

The **BEE** **MAIL**

**NAOMI L. BROOKS
ELEMENTARY PTA[®]**

October 26, 2021

**Tell Us How We're Doing!
Please Take Our 2-Minute PTA Survey**

TELL US HOW WE'RE DOING!



To help provide the best possible services for all families in our community, please complete our very short survey online at **brookspta.org/survey** or by clicking the button below:

**LAUNCH
PTA SURVEY**

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**Last Brooks Dine-Out Tuesday is TODAY!
Support the Brooks PTA by eating at Chadwicks!**



BROOKS DINE-OUT TUESDAYS



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



We have some awesome dine-out days ahead!
(We'll remind you once we get closer...)
November 29: Mia's Italian Kitchen
December 16: Theismann's Restaurant

Book Character Spirit Day is Friday, October 29



Book Character Spirit Day is approaching on Friday, October 29th. Students are encouraged to wear a costume portraying their favorite Storybook Character. Parents who want their students to participate are to wear their costumes to school. Costume masks and weapons are not allowed. Students will still be required to wear appropriate protective face masks throughout the day.

**Bring Your Leftover Candy to School
for Operation Gratitude on Wed., Nov 3**



**WE WANT YOUR
CANDY**

Donate your leftover candy for deployed troops, local military units, veterans, and first responders.

On **Wednesday, November 3**, before school, drop off leftover candy in front of the main entrance to Brooks Elementary.

Give a sweet treat to our heroes serving overseas and those here at home!

For more information visit: operationgratitude.com

Brooks Book Fair Is Next Week!

HOORAY FOR BROOKS BOOKS!



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BOOK FAIR AT HOORAY FOR BOOKS!

Next week we're partnering with Hooray for Books to hold an in-store Book Fair Thursday, November 4th through 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!

Blessings in a Backpack



BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK

Over \$1,800 Raised So Far!

Every year, our school participates in the Blessings In A Backpack program, which mobilizes communities, individuals, and resources to provide food on the weekends for elementary school children who might otherwise go hungry.

COVID-19 has created havoc for numerous Alexandria families and we have more area children participating in this program than ever.

This year, please help us reach our goal of \$4,000 - any amount you can contribute goes directly to helping feed hungry kids.

[Donate Today](#)

Brooks Community Directory 2021-2022

The 2021-2022 Brooks Community Directory is now available! You can view the directory at the link below. Password to access: Bro5k5b600?!?

<https://brookspta.org/2021-2022-Directory>



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

OCT. 15

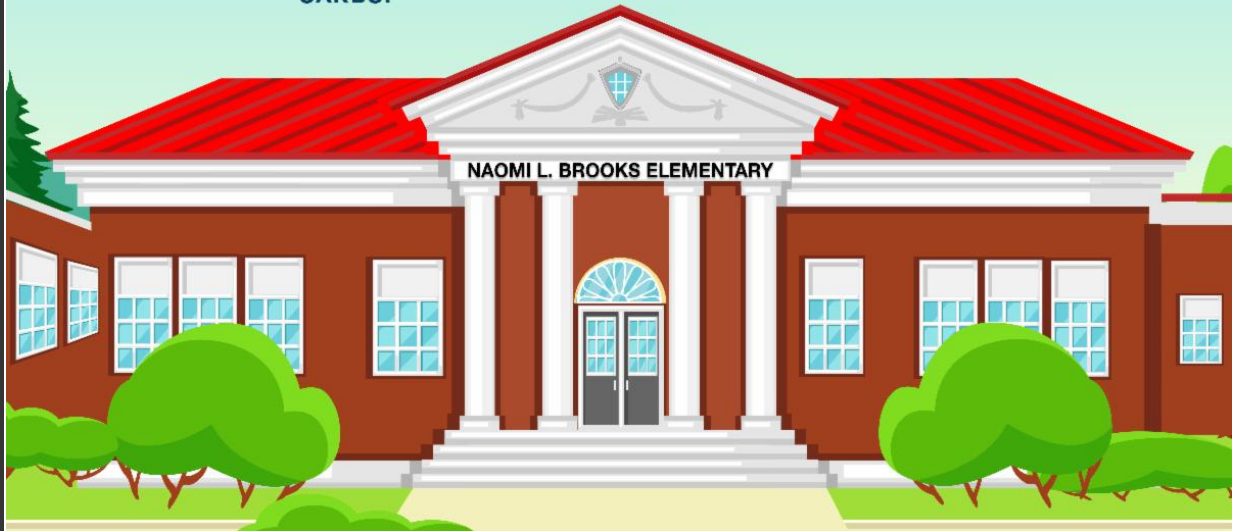
DRAW A PICTURE FOR MS. HESS TO SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION. STUDENTS CAN DROP A PICTURE OFF AT HER OFFICE MAILBOX OR GIVE TO HER IN THE MORNING OF OCTOBER 15TH.

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! 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
- Visa/Mastercard gift cards (in \$25 denominations) are also always welcome. Ms. Lusk uses these to help families with emergency expenses such as utility bills or gas. If you'd like to

donate some to Ms. Lusk, they may be dropped off at the donation box on the 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>

**Join the Brooks PTA by Nov. 8
You Could Win a \$50 Amazon Gift Card!**



If you aren't already a PTA member this school year, please consider joining/renewing before Nov. 8 and you will automatically be entered to win a \$50 Amazon Gift Card! Membership is pay what you can (you can even join without any financial contribution). Here's the link with all the options: <https://brookspta.org/joinpta/>.

We'll randomly select the winners at the next meeting on Nov. 8 (you need not be present to win).

We have 183 individual members this year so far, representing 40% of students and 10% of school staff/faculty. Our goal is 200 members representing 50% of students. The more folks we have involved, the stronger our collective voice and the more we can do for all our students!

If you are a member, thank you, and please consider recruiting your friends and colleagues to join.

Thank You Community Partners!



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BROOKS SPIRIT WEAR ON SALE NOW!



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

10% Of Your Purchase Supports the PTA!

Upcoming Dates

- **October 29: Book Character Spirit Day at Brooks**
- **November 2: NO SCHOOL - Teacher Workday**
- **November 4-7: Hooray For Books! Bookfair**
- **November 8: Brooks PTA Meeting at 6pm via Zoom**
- **November 11: NO SCHOOL - Parent - Teacher Conferences**
- **November 24-26: NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING BREAK**
- **November 29: Fall Picture Day for Students**
- **November 29: Mia's Italian Kitchen Brooks Dine-Out**

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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