

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

**NAOMI L. BROOKS**  
**ELEMENTARY** **PTA**<sup>®</sup>

*February 15, 2022*

**FOURTH ANNUAL BROOKS ELEMENTARY**

# **SPELLING** **BEE**

**LAST DAY TO  
SIGN-UP & TAKE  
QUALIFYING TEST:**

**FEB. 25**



Would you like your scholar to participate in the Brooks Spelling Bee?  
If your student is interested and in Grades 2-5, please visit  
[brooksppta.org/spelling-bee](https://brooksppta.org/spelling-bee) for all the helpful information including

registration link, study guides and more! A flyer will be going home this week in Thursday folders.

**The last day to sign-up and take the qualifying test is coming up quick - February 25 so please register soon! [Get all the info!](#)**

The school championship is Saturday, March 5 and the finalist will move on to the Regional Bee in Fairfax County on March 20.

## Brooks Dine Out at Del Ray Café! February 16



Please join us for the Brooks Dine-Out rescheduled for tomorrow, **February 16** where 10% of ALL sales will go to support Naomi L. Brooks Elementary.

Thank you to the very generous team at Del Ray Café for hosting our Brooks families!

## Brooks Yearbook Information

**BROOKS**  
YEARBOOK



**BEEBOX**

[We're pleased to announce you can now purchase](#) a "BeeBox" (formerly Mariner Messages) for the 2021-2022 Brooks Yearbook.

Family members or friends can purchase space for a personal message to a student, a group of students, or even an entire class. Kids love them!

For the past few years the PTA has been able to give a yearbook to EVERY student for FREE — largely due to your purchases of these personalized messages.

**The deadline to purchase a BeeBox ad for the 2022 Yearbook is March 31**

**Visit the BeeBox page for more information**

# YEARBOOK

Work is underway on the Brooks 2021-2022 Yearbook but we can't collect all of this year's great memories without your help!

Thank you to the parents that have already submitted photos.

Please send us photos of your student - at play, at work, enjoying Brooks, or other activities! You can [submit them via the Dropbox link here.](#)

## SHOPKEEPERS FOR SCHOOLS

FEBRUARY 9-16

SUPPORT NAOMI L. BROOKS ELEMENTARY!



From February 9 to 16, **Red Barn Mercantile**, **Penny Post**, **The Hive**, and **The Shoe Hive** will be donating 10 percent of your sale to your favorite local Alexandria school - we hope you choose Naomi L. Brooks Elementary!

The school that raises the most money will receive an additional 10 percent! Red Barn Mercantile will also be making a matching donation of the winning school's totals to The Scholarship Fund of Alexandria to support high school seniors who need extra help going on to higher education.

## PTAC Summer Camp Directory



It may be winter now, but many camps are already opening up for summer registration! PTAC is again hosting a Camp Directory on our website. New camps are being listed regularly.

<http://alexvaptac.org/summer-camp-directory-2022/>

## Brooks Multicultural Cookbook

# MULTICULTURAL



# COOKBOOK

Last year, our school community came together to create a wonderful slide show that represented our different cultures and backgrounds in place of our annual Multicultural Night Event. While we still cannot gather in person, we want to share with our community the things that bring us all together...food! We have decided to compile a cookbook of all the delicious recipes from around the world that we typically enjoy at Multicultural Night. Students, families, and staff are all invited to participate.

You may want to represent the country your family is from, a country where you've lived, or even a country you've visited. Feel free to highlight a culture found within the United States as well (e.g., Hawaii, Puerto Rico, indigenous American cultures).

Click on [this link](#) for more directions and to create your submission. If you prefer to submit your recipe on paper, a template will be coming home in Thursday folders. Photos are encouraged, but no links or videos, please. This book will be printed.

Recipes should be shared with Katie Knowles  
([kathleen.knowles@acps.k12.va.us](mailto:kathleen.knowles@acps.k12.va.us)).

Please submit your recipes no later than February 25th.

## ASA Rec League Soccer Registration



It's time to sign up for spring soccer! The ASA Rec League is an inclusive soccer program for kids of all abilities and experience levels, ages 4-19. The league is all about fun, fitness, and friendships! Teams practice once a week (near Naomi Brooks!) and play games on Saturdays in Alexandria. Teams are based on grade level and friends are encouraged to sign up and request to play together. **Registration closes on March 7.** Learn more at [alexandria-soccer.org](http://alexandria-soccer.org) or give them a call at 703-684-5425.

We are very grateful to have the support of ASA for Brooks outdoor and athletic programs.



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

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

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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

- **February 16: GW Virtual Open House for Rising 6th Grade Families @ 9am ([Zoom link](#))**
- **February 16: Del Ray Cafe - Brooks Dine-Out**
- **February 25: Last Day to Sign-up and take Qualifying Test for Brooks Spelling Bee**
- **March 2: GW Virtual Open House for Rising 6th Grade Families (for Spanish Speaking Parents / Caregivers)**
- **March 5: Brooks Spelling Bee Championship**

## 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](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 [brooksppta.org](http://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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