

# Art-i-Facts

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News from the Brooks Museums Magnet Elementary PTA

**Mon, Sept. 7**

No School: Labor Day

**Thurs, Sept. 10**

6:30-9:00 pm

PTA Open House & General Membership Meeting

**Sat, Sept. 12**

9:00 am-1:00 pm

Beautification Fall Clean Up Day

**Thurs, Sept. 17**

6:30 pm (media center)

PTA Board Meeting

(all are open to everyone)

**Tues, Sept. 22**

6:00 pm—Principal's Chat

**Wed, Sept. 23**

1:15 pm—Early Release Day

**Fri, Sept. 25**

3:20 pm—Moving Museum

**Mon, Sept. 28**

No School:

Teacher Workday

**Thurs, Oct. 1**

5:30-7:30 pm

Picture Day & Fall Picnic,

No Fuss fundraiser ends

**Thurs, Oct. 15**

6:30 pm (media center)

PTA Board Meeting

**Wed, Oct. 21**

1:15 pm—Early Release Day

**Thurs, Oct. 22**

4:30-7:30 pm

Student-led Conferencing

**Fri, Oct. 23**

3:20 pm—Moving Museum

**Fri, Oct. 30**

No School:

Teacher Workday

## PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

Dear Parents:

I am so excited to usher in the 2009-2010 school year. It is hard to believe the summer is over and school has started! Our staff is pumped and we are all ready for an exciting and enjoyable school year!

During this school year, we will be continuing to focus on enhancing and enriching our museums magnet theme. We also will be working toward student led conferencing and student data notebooks.

The 2009-2010 school year brings us a new math adoption series---Math Expressions that we will be working with.

During our PLT (Professional Learning Team) time, we will be working on literacy and math. You will hear more about this later.

The WCPSS adopted a new policy this year that schools will start ten (10) minutes early and dismiss each Wednesday one (1) hour early in order for staff to be involved in PLT (Professional Learning Team) time.

For Brooks, that means that **school will begin each day at 9:05 a.m. and dismiss on**

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 3:45 p.m. On Wednesdays, school will dismiss at 2:45 p.m.**

Please make sure that you remember this as you are planning your weekly activities or asking other caretakers to pick up your children. All Brooks' staff will be involved in staff development on Wednesdays from 3:05-4:05 p.m. and will not be available to supervise students.

Lastly, we hope you will take the opportunity to assist our school as a volunteer. Brooks can use any parent interested in helping out in the classrooms. We would like for each class to work with the teacher to establish crucial times during the day that volunteers are needed.

Once volunteers are secured for these times, we would hope that they would follow through and be committed to coming and working on the dates/times they signed up for. There is nothing more disappointing than to be depending on someone to come in and assist with activities and then they not show up! Let's all commit to helping our

teachers help our children!

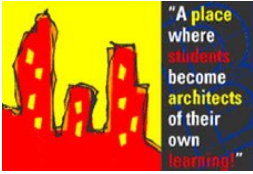
Thanks in advance for a great school year. As I say each year, I am so lucky to have the opportunity to serve you and your family. It is an honor to be a part of the Brooks' school family!

Thank you,

Felicia Locklear,  
School Principal



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**NO FUSS Fundraiser**  
September 8th - October 1st  
Stay tuned for more info to come in your child's Monday folders on September 8th (Tuesday after Labor Day)  
The Fall picnic will be on October 1st from 5:30-7:30pm on the lower playground.  
Our goal is to raise \$11,000, and 100% goes directly to the school!  
\*\* Donations are 100% tax deductible.  
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Felecia Locklear  
- Principal

Mary Taylor  
- Assistant Principal

Terri Green  
- Receptionist

Kim Dittmann  
- PTA President

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 \*\* Visit the Brooks \*\*  
 \*\* School Store! \*\*  
 \*\* Where: 4th grade \*\*  
 \*\* hall, next to room \*\*  
 \*\* #237 (Book Stop) \*\*  
 \*\* When: 8:45-9:05a.m. \*\*  
 \*\* Days TBA \*\*  
 \*\* CASH ONLY. \*\*  
 \*\* **Store examples:** \*\*  
 \*\* Pens, pencils, \*\*  
 \*\* markers, colored \*\*  
 \*\* pencils, crayons, \*\*  
 \*\* erasable highlighters, \*\*  
 \*\* pencil grips, erasers, \*\*  
 \*\* filler paper, \*\*  
 \*\* composition books, \*\*  
 \*\* (science and spiral) \*\*  
 \*\* mechanical and \*\*  
 \*\* ergonomic pencils, \*\*  
 \*\* sharpeners, pencil \*\*  
 \*\* cases, glue sticks, \*\*  
 \*\* protractors & more! \*\*  
 \*\* **NEW THIS YEAR** \*\*  
 \*\* Cadoodles \*\*  
 \*\* (mechanical pencils \*\*  
 \*\* w/colorful erasers), \*\*  
 \*\* hand-held and mini \*\*  
 \*\* staplers, and lead \*\*  
 \*\* pencil refills. \*\*  
 \*\* Donna Dennis, \*\*  
 \*\* School Store \*\*  
 \*\* volunteer \*\*  
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## GET IN HERE!

Dear Brooks families,

There's a popular cruise line that encourages you to "Get Out There" and experience all the great things their cruises have to offer. I am hoping you will do the opposite at Brooks.

I am challenging you to "Get In Here" and experience all that Brooks has to offer its students!

Get in here and meet your child's teacher, chaperone a field trip (register to volunteer first!), have lunch with your child, come to Student Led Conferencing evenings or Nights at Our Museum, or even better, become a regular volunteer in your child's classroom. I think you will find the experience well

worth it for both you and your child.

When I volunteer and get involved in my children's classes, I leave with a warm heart.

There are lots of volunteer opportunities, and you can learn more about them at the Open House on Thursday, September 10th. I also urge you to attend our PTA General Membership Meetings (held 4 times per year) and/or our monthly PTA Board Meetings (held the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm).

You don't have to be a board member to attend these meetings, and it's a great way to learn more about the school

and meet other parents. Look for details in your child's Monday folder.

Brooks is a great school, and I hope that you will experience it and make the most of your and your child's years here. You, too, will leave with a warm heart.

See you here,

Kim Dittmann,  
2009-10 PTA President  
[kimdittmann@yahoo.com](mailto:kimdittmann@yahoo.com)



## BE SURE TO JOIN THE PTA

Let's score a touchdown for Brooks PTA! Join now and help us reach our goal of a 7% increase in our membership.

### Why should I join?

- A portion of your dues goes directly to Brooks PTA to help provide educational tools for the classrooms, fund field trips, sponsor performing arts programs by professionals and our students, and more.
- It's a great volunteer opportunity. Share your time and talents with our children.
- At our meetings, you learn what is happening at

Brooks, socialize with other parents and teachers, and have opportunities to discuss issues that matter to your family.

- PTA offers valuable resources on parenting, education, health and safety topics.
- Members receive special offers and discounts from corporate supporters of PTA (see [www.pta.org/](http://www.pta.org/) benefits for details).

### How much does it cost?

- \$5.75 per person

### How do I join?

There will be opportunities for you to join at Meet the Teacher, Open House, the Kindergarten picnic and other school events.

You will also find info in your child's Monday folder, or you may contact us—your PTA Membership Chairpersons—directly.

Thank you,

Nancy Nemeth (782-1172)  
Suzy Midha (845-9832)

