

The BEE MAIL

NAOMI L. BROOKS
ELEMENTARY PTA®

April 19, 2022

Attention Brooks Military Families

Month of the Military Child

Hello! In April, we celebrate the unique sacrifices of military kids through the Month of the Military Child.

On **Friday, April 22, from 8:15 to 8:45 a.m.**, we will honor our military kids with breakfast and some special guests outside in the Brooks garden -- but we need to know who you are first!

Email me, Josie Beets, mom to fourth-grader Ellis and Army spouse, at josie.beets@gmail.com and let me know you're kiddo's name, grade, and if you'd like them included in our breakfast.

****We hope our military parents will also be able to participate in**

this event -- please let us know if you can come!**

Also, let us know if your family has a deployed parent or loved one.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks!

Josie Beets

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**Brooks Spring Movie Night
is this Friday
April 22**



Hello Brooks Bees!

We are putting together the final details for the Brooks Movie Night on April 22. The Student Council will have the students vote next week on the movie choice (Luca, Space Jam 2, or Sing 2). We will need a few volunteers and some minimal supplies for the evening if folks can contribute and/or volunteer. Please see the SignUpGenius link below to signup.

Thank you!

Brooks Movie Planning Team

SignUpGenius

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0949A5A62AA6FD0-brooks>

April is Autism Acceptance Month Wear BLUE on Wednesday!

April is Autism Acceptance Month. Did you know that Autism is the fastest-growing developmental disability in the world? Every April, Autism Speaks celebrates World Autism Month. Their “Light it Up Blue” campaign calls for people to wear blue to promote autism awareness. Blue is associated with a calm feeling and acceptance in an otherwise loud and busy world for people on the spectrum.

Brooks students and staff will wear BLUE on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 to support building a more inclusive community for all students.

Kindergarten Registration Opens April 21

Kindergarten registration begins on April 21st! Please visit the [ACPS Online Enrollment page](#) for more details on registration requirements. Before you begin the registration process, please be sure to gather all of your [supporting documentation](#) which will be uploaded at the same time of the application process. All forms and supporting documentation will be submitted online! Our Kindergarten Virtual Open House for future parents of Brooks Bees will take place on April 21st at 1:30pm. [Zoom information is linked here.](#)

Bumblebee Bonanza Is Now 2 Events in 1 Fun Weekend!



**Our Spring Festival is now
2 EVENTS in 1 FUN WEEKEND**

The **Bumblebee**
SATURDAY, MAY 21 • 7PM
An evening for parents to connect and support Naomi L. Brooks

BONANZA
SUNDAY, MAY 22 • 1PM-4PM
NAOMI L. BROOKS ELEMENTARY
Our spring carnival with games, food trucks, and more!

The Bumblee Bonanza is now two events in one fun weekend - May 21-22, 2022.

Brooks Teachers Joining the Fun!

We have some amazing silent auction experiences and sign-on partners with our fabulous teachers and some may even team up to have a booth of their own at the festival!

With all the developing news and info about our big fundraising weekend, we're sending a dedicated BeeMail, "Bonanza Edition" to your inbox every Thursday for the next few months. [You can read the latest news about the Bonanza here.](#)

Career Exploration Day
Deadline: April 29



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 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 29th, 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,
Ms. Bustard, Ms. Falleroni and Ms. Trozzi

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

PTAC Summer Camp Directory



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

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

(Link updated!)

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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

- **April 21: Kindergarten Virtual Open House (1:30pm)**
- **April 22: Military Child Breakfast (8:15am - 8:45am)**
- **April 22: Brooks Movie Night (Movie TBD)**
- **May 21: Bumblebee Night - Parent-Hosted PTA Fundraisers**
- **May 22: The Bonanza 1pm - 4pm @ Naomi L. Brooks**

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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