

The BEE MAIL



NAOMI L. BROOKS
ELEMENTARY PTA®

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Remarks on School Re-Entry

Mrs. Hess and Nurse Harper spoke about the ACPS "Protocol for Transitioning to Virtual Learning" and CDC updates regarding isolation during last night's PTA meeting. [This graphic](#) helps explain why it might be necessary to switch over to virtual learning. **Based on the ACPS protocol, Naomi L. Brooks Elementary has not considered switching to virtual instruction for any grade level as of January 10.**

Other highlights from remarks:

- Please continue entering the daily symptom checker
- If your child is sick, keep them home - if they present with symptoms at school they will be sent home and require a negative COVID test to return (professional rapid test [not home test] or PCR-test) OR may return if symptoms resolving after 5 days and can return on the 6th day.
- KN95 masks have been ordered for all staff and students.

More information can be found on the ACPS page here:
<https://www.acps.k12.va.us/Page/3783>

PTAC Budget & Policy Priorities

A new School Board was just sworn in and we would like to use this "fresh start" to advocate for those measures and issues that are important to our families. To this end, our PTAC Executive Board has prepared a survey to gather feedback from our PTA members on

budget and policy advocacy priorities. We would be so appreciative if you could please take a few minutes to complete [this survey](#) by January 13.

Principal Coffee with Ms. Hess



The Principal Coffee that was scheduled for last Friday but was canceled due to the Snow Day will be held this Friday in front of the school at 8:15 am. Please join Ms. Hess in front of Brooks on Friday morning as we welcome in the New Year!

Call for Yearbook Photos!



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

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.](#)



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Upcoming Dates

- **January 14: Principal Coffee**
- **January 17: Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday (NO SCHOOL)**
- **January 28: Teacher Workday (NO SCHOOL)**
- **February 2-3: Teacher Conferences (NO SCHOOL)**
- **February 4: EARLY DISMISSAL / Teacher Conferences**

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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