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**NAOMI L. BROOKS
ELEMENTARY PTA®**

December 7, 2021

'Tis the Season to Make a Difference!

*Make a
difference!*

As you and yours celebrate this holiday season filled with festivities, joy, and generosity, please remember your friendly Brooks PTA! Donations, big and small, are greatly appreciated before we close the books on 2021!

Without your generous support, the Brooks PTA wouldn't be able to continue being a community pillar by providing resources for students and teachers so that each child has the opportunity to learn and thrive.

Here are some things the Brooks PTA has accomplished since the school year began:

- Hosted a free movie night for all families
- Provided free ice cream for all students after the virtual open house
- Bought new soccer goals, coat hooks and trash grabbers for the playground and foam mats for the outdoor learning area
- Reimbursed teachers more than \$1,000 for classroom purchases
- Provided \$7,000 to support after school tutoring for Brooks students

Since our biggest fundraiser, the Spring Festival, is going to be held much later this year (we are zeroing in on a May date), we want to ensure we have enough cash on hand to pay for all our expenses between now and May. **Our goal is to raise \$2,000** this holiday season.

Donation button is below. A tax receipt will be provided for your donation.

The Brooks PTA greatly appreciates each and every one of you!

Donate and Make A Difference!

Winter Wishes 2021



Each year, we have the opportunity to help our fellow Brooks families with gifts and groceries during the holiday season. We know that there are families at Brooks who don't have the resources to provide a holiday meal and gifts for their children.

This year because of the growing need in our community, Ms. Lusk is hoping that we can help at least 15 families.

[Please visit our sign-up here](#)

Deadline: 12/10/21

Thanks so much for considering.

If you have questions, please let us know.

Best,

Kathryn Howell Dalton (kathrynhd@gmail.com) and Cindy Zmijewski Demers (cmzd17@gmail.com)

Kindergarten & First Grade Holiday Sing-A-Long: December 11



Please join us for our annual holiday caroling event for Kindergarten and 1st grade on Saturday, December 11.

We will have a separate performance for each grade.

Saturday, December 11

Kindergarten Performance:

10:30 AM on East Oxford Avenue next to Stomping Ground
2309 Mt Vernon Ave, Alexandria, VA 22301

1st Grade Performance:

12:30 PM behind The Salvation Army in the parking lot-singing for the
Vintage Flea Market
1804 Mt Vernon Ave, Alexandria, VA 22301

Please note that this event is optional, but we would love to see you

there! Students are asked to wear a mask and plenty of layers as it may be cold!

Please feel free to reach out with any questions!

Regards,
Ms. Sheikh (Vocal Music Teacher)
Laura.Sheikh@acps.k12.va.us

Join the Brooks Festival Planning Team!

Our Biggest Fundraiser Re-Imagined - a family-friendly community-wide festival!

We will be planning a fun-filled family festival for next spring complete with booths, activities, music, performances, a silent auction, food, drinks, and more, and need your help.

We are looking for folks that can help us pivot from a gala format from previous years to this updated event.

Things we need help with:

- A catchy name for our festival
- Booth coordination
- Food and Drink Ideas
- Music
- Thinking up and securing silent auction items
- Organizing an optional adults-only event at night
- And more!

Please reach out to our fabulous co-chairs Carly Kayser (kayserfamily14@gmail.com) or Bridget Shea Westfall (bridget.shea.westfall@gmail.com) you are interested in helping!



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Upcoming Dates

- **December 10: Last Day of Winter Wishes 2021**
- **December 11: K & 1st Grade Holiday Sing-A-Long**
- **December 16: Brooks Dine-Out at Joe Theismann's**
- **December 20-31: NO SCHOOL**

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](#).
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