

# The BEE MAIL

NAOMI L. BROOKS  
ELEMENTARY PTA®

*March 7, 2022*

PTA Meeting TONIGHT @ 6pm

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**Fellow Brooks Bees:**

I hope you can join us tonight at **6:00 p.m.**

Here is the direct Zoom link for reference:

The full agenda can be found here.

At this meeting, we'll discuss the PTA officer nominations process and roles and responsibilities for the various officer positions. The Nominating Committee is still seeking candidates for a couple of positions. Hopefully, this will whet some appetites to participate if not this coming year, then maybe in the future (wink, wink).

Brooks PTA is all volunteer-run, and we rely on parents (or other adult caregivers or friends) to steer the ship- or, since we are no longer the Mariners, should I say organize the hive?

You'll also hear the latest on the Bumblebee Bonanza to be held May 21 - our gala fundraiser reimagined as an outdoor, community-wide family festival - as well as an upcoming math night for families at Charles Houston Rec Center, among other recent and forthcoming projects and activities.

This is also an opportunity to share any ideas with or ask questions of the PTA leadership. We always love to hear from you!

Of course, we will present the monthly financial report and minutes from our last meeting for approval. Links are here for your advance review:

**Draft January Minutes**

**Financial Report (includes February profit/loss and year to date budget v. actual)**

I hope to see you tonight. Don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions.

Best,  
Kara

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**PBIS Spirit Week at Brooks**

NAOMI L BROOKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# SPIRIT WEEK

MARCH 7-11

PBIS Celebration



## Monday:

*Future Day - dress like the job you'd like to have*

## Tuesday:

*Teacher Twin Day - dress like a Brooks teacher or staff member*

## Wednesday:

*Your Character is one of a KIND Day - dress like your favorite TV, book, or movie character*

## Thursday:

*Super Hero Day - dress like your favorite superhero or make up your own (no weapons)*

## Friday:

*School Gear Day - dress in your favorite Brooks gear or colors*

Call for Spring Festival Sponsorships and  
Silent Auction Gift Donations



# 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>

**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

## 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 message  
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.](#)

## 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 18<sup>th</sup>-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 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students. To be considered, students must complete the application, available at [alexandriava.gov/gadsbystavern](http://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

## 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](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.

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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 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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