

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

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

*February 1, 2022*

## Teacher Appreciation 2022



Hello Brooks Community!! The feedback from the teachers is that they LOVE the break room snacks we have provided!! We would like to start 2022, by filling them with coffee, snacks and treats to keep them going. **All items must be store-bought, due to ACPS COVID rules.** You can send in any items to be dropped by the main office or ship from Amazon directly to the school. Note on the package "TEACHER BREAK ROOM APPRECIATION". Drop off or have packages sent to the front office between now and February 14th.

Thank you for your contributions!

## Brooks Dine Out at Del Ray Café! February 9



Please join us for the Brooks Dine-Out on **February 9** 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 Students Featured at 2021-22 Martin Luther King, Jr. City Hall Art Exhibition



Please congratulate the following Naomi L. Brooks artists! Their works were selected for the 2021-22 Martin Luther King, Jr. Art Exhibition at City Hall. You can go and see the beautiful work until the end of February at the Vola Lawson Lobby of City Hall, at 301 King St.

**3rd Graders:**

Eleanor Burnell  
Simon Macek  
Anthony Scianna  
Logan Summers

**4th Graders:**

Justin Anderson  
Lydia Underwood  
Ezequiel Nunez  
James Vetrini  
Morgan Summers  
Charlie Strauss  
Edward Conteh  
Noemi Ahn  
Harper Wayland

**5th Graders:**

Adam Mughloo  
Sylvia Scott  
Nima Munipalla  
Rital Mahmoud  
Mia Malur  
Micah Haas  
Sophia Coleman  
Gladys Conteh

**Brooks Bee Brings Book to Kickstarter  
Special Zoom TONIGHT  
6:30pm**



Rocket around Brooks with 5th grader Emma Lynch! Emma has illustrated and helped her family write Rocket Around Washington DC - the first in a series of kids' travel and adventure books that feature Rocket the travel pug (Emma's real-life pet). Crowd-funding site Kickstarter is featuring a campaign through Feb. 8 to help with publishing and other costs for the book series. **Join the campaign here - <http://kck.st/3r3z4C8> - and join Emma for a special Brooks-families-only Zoom class TONIGHT on Tuesday, Feb. 1 at 6:30 pm**, where she'll teach kids how to illustrate Rocket and their own favorite pets. [Email Lee Lynch](#) for the Zoom link. Thanks for your interest!

# 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.

**Brooks PTA Meeting via Zoom**  
**Monday, February 7 @ 6pm**

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Please join us on Monday, February 7 at 6pm, for our monthly Brooks PTA Meeting. Our special guests Ms. Riley and Ms. Calhoun will be presenting on the ACPS academic curriculum and how they relate to SOL standards. In addition we'll be discussing other events and goings-on in and around Brooks! [You can join the meeting on Feb. 7](#)

at 6pm via this link.

## Rising 6th Grader Information



In preparation for our rising 6th graders to transition to George Washington Middle School, GW is hosting a variety of orientation and informational events. Events are virtual and help prepare families and caregivers for what to expect, more about curriculum and elective options, and a glimpse of what middle school life is like. If you missed one - there are multiple events; check out dates and zoom information on this document.

## 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.

## 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://alexvptac.org/summer-camp-directory-2022/>

## Reflections Art Competition



This year's Reflections Art Competition was a huge success. All of the first place winners from our school went on to the Citywide

competition, along with the first place winners from all of the other schools who participated. The winners from Brooks did very well. Here are the students who came in 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or Honorable Mention at the city level:

Primary Photography: **Sylvanne Dalton:** 1st place \*Her entry will be moving on to the Northern Virginia level!

Intermediate Photography: **Zoe Chandler:** Honorable Mention

Primary Literature: **Zoe Carr:** 3rd place

Intermediate Literature: **Genevieve Dalton:** 2nd place

*Visual Arts:*

Primary Visual Arts: **Evelyn Alves:** Honorable Mention

Intermediate Visual Arts: **Tessa Scianna:** Honorable Mention

Congratulations to all of the Brooks artists who participated.

## Brooks Yearbook Information



[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.

[Visit the BeeBox page for more information](#)

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# 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.](#)

## PTA Leaders Needed for 2022-2023 School Year



WE NEED  
YOU

Brooks PTA is led by an Executive Committee (EC) consisting of volunteer Elected Officers and the school principal. Officers serve a one-year term and are elected each year at our May meeting. They can serve up to two consecutive terms. We are currently seeking nominations for all officer positions. Together, the Executive Committee EC sets the budget for the upcoming fiscal year and meets monthly just prior to the general membership meetings to discuss ongoing issues and upcoming plans. Serving on the EC is a great leadership development opportunity!

Basic position descriptions are listed below. For more details, [see page 9 of our bylaws](#).

**President** - The President presides at all meetings, coordinates the work of the officers and committees, submits officer contact information and verification of our employer identification number (EIN) to the Virginia PTA state office, serves as an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee. In addition, the Brooks PTA president sets the agenda for all meetings including inviting any guest speakers, and currently works closely with volunteers on diversity and inclusion and the room parent program. The President may serve on the Alexandria Council of PTAs (PTAC) or designate a representative.

**President-Elect** - The President-Elect position is being phased in the election year 2023 but we may elect a President-Elect for one more year if we have a candidate for it. The President-Elect acts as an aide to the president and performs the duties of the president in the absence or inability of that officer to act. This position automatically succeeds to the office of president at the end of their term.

**Vice President of Programs** - The VP of Programs currently has a number of items under their jurisdiction, including after school programming, Watch D.O.G.S., holiday singing event, back-to-school picnic, multicultural night, field day, outdoor/classroom garden, playground, Reflections art competition, and the spelling bee. Many of these programs and events have been on hold or adjusted during the pandemic. IMPORTANT NOTE: Most programs/events have a lead volunteer, requiring little oversight by the VP of Programs.

**Vice President of Communications** - The VP of Communications drafts and distributes weekly emails and manages the PTA's social media accounts and text reminders. The parent directory and yearbook also fall under communications, although we typically have separate lead volunteers for these.

**Vice President of Fundraising** - The VP of Fundraising oversees the spring festival team and manages book fairs, campus survival kits, community partners, dine-outs, spirit wear, and any other fundraising efforts. As with Programs and Communications, many of these duties are delegated to other point persons.

**Secretary** - The Secretary records the minutes of all meetings, keeps the official copy of the bylaws in their files, and maintains the membership list as required by Virginia PTA.

**Treasurer** - The Treasurer keeps account of receipts and expenditures, makes disbursements as authorized in accordance with the budget, has checks signed by two officers, presents financial statements at every meeting, prepares an annual financial report at the close of the fiscal year, handles the annual audit, remits

membership dues to the Virginia PTA, and submits all required documents to the Virginia PTA and the IRS.

If you are interested in serving in one of these positions, please reach out to any member of the Nominations Committee to discuss: Kelly Burnell ([kyankowski@gmail.com](mailto:kyankowski@gmail.com)), Erin Krinovich ([erin.kriynovich@gmail.com](mailto:erin.kriynovich@gmail.com)) or Carrie Zager ([clhami78@gmail.com](mailto:clhami78@gmail.com)).

## 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.



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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 2-3: Teacher Conferences (NO SCHOOL)**
- **February 4: EARLY DISMISSAL / Teacher Conferences**
- **February 7: Brooks PTA Meeting via Zoom at 6pm**
- **February 9: GW Electives Fair & Curriculum Night for Rising 6th Grade Families @ 5:30pm**
- **February 9: Brooks Dine-Out at Del Ray Café**
- **February 16: GW Virtual Open House for Rising 6th Grade Families @ 9am ([Zoom link](#))**
- **March 2: GW Virtual Open House for Rising 6th Grade Families (for Spanish Speaking Parents / Caregivers)**

## 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 brookspta.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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