

Brooks Museum Magnet Elementary School

A place where children become architects of their own learning.

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Coming up...

- **Wednesday, October 7, 8:20am**
Walk to School Day
- **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**
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- **Tuesday, November 17, 7pm**
Night at Our Museum
- **Thursday, November 19, 6:30pm**
PTA Board Meeting
- **Friday, November 20, 3:20pm**
Moving Museum
- **Wednesday through Friday, November 25-27**
Thanksgiving Break

Staff Birthdays

October

9 - Jim Lehrman
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/>

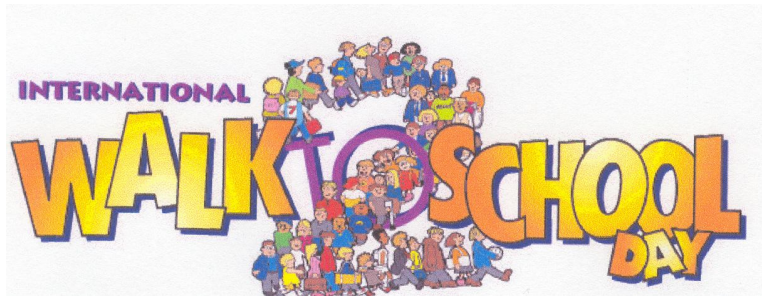
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Walk to School Day



October 7, 2009

The Brooks Museums Magnet community and Mr. Amato are inviting you to attend the International Walk 2 School Day on Wednesday October 7, 2009.

Walk 2 School Day started in Hertfordshire County Schools, Great Britain in 1994. This event consisted of just a few schools and has grown to include 41 countries and over 3,000 schools right here in the U.S.A!

Why walk to school?

- In 1969, 42 percent of students in the U.S. walked to school. In 2001, only 16 percent of students between the ages of 5 and 15 walked or bicycled to school.
- Less than half of students who live within a mile of school walk or bike to school even once per week.
- Between 1976 and 2004, the percentage of overweight children ages 6 to 11 almost tripled.
- In 2005, the average annual cost per student using bus service was \$737.
- Studies in some cities show that 17 to 26 percent of morning rush-hour traffic can be school related.
- If half of the students in an average sized elementary school walked to school, their impact could eliminate more than 39 tons of greenhouse gas emissions per year. This is the equivalent of the carbon-removing abilities of 1,000 trees. (Statistics courtesy of www.walktoschool.org)

Please join us, yes parents you are encouraged to join us, at St. Marks' Church 4801 Six Forks (just past the new Crescent State Bank at the corner of Six Forks and Northbrook) front parking lot at 8:00 am on October 7th. Our walk to Brooks will begin at 8:20am. Please understand that parents are responsible to provide their own transportation back to St. Marks after the walk is complete.

Students must have signed written permission to take part in this activity. Permission slips must be handed into Mr. Amato by October 6th.

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!



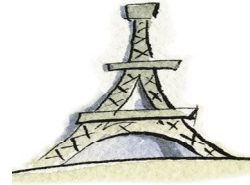
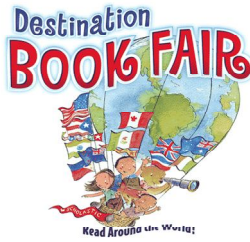
*****Store Hours*****

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)

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.

A Note from Mrs. Chew...

I appreciate all the parents that have sent in items to the science lab. This year, parents really have out done themselves. Because of your generosity, I have no more room for anymore incoming supplies! You guys are truly the best PTA! Thank you!

Sarah Twining Chew
Science Teacher
Brooks Museums Magnet Elementary

Wake County School Board Elections

On Tuesday, October 6 Wake County will hold local elections. Included in those elections are four seats for the nine-member Board of Education. The four new board members will have a chance to reshape Wake's current policies regarding diversity in the schools. Please take the time to cast your vote. The future of Wake County Schools depends on your voting.

For more information on the current board go to the following web site: <http://www.wcpss.net/Board/>.

Brooks is in District 6 and does not have a board member up for re-election. For those of you who are magnet students or live outside of District 6, go to www.wcpss.net/Board/schools-by-district.html to find your District.

You may also find more information at the board of elections website:

<http://www.wakegov.com/elections/default.htm>

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.

We still need you to join the PTA!

As of September 18th, we have a total of 266 members, but we still need many more. We are 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. Also, memberships will be sold at the upcoming Fall Picnic on October 1st.

If we reach our goal by October 9th, Brooks will be awarded the Blue Key award by the NC PTA - an honor we have received in the past and would like to continue. So please, join PTA today to support our great school!

Thank you for your continued support!

PTA Membership Committee

Nancy Nemeth (782-1172; email-jandnnemeth@aol.com) and Suzy Midha (845-9832; email- suzymidha@hotmail.com)

Brooks Student Directory

Every year the Brooks PTA publishes a student directory as a resource for parents and students to connect with one another. Just because you were in the directory last year, does not mean you will automatically be included this year. We need an online or paper form from every family. If you would like to be included:

Please fill out the form on-line at <http://directory.webhop.org>

All information is optional. The Brooks PTA values your privacy and will make a reasonable effort to prevent information from being misused.

If you have questions or would like another paper form, contact either:

Suzette Pittman
Suziepittman@aol.com

John Zal
johnzal@yahoo.com

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:

Catie Marsh, Basket Bundle Coordinator

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

Student Directory Committee

Volunteers Needed

If you would like to be on the Student Directory Committee contact John Zal by email at johnzal@yahoo.com or Suzette Pittman at suziepittman@aol.com.

Brooks Sign Help

Our Magnet Coordinator, Kim Padron, would like to find a way to update the Brooks sign out front. We are not allowed to remove it, so she would like to ADD to the existing stone. Ms. Padron is looking for anyone with some masonry experience who can help with this project.

If you are willing and able to help, please contact Kim A Padron by email at kpadron@wcpss.net or by phone at (919) 571-6952.

Register Your Food Lion MVP Card

You can register your Food Lion MVP card to make money for Brooks. You do not need a Brooks identification number. Just go to the following web site:

[https://www.foodlion.com/IntheCommunity/ShopandShare/secure/ RegisterMVPCards.asp](https://www.foodlion.com/IntheCommunity/ShopandShare/secure/RegisterMVPCards.asp)

Search for our school using their search engine. Then follow the steps to register your MVP card. *You must sign up by 9/30/09 for it to take effect October 1, 2009.* If you do it after 9/31 it will not be effective until January 1, 2010.

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

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.

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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