

The BEE MAIL



NAOMI L. BROOKS
ELEMENTARY PTA®

March 15, 2022

Seeking volunteers for secret project

Are you in town during Spring Break and able to travel around the Brooks district on Saturday, April 16? We're looking for some egg-cellent volunteers who can donate a few hours of their time to assist with a secret fundraiser.

Please reach out to: beeaster@brooksppta.org if interested.

**Help Support
Career Exploration Day!
In Partnership With
Cora Kelly + Lyles-Crouch**



PARENTS HELPING STUDENTS DISCOVER CAREERS

CAREER EXPLORATION DAY 2022

CORA KELLY • NAOMI L. BROOKS • LYLES-CROUCH

Hello Career Oriented Family Members and Friends of ACPS:

Times have changed as to how we do career day, but this change has led to a fun and unique opportunity. Join Cora Kelly, Naomi L. Brooks and Lyles-Crouch in helping support our Career Day. See below for how you can help!

Career Exploration Day is quickly approaching and we need YOUR expertise or network to make this the best experience for our students! Whether you work in human services, business management, and administration, information technology, health sciences, or government and public service- we need YOU!

The purpose of Career Day is to expose students to various career options and help them make connections between current learning and future career success. We plan to have speakers from a wide range of career fields as well as an outdoor work vehicle exhibit.

We are asking staff, families, and the community to reach out to people they know to get some career videos. We will create a fun virtual career experience with these videos for our students.

A few things of note:

- Max of 3-4 minutes
- Tell us your name, occupation and where you work
- Answer at least one student posed question during the video (given to you after you fill out the Google form)
- Videos will need to be filmed horizontally
- Can be as creative as you want, even “take us” to work with you for a day!

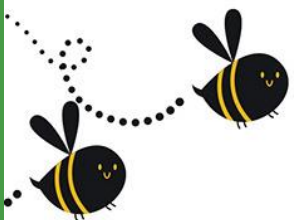
Submit a video to Google Folder (link given after you fill out Google form) by Friday April 8th, 2022.

What to do if you are interested? Fill out [this Google Form](#) and Ms. Bustard, Ms. Falleroni, or Ms. Trozzi will be in touch with more details.

Thanks,
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**HELP STUDENTS DISCOVER
YOUR CAREER!
SIGN-UP TODAY!**

Brooks Spelling Bee



FOURTH ANNUAL BROOKS ELEMENTARY

SPELLING BEE

We had a successful 4th Annual Spelling Bee. Forty-nine students participated from 2nd-5th grades to try out for the school championship spelling bee. From the first round, 27 students moved onto the school championship. On March 5, 2022, the school championship was held in-person in the school gymnasium with all 27 finalists in attendance.

The school championship bee went for 25 rounds with words ranging from from "lid" and "shelter" to "conurbation" and "wiesbaden" with finalists making it through all of the words they could have studied and Pronouncer Mayor Justin Wilson moving to words that were not on the study list. The winning word was "sparrow" spelled by 5th grader Sophia Coleman! All of the participants were amazing and we are so proud of their hard work. Guest judges were Nurse Wendy Harper, Anh Phan from Senator Warner's office, and Christine Miller, parent at Brooks. Please join us in congratulating Sophia for winning the Naomi Brooks School Championship. She will be moving onto the regional spelling bee to represent Naomi Brooks and we wish her best of luck in this next round! Thank you to all participants, volunteers, parents, and teachers who continue to encourage our children to challenge themselves in the art of spelling.

See below for student placement in their grade level and the overall top three students.

2nd grade

1st Max Byrnie

2nd Archer Ferfolia, Caroline Underwood, Isaiah Some

3rd- Owen Gruss

3rd grade

1st- Teddy Doyle

2nd- Spencer Weisberg

3rd- Ava Norman & Bea Whitford

4th grade

1st- Lydia Underwood

2nd- Nariste Levy

3rd- Marie McKenzie & Nicholas Hornish

5th grade

1st- Sophia Coleman

2nd- Priya Munipalla

3rd- Tessa Scianna

Overall

1st- Sophia Coleman

2nd- Priya Munipalla

3rd- Tessa Scianna

We would like to recognize all of the students who participated but did not place. They did an amazing job!

Benjamin Goodman

Eleanor Burnell

Julia Johnston

Rohan Vyas

Garrett Wright

Henok Hailye

Sylvia Scott

James Zambuto

Wesley Lesko-Hebert

Kaelyn Stewart

Henry Watkins

St. Patrick's Day Craft Materials Needed for 5th Graders



SAMPLE TRAP
NO LEPRECHAUNS WILL BE HARMED!

5th graders at Brooks will be making leprechaun traps on St. Paddy's Day and we are searching for materials. Please let us know if you can spare any of the following and I can make arrangements to get the materials from you before March 17:

Cardboard
Spare legos
Pieces of plastic
Popsicle sticks
Cloth you no longer need
Anything else you think might be useful to catch a leprechaun!

Any left-over material will be used for a **new upcycle center being started at Brooks by one of the 5th grade teachers**. Thanks for your help! Lee Lynch, leetomlynch@gmail.com, 571-214-8799

**2nd & 3rd Grade Families:
Singing Performance is NEXT WEEK
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
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**BUMBLEBEE
BONANZA**

**BROOKS SPRING FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2022**

Our spring festival has a name: Bumblebee Bonanza!

In the interest of engaging the entire community, we have shifted away from a gala model for fundraising and have started a new Rosemont/ Parker-Gray tradition, a spring carnival for the entire community!

Are you a business owner or have ties to a business in the area?

Our spring festival planning is well underway, and we are reaching out to Alexandria-area businesses that would be interested in participating - through a sponsorship, community partnership, or silent auction gift donation.

If interested, please [visit our Bonanza sponsorship page](#) and complete the interest form. A member of our planning committee will get right back to you!

Please feel free to share with any potential donors who may be interested: <https://brookspta.org/bumblebee>

**Can you spare 10 minutes for an ACPS survey?
You could win a \$25 Cash Card!**

How does your child get to school?

Parents, take Virginia Safe Routes to School's survey on student travel and physical activity.
You could win a gift card!

[http://tiny.cc/
VASRTS-2022-EN](http://tiny.cc/VASRTS-2022-EN)



ACPS Needs your help! Please complete the survey to help walking and biking access to our school.

If you're a parent or caregiver of a student, please take our Spring 2022 Parent and Caregiver Travel Survey. It takes about 10 minutes to complete, and comes with an opportunity to win a \$25 cash card.

Your responses will help ACPS Safe Routes to School understand more about the current state of walking and bicycling to our ACPS school.

English - <http://tiny.cc/VASRTS-2022-EN> Spanish
- <http://tiny.cc/VASRTS-2022-SP> THANK YOU!

Brooks Yearbook Update

YEARBOOK

Special Message from the Yearbook Team:
If you have not submitted photos, we could sure use some more to include in this year's yearbook!

As there have not been many school events this past year where families can participate, photos do not have to be taken at school or school-related.

Ideas of photos you can submit:

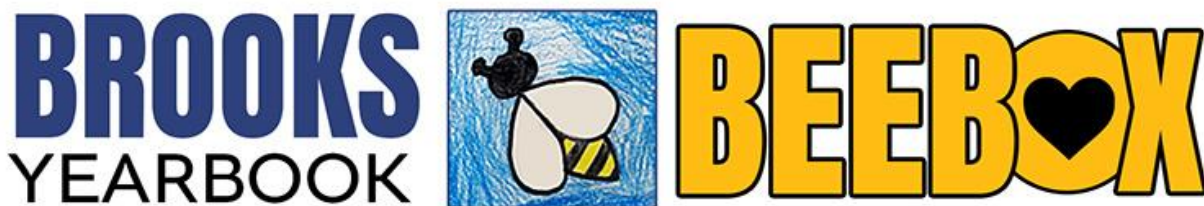
- Halloween Dress-Up
- First Day of School
- Vacation / Travel
- Playing / Sports

[You can upload photos to our DropBox here.](#)

Please add your student's grade level to your last name, when asked at upload, to help us better sort through photos!

Example: Jane Smith-3rd Grade

Many thanks from the Yearbook team!



[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 message
for the 2022 Yearbook is coming up!
on March 31**

Visit the BeeBox page for more information

4th and 5th Graders: Gadsby's Tavern Museum Seeking Junior Docents



Do you know a child or student who enjoys learning about history and talking about what they know? Gadsby's Tavern Museum's Junior Docent Program is a wonderful way to encourage their interest and enthusiasm! Students accepted into the program are trained in museum information and presentation skills. Then, they provide tours in 18th-century clothing Sunday afternoons during the summer (based on student availability), practicing their speaking skills and engaging visitors of all ages, and sharing their interest in history.

Applications are now being accepted from 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th grade students. To be considered, students must complete the application, available at alexandriava.gov/gadsbystavern, and return it to the Museum no later than Friday, March 25. Applicants must also attend an audition on Sunday, March 27, where the child will have the chance to give a short presentation on a historical topic of their choosing. The application includes information about required training classes. Questions should be directed to the Assistant Director at 703.746.4739.

PTAC Summer Camp Directory



Summer registration is open for summer camps. New camps are being listed regularly.

<http://alexvaptac.org/campfair/>

(Link updated!)

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.



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

- **March 21: NO SCHOOL - TEACHER DEVELOPMENT DAY**
- **March 21: 2nd & 3rd Grade Singing Performance @ Brooks**
- **March 31: Deadline to submit Yearbook BeeBox message**
- **April 11-15: NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK**
- **April 18: NO SCHOOL - TEACHER WORKDAY**
- **May 21: Brooks Bumblebee Bonanza Spring Festival**

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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