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PTA Meeting on Zoom tonight, 10/12 at 6pm

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Join us at 6pm **tonight** for our second general membership PTA meeting! Our special guest this evening Ms. Falleroni will be talking about TAG/GIA.

Please join us via Zoom at the link below:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89057210558?
pwd=VHNvRFI2YVRIVzdIYVJSL1ZES0Zodz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89057210558?pwd=VHNvRFI2YVRIVzdIYVJSL1ZES0Zodz09)

Last call for Odyssey of the Mind!



Odyssey of the Mind®

Hello Brooks Families,

As a follow-up, I wanted to let you know that there will not be an Odyssey of the Mind regional tournament held this year, and the state tournament will be held virtually.

All students and are encouraged to participate in the program. And all interested coaches are encouraged to raise their hands. The next great idea and "out of the box" thinking is just around the corner and we need flexible young minds from many points of view!!

Please see the following websites if you would like additional information about the program:

<https://www.odysseyofthemind.com/>

<https://novaeastodysseyofthemind.wordpress.com/>

Before committing PTA funds to this year's registration, we would like to get an idea of the interest level for both students and coaches for the 2021-2022 OM Program.

Please respond to Christine Scanlon Miller at chscanlonmiller@gmail.com whether your student would like to participate, or if you would be willing to support the program as a coach.

Thanks to those who have already responded. Please see my direct email to you regarding the tournament information.

Thanks so much!

Christine Miller

**Reflections Art Competition 2021
JUST A FEW DAYS LEFT
ENTRIES DUE OCT. 15**

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DANCE
CHOREOGRAPHY



FILM
PRODUCTION



LITERATURE



MUSIC
COMPOSITION



PHOTOGRAPHY



VISUAL ARTS

The 2021-2022 theme for this national contest is ***I Will Change the World by...*** Each year, students from across the country in pre-K through grade 12 create theme-based artwork in dance choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, photography, or visual arts. Last year, Alexandria students even placed at State!

Students may enter in 1 of 2 ways:

1. By placing [this entry form](#) and artwork in the bin by the door of the library or on the porch at 602 Johnston Place. This method is preferred, especially for visual arts, as judges get a better idea of the work when it's larger and not on a screen.
2. By completing the online entry form (In English and Spanish) <https://forms.gle/UJYzsbCUXogGdz1u5>

Brooks Dine-Out Tuesdays CONTINUE TODAY!
Support the Brooks PTA by eating at Chadwicks,
today and every Tuesday in October!



BROOKS DINE-OUT TUESDAYS

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**10% OF ALL SALES EVERY TUESDAY IN OCTOBER
WILL SUPPORT THE BROOKS PTA**



Brooks Health Guidance & More

The ACPS Brooks Buzz recently sent health guidance from Nurse Harper - you can read the latest edition of the Brooks Buzz at this link:
[https://mailchi.mp/acps.k12.va.us/health-guidance-updates?
e=3b5362d9d5](https://mailchi.mp/acps.k12.va.us/health-guidance-updates?e=3b5362d9d5)



CELEBRATING OUR PRINCIPAL **MS. HESS** PRINCIPAL APPRECIATION MONTH

OCT. 15

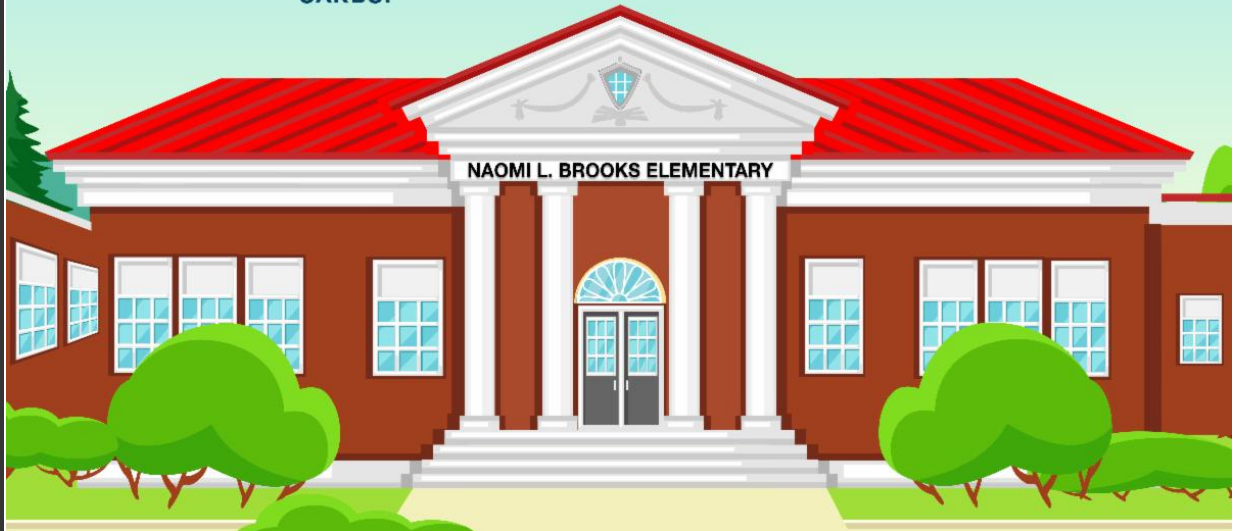
DRAW A PICTURE FOR MS. HESS TO SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION. STUDENTS CAN DROP A PICTURE OFF AT HER OFFICE MAILBOX OR GIVE TO HER IN THE MORNING OF OCTOBER 15TH.

OCT. 22

DID YOU KNOW MS. HESS LOVES BAKING AND COOKING? USE A NOTECARD AND WRITE YOUR FAVORITE FAMILY RECIPE TO SHARE WITH OUR FAVORITE PRINCIPAL. THESE CAN BE DROPPED OFF IN HER MAILBOX OUTSIDE HER OFFICE.

OCT. 29

WRITE MS. HESS A NOTE TO TELL HER HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE HER AS OUR PRINCIPAL! PARENTS CAN SEND EMAILS, STUDENTS CAN DELIVER HANDWRITTEN NOTES AND CARDS.



Did you know October is Principal Appreciation Month? We'd like to do a few special things for our amazing Principal, Ms. Hess this month! [See our appreciation calendar Oct 15 - Oct 29 here.](#)
#ThankAPrincipal

Community Wishlist on Amazon

This year we will be continuing to maintain the Amazon Brooks Community Wish List. This list contains items selected with input from our school social worker, Ms. Lusk, to serve the needs of our students and families. As needs change over time, the list will be updated, so please be sure to check back periodically! Right now the list has grocery gift cards and basic necessities requested by Ms. Lusk. Any donation is extremely helpful for our community and is very much appreciated!

- Please choose "Gift Registry address at Aimee Desrosier's house" when selecting your shipping
- Target gift cards are also always helpful (not available on

Amazon), and if you'd like to donate some to Ms. Lusk, they may be dropped off at the donation box on my porch at 16 W Glendale Ave.

- Make sure to sign up for Amazon Smile where 0.5% of all eligible purchases will be donated to the charity of your choice. Please consider choosing Naomi L. Brooks Elementary PTA as your favorite charity! [Here is a link](#) with instructions for connecting Amazon smile to your amazon app.

Click [HERE](#) to see the Amazon Brooks Community Wish List and to help a friend.

As always, we very much appreciate the generous spirit of our Brooks community!



When you shop at Amazon a portion of your purchase can benefit Naomi L. Brooks Elementary!

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/54-1991273>

Meet Your School Board Candidates!

School Board Forum
October 13 · 7 PM

**Submit
your
Questions**

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Alexandria PTAC

PTAC is proud to once again sponsor the Virtual Alexandria PTAC School Board Forum this year on October 13th at 7pm. (Zoom link forthcoming)

In addition to this virtual forum, PTAC is also hosting an informal meet

the candidate event on October 2nd, 4pm at the William Ramsey tennis courts. (Rain date will be October 3rd at 4 pm). Please mark your calendars!

We are asking all PTA members to help us spread the word about these events to the broader community. In particular, we need those requiring interpretation services to register by October 2nd, to allow us time to secure sufficient interpreters.

You can find out more about these events, the election, and the candidates on the Alexandria PTAC website.

<http://alexvaptac.org/sbelection2021/>

There you will also find a flyer for the events that have been translated into Amharic, Arabic, English, and Spanish:

You can also find information on the events on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/alexandriaptac>

[Questions for the candidates? Submit them here!](#)

Additional languages:

[Arabic](#) | [Español](#) | [Amharic](#)



Let's sweeten the day of our teachers! We are going to sweeten the teachers' break room with their favorite candy treats. If you do not see a favorite treat, feel free to sign up on the "Bring a Treat" line.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054FA5AE28A5FD0-sweeten>

You can have your student drop these items off on Friday, October 22nd at the front desk.

BROOKS SPIRIT WEAR ON SALE NOW!



Brooks Spirit Wear, now with the official Naomi L. Brooks Elementary logo is [on sale at SquadLocker](#).

For an extra 15% off at checkout, enter code: **HARVEST15**

10% Of Your Purchase Supports the PTA!

Fall Book Fair Coming in November!

This fall we're partnering with Hooray for Books to hold an in-store Book Fair Thursday, November 4th-Sunday, November 7th at Hooray For Books at 1555 King Street.

Here's why you should come shop:

- Brooks PTA will get 20% of sales.
- There will be a larger selection than in-school book fairs.
- They are open from 10-6 so there is plenty of time for shopping.
- You can show appreciation for teachers by purchasing something from their wish list.
- We will be supporting a wonderful local business.

Bonus: Former Brooks mom and children's author/illustrator, Courtney Pippin-Mathur, will visit Hooray for Books to promote the new book she illustrated, Happy Diwali! on Saturday, November 6th at 3:00. Stop by and say hello!

Please help our school and...

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HELP WANTED! President-Elect - We are still in need of a President-Elect, who will automatically assume the role of President next year. 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. Current or past presidents are happy to answer any questions about the position. Please consider volunteering!

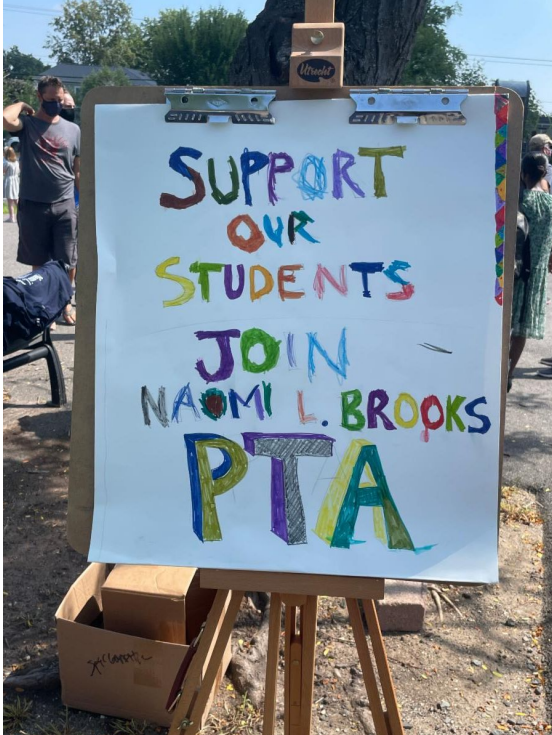
Membership Lead - Do you love to meet new people, have an interest in marketing and communications, and have a knack for technology? We are looking for someone who can take the lead in marketing membership to the Brooks community and help manage member data. This position is most active in the fall when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

In addition, we can always use help with our numerous fundraising, communications, or programming activities.

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

Join the Brooks PTA for 2021-2022

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.](#)

Upcoming Dates

- **October 15: Reflections PTA Submission Deadline**
- **October 19: Brooks Dine-Out At Chadwicks**
- **October 26: Brooks Dine-Out At Chadwicks**
- **October 29: Book Character Spirit Day at Brooks**
- **November 2: No School for Students - Teacher Workday**
- **November 4-7: Hooray For Books Bookfair**
- **November 8: Brooks PTA Meeting at 6pm via Zoom**

Frequently Requested Links

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 brooksppta.org
- Need internet access? [Submit an Internet Access request](#).
- Need to add school closings to your calendar? Import the [Brooks PTA calendar](#)!

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