

The BEE MAIL

NAOMI L. BROOKS
ELEMENTARY PTA®

November 16, 2021

**Thank you for coming
to our movie night!**

We hope you had a wonderful time Friday evening at our first movie night of the school year. If you have photos you'd like to share, please feel free to send them our way!



**Thank you to to all the
volunteers that made the event
possible.**

Math Magic

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Due to COVID restrictions for our typical Math Night, the Math and Science Learning Team, has scheduled Brian Richards, the Magic Math Magician, to host an engaging and exciting show today, November 16th, for students during school. Brian Richards' professional setup and activities engage students in age-appropriate activities, tricks, and enrichment, they might even learn a trick to take home! Funding for this event is being provided by the Brooks PTA.

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)

Art to Remember: SPECIAL NOTE FROM MS. TIO



Our school is participating in a creative fundraiser with Art to Remember that allows you to purchase keepsake products customized with your child's art. The children have created colorful, fun artwork and you will receive a personalized order form in their Thursday Folder this week! Some teachers may send home the order forms before Thursday too. [See more information here.](#)

[Please don't panic](#) ... the order form says due November 17th but the true deadline is **November 21st** for delivery by the holidays. Orders can be easily placed online and links can be shared with family and friends too. Questions .. contact Melissa Bennett by text at 202-469-9811 or email at melissaschultzbenett@yahoo.com

Brooks Dine-Out at Mia's Monday, November 29!

BROOKS DINE-OUT



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As a reminder, this month's Brooks PTA dine-out event will be on **November 29** at Mia's Italian Kitchen in Old Town. 15 percent of sales to those who say they are there to support Brooks will go to support your Brooks PTA.

This applies to patrons (dine-in or carry-out) who notify the restaurant that they are there to support the Brooks PTA dine-out event. Guests who dine-in may show the attached flyer or notify their server or bartender at checkout. Those ordering online **must use code BROOKS** at checkout so their check is counted towards the event.

This deal applies to purchase of gift cards as well (holiday gifts, anyone?). **For anyone purchasing gift cards online, there is no space to enter a promo code ... so please send a copy of your confirmation to brooksptagiftcards@gmail.com to ensure your**

purchase goes to the final tally!

Thanks everybody for your support!

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!

Washington Post Teacher of the Year: Nominations Due Tomorrow

It is time to nominate our **Washington Post Teacher of the Year** at Naomi L. Brooks. All members of the community, including families, students, and staff, are invited to submit their nominations by **Nov. 17, 2021**. [To nominate a teacher, send a written statement of support to Mrs. Hess](#) before Nov. 17, 2021. Each school principal will choose one nominee from their school to go on to the ACPS finalists round.

To be eligible for The Washington Post Teacher of the Year Award, nominees must be full-time teachers (in grades pre-kindergarten through 12) in an accredited school in the Washington metropolitan region. Nominees must have a minimum of five years of teaching experience, three of which must be in the school or school system in which they are currently serving.

Nominees must be serving as a teacher for the 2021-22 school year and must meet the following criteria:

- Instill in students a desire to learn and achieve
- Understand the individual needs of students, encourage their talents, and foster their self-esteem
- Demonstrate a thorough knowledge of subject matter and the ability to share it effectively with students
- Foster cooperative relationships with their colleagues and the community
- Demonstrate outstanding leadership
- Maintain their teaching position throughout the 2021-22 school year

Thank you for your support as we recognize the outstanding service of our teachers!

Sneaker Recycling Drive



Beehive: it's time to pull out your sneakers and get ready to RUN and RECYCLE. Drop off your old sneakers at **302 E Oak Street** before 11/24. We will send them to Got Sneakers, which will recycle them and send the PTA money to benefit student programs and events. Thank you Michelle Williams for BEEing awesome and coordinating this drive!!

Picture Day Coming Soon: 11/29

Fall Picture Day is around the corner, on Monday, November 29. Students have received order forms in their Thursday folders.

[More information](#)

Kindergarten & First Grade

Holiday Sing-A-Long: December 11

Save the Date for the Kindergarten and 1st Grade Holiday Sing-A-Long, December 11. Time and location TBD. More information coming very soon.



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Upcoming Dates

- **November 21: Art to Remember Deadline**
- **November 29: Fall Picture Day for Students**
- **November 29: Mia's Italian Kitchen Brooks Dine-Out**
- **December 10: Last Day of Winter Wishes 2021**
- **December 11: K & 1st Grade Holiday Sing-A-Long**

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
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- Need to add school closings to your calendar? Import the Brooks PTA calendar!

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