

Brooks Museum Magnet Elementary School

A place where children become architects of their own learning.

YooHoo

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Coming up...

- **Thursday, October 15, 6:30pm**
PTA Board Meeting
- **Wednesday, October 21, 1:15pm**
Early Release
- **Monday through Friday, October 19-23**
Book Fair
- **Thursday, October 22, 4:30pm-7:30pm**
Student Led Conferencing
- **Friday, October 23, 3:20pm**
Moving Museum
- **Friday, October 30**
Teacher Workday, No School
- **Saturday, November 7, 10am - 1pm**
Magnet Fair, Southeast Raleigh HS
- **Monday, November 9, 4-8pm**
Chick-Fil-A Night
- **Wednesday, November 11**
Veteran's Day, No School

Staff

Birthdays

October

24 - Jennifer Klyne
26 - Gladys Washington
29 - Angela Tucker
31 - Sema Puri

November

9 - Laura Greene
10 - Lisa Lynn
19 - Eve Conner
22 - Peg Ramsdell
29 - Michael Taranto

Find Brooks on the web:

Go to the Brooks home page at: <http://brookses.wcpss.net/>

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No Fuss Fundraiser

Thank you Brooks Parents and Community! We are proud to announce that we have met our goal of \$11,000 and have surpassed it. We are still accepting monies. If you have not yet had the opportunity to contribute, every dollar counts! Thank you again for all of your tax deductible contributions. All the children at Brooks will benefit greatly from this fundraiser.

Thank you again,
Brooks PTA

Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night



**Chick-fil-A
at North Hills
&
Brooks Elementary
Spirit Night**

*Monday
November 9, 2009*

*15% of sales generated by Brooks Elementary
will be donated to the school
Bring your friends and family to Chick-fil-A at North Hills and
earn \$\$\$ for Brooks Elementary!*

4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

T-Shirt Connections

From our Magnet Coordinator, Kim Padron...

The 5th grade is looking for anyone with t-shirt connections (vendors, wholesalers, etc.) They are looking to purchase colored t-shirts for the Opera this year. If you are able to help, please contact Kim A Padron by email at kpadron@wcpss.net or by phone at (919) 571-6952.

Parents with Commercial Driver's Licenses (CDLs)

Our music teacher, Mrs. Goldfinch, is asking any parent with a CDL (Commercial Drivers License) to email Becky Law at (beckymlaw@yahoo.com).

We are trying to work out some ways to help our Stonybrook families and students make it to after school events (chorus concerts, open house, conference night etc.)

PTA Gallery Talks

Brooks PTA Invites You to Join Us For

PTA Gallery Talks

A series of information sessions about topics that matter to our parents.

6-6:30 pm, just before each PTA Meeting

In the Media Center

Refreshments will be served.

October 15: School Improvement Plan

An opportunity to learn about our school's school improvement plan. Graham Satsky (past PTA president) will give us an overview of what our school community is doing to improve our students education. We hope to see you there!

Come to one, come to all! Everyone is welcome anytime.

We encourage you to stay for the PTA meeting immediately following the talk. Questions or comments? Please contact Jessica Knight at jasonknight@mindspring.com

Popcorn/soft drinks connections for the 5th grade

For fifth grade's coached project 1st quarter, our students will be creating Powerpoint presentations about the different regions of the United States. In each presentation, students will be inserting a video of their group giving the weather/climate of their region. On "Night at the Museum" night, Nov. 17, we will be presenting their projects and wanted to sell popcorn and drinks at their "movie" night in order to raise money for a national park.

The 5th grade class would like to know if anyone has any connections for a donation or discount on popcorn or drinks? Students can write business letters to a company requesting the specifics, but the teaching team does not want them to write letters and not get any donations.

If you are willing/able to help, please contact:

Ashley Craver
5th Grade Teacher
Brooks Museums Magnet Elementary School
919-881-1350

NC Symphony Discount Tickets available



Discount Tickets to
Phantom of the Orchestra!
October 31, 11am & 2pm
Meymandi Concert Hall, Raleigh

A ghostly musician enters the stage and plays Bach's Toccata and Fugue, thus calling forth the "phantoms of the orchestra" and a visually stunning concert program that brings the story of the Sorcerer's Apprentice to life.

Featuring guest artists the Magic Circle Mime Company, this concert has a family-friendly hour long format and lots of special fun just for kids!

Discount Tickets **ONLY \$10!**

Promo Code: Phantom

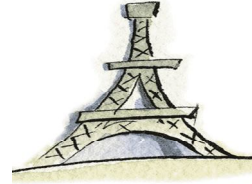
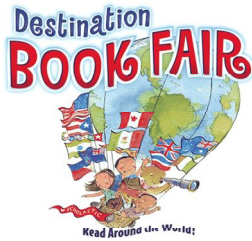
To redeem, call Audience Services at 919.733.2750, Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm

***Wear your Halloween costumes and
get in on the spooky fun!***

Free flu shots

Wake County is offering free flu shots for children throughout Wake County. For more information on this free service provided by Wake County, please visit www.wcpss.net and click on the link on the home page. A complete location and date listing is on the website for your information.

Book Fair



All Aboard! Destination Book Fair is coming! October 19 – 23, 2009

Come travel with us and let's go read around the world at the Destination Book Fair! Stop by the media center and take an opportunity to buy your child a great book. While you're there you can look at their teacher's wish list and buy a book for the class!

Hours:

Monday & Tuesday - 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Wednesday - 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Thursday - 8:30 am - 8:00 pm

Friday - 8:30 am - 10:00 am



Community Service Opportunity

If anyone is aware of a Boy Scout who is looking for a community service project, Brooks is in need of someone to do some major work on our Butterfly Garden.

Know someone? Please contact Felicia Locklear by email at flocklear@wcpss.net.

Winter Carnival Info

SHOP NOW & SAVE

The Brooks Winter Carnival is the PTA's biggest fundraiser of the year. The Carnival includes games, face painting, inflatables, silent auction, Cash and "Basket Bundle" drawings plus much more.

Plan ahead for the Winter Carnival "Basket Bundle" Donations

The "Baskets" are created by grade level donations. Each grade's theme is listed below. Be creative with the themes. If you need ideas, more will be sent home for each grade at a later date.

K - Outdoor Adventure (camping or tailgating items)

1st - Fun in the Sun (beach and pool items)

2nd - Family Fun (games, movies, books, or entertainment items)

3rd - Creative Adventures (arts and crafts items)

4th - All about Science (any science related items or kits)

5th - All about Sports (sports items, equipment, outdoor games)

Many seasonal items can be purchased on sale now. Don't forget Holiday sales as well.

Brooks Winter Carnival - Friday, March 5, 2010

Questions: Lisa Moore, Winter Carnival Chair, lisamoore@nc.rr.com

We still need you to join the PTA!

We are still trying to reach our goal of a 7% increase in our membership this year, and we need your participation! Please have your family members join today - all parents, grandparents, and extended family and friends may join the Brooks PTA.

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, and much 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.

How much does it cost? The cost to join PTA is only \$5.75 per person (\$11.50 per couple)

How do I join? Send in the membership envelope you received in the blue PTA folder. If you have misplaced your envelope, you may obtain another one from the front office. Please join PTA today to support our great school!

Questions? Contact the PTA Membership Committee, Nancy Nemeth (782-1172; email-jandnnemeth@aol.com) or Suzy Midha (845-9832; email-suzymidha@hotmail.com)

Brooks School Store and Book Stop - Now Open!

The
Brooks Museums Magnet

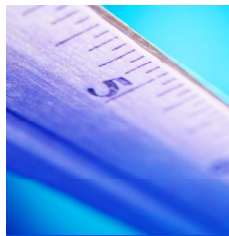
School Store

Open Now!

***** Store Hours *****

Kindergarten- 2nd Grade: Wednesdays 8:45-9:05

3rd Grade—5th Grade: Fridays 8:45-9:05



Brooks Spirit Items:

Pencils
Zipper Pulls
Folders

School Supplies:

Rulers
Protractors
Markers
Notebooks and Paper



Brooks Bookstop

*Students can earn 'Bookbucks' for good behavior or extra deeds in their classrooms and spend them at the Bookstop. They can choose from chapter Books, early readers, non-fiction, picture books and activity books.
Each 'Bookbuck' earns a free Book!*

Open Now!



*****Store Hours*****

Tuesdays and Thursdays--8:45-9:05

The Bookstop is stocked with gently used books donated by Brooks' families. Donations are accepted throughout the year and can be taken to our Media Center donation box.

Come check out the closet!
Brooks Bookstop and School Store
4th Grade Hall (Next to Room #237)

Re-Link Your Harris Teeter VIC Card

It's time to re-link your Harris Teeter VIC card starting August 1, 2009!

From our friends at Harris Teeter: Together in Education(TIE) schools for the 2008-09 school year earned \$1,388,153.36. We would like to thank all of our schools for their efforts in helping us have another successful year with TIE.

Re-linking your card can be done easily using the following methods.

- Visit the Harris Teeter Website - http://www.harristeeter.com/community/together_in_education/link_to_your_school.aspx
- You can re-link your card at the register when you check out at Harris Teeter.
- Visit the customer service desk at Harris Teeter.
- Contact Customer Relations at 1-800-432-6111

Brooks TIE Code is 3771.

Questions?

Contact Karen Harlow at karen_harlow1@yahoo.com.

Bring in those Box Tops!

It's time to bring in all of the Box Tops that you've been saving all summer long! Even if you have only a few, bring them in... every Box Top counts! Last year, Brooks earned over \$1,200 in Box Tops alone! The classroom that collects the most Box Tops will win a popsicle party!

Box Tops are easy to collect:

- Place All Box Tops in a baggie
- Write you name and your teacher's name clearly on the baggie
- Box Tops that are expired or have the expiration date cut off will NOT be counted
- Turn in Box Tops to your teacher by Friday, October 16th

Ask Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, friends and neighbors to save their Box Tops for you to help support our school.

Thank you for your participation in helping to raise "easy money" for Brooks!

Questions? Contact Karen Harlow at karen_harlow1@yahoo.com.

Register as a Volunteer

From Becky Law, our Vice President of Volunteers...

Please remember that all parents need to reapply for volunteer status **each** year. You can register in the media center.

Parents will not be able to help in the classroom or go on field trips until you have completed your registration and have clearance.

The sooner you register, the sooner you will receive approval.

Questions?

Contact Becky Law at beckymlaw@yahoo.com.

Ripped from the Headlines!

Raleigh Mother of Two Signs Up As Brooks PTA volunteer - "My life will NEVER be the same!" she announces!

Imagine the headline above in the N&O. Could it be that the vortex of volunteering claimed another unhappy victim? What if she is actually *grateful* that her life will never be the same???? What if she **finally** feels plugged in as a parent **and** as a person? That headline could have been written about me after my first glimpse of the BROOKS PTA at Open House 2006. I met three other moms that helped me figure out my niche and the rest is history.

As parents, we want our child to feel comfortable at Brooks each time they walk through the front door. They deserve it. We encourage them to make new friends each year, and give their best effort. They deserve to feel a sense of belonging...a sense of family.

Whether this is your first year at Brooks, or you have lost count, don't YOU want to feel like family as well? Sadly, it doesn't happen through osmosis.

Dropping your child off every day is great (well, it's actually expected!) but it will not ensure that you will feel comfortable at Brooks. You'll pass familiar faces after a while, but until you step out of your comfort zone and volunteer for just one hour or one event, it will always seem like everyone knows everyone else except for **YOU!**

We want **you** to be a part of our family - **in any capacity that you feel comfortable**. Once a year, once a month or once a week. You decide. We are not going to make you sign your life away. Give us a chance to share all of the ways that parents, guardians, older siblings and grandparents can make an impact at BROOKS...**one hour at a time**.

If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns about volunteering at Brooks right now, or during the coming year, please feel free to contact Becky Law at beckymlaw@yahoo.com or 325-3900.

Becky Law, VP of Volunteers

Raleigh Mother of Two who signed up as a BROOKS volunteer and who cannot imagine her life without it.

Want to know more about the YooHoo?

Do you have a question or comment about the YooHoo? You can click [here](#) to provide feedback on the YooHoo. You may also contact:

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