

The **BEE**  **MAIL**

**NAOMI L. BROOKS
ELEMENTARY PTA®**

Happy "Twos" day!

2-22-22

FOURTH ANNUAL BROOKS ELEMENTARY

SPELLING

BEE

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

FEB. 25



Only 3 days left to qualify for the Brooks Spelling Bee!

Would you like your scholar to participate in the Brooks Spelling Bee? If your student is interested and in Grades 2-5, please visit brookspta.org/spelling-bee for all the helpful information including registration link, study guides, and more!

The last day to sign-up and take the qualifying test is coming up quickly - 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.

2nd & 3rd Grade Families: Singing Performance Monday, March 21

You are invited to a singing performance with our wonderful 2nd and 3rd-grade students on the front steps of Naomi L. Brooks Elementary!

Here is the information about the event:

Monday, March 21, 2022

Second Grade - 4:00 PM (please arrive 5 minutes early)

Third Grade - 4:30 PM (please arrive 5 minutes early)

Front Steps of Naomi L. Brooks Elementary School
600 Russell Road, Alexandria, VA 22301

What to Wear: Feel free to dress up!

I am very excited about this performance opportunity. Your children have worked very hard in music class this year!

Please let me know if you have any questions!

Regards,
Laura Sheikh
Naomi L. Brooks Elementary School
Vocal Music Teacher
Laura.Sheikh@acps.k12.va.us

Curriculum & Academic Standards Information

If you missed our previous PTA meeting, Ms. Calhoun, our literacy instructional coach & reading specialist, and Kenya Riley, our math interventionist presented on Brooks' curriculum and academic standards as well as provided resources to support your child at

home. You can find links to the information presented here:

[Curriculum & Academic Standards](#)

[Resources to support your student at home](#)

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.

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

Visit the BeeBox page for more information



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.](#)

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/>

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).

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 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.



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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 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 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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