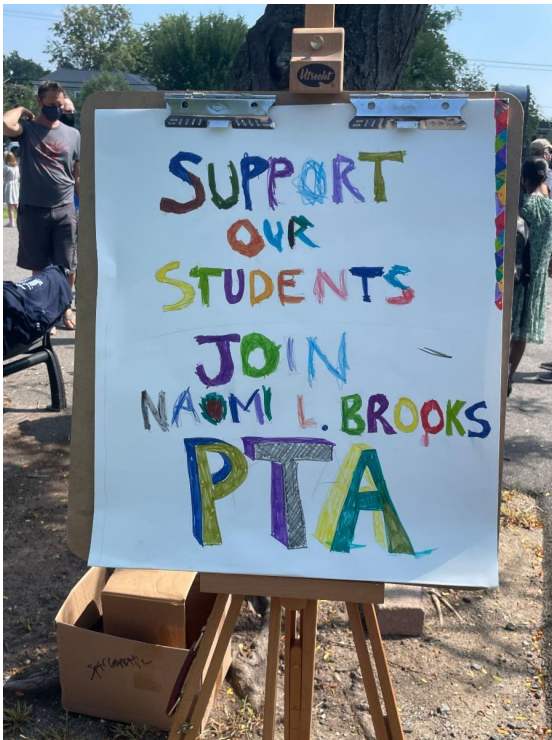
Thank you,

Bryanne Cordeiro Reynolds

Naomi Brooks Room Parent Coordinator 2021 - 2022

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## 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.](#)

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## 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](mailto:jen@runningbrooke.org)**



## **Upcoming Dates**

September 7: 6pm, First Brooks PTA General Membership Meeting  
September 9: 6pm - 7:30pm, Virtual Back to School Night

## **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](mailto: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](http://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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