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Coming up...

- **Thursday, September 10. 6:30-9pm**
PTA Open House and General Membership Meeting
- **Saturday, September 12, 9am-1pm**
Fall Beautification / Clean Up Day
- **Thursday, September 17, 6:30pm**
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- **Tuesday, September 22, 6pm**
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- **Thursday, October 15, 6:30pm**
PTA Board Meeting
- **Tuesday, October 22, 4:30pm-7:30pm**
Student Led Conferencing
- **Wednesday, October 23, 1:15pm**
Early Release
- **Friday, October 24, 3:20pm**
Moving Museum
- **Friday, October 30**
Teacher Workday, No School

Staff Birthdays

August

- 1** - Charlotte LeBeau
- 1** - Terri Green
- 9** - Julie Doyle (nurse)
- 14** - Mary Taylor
- 26** - Kathleen Pisciuneri

September

- 12** - Susan Stewart
- 18** - Portia Neely
- 21** - Sharon Shehdan
- 24** - Felecia Locklear

2009-2010 Bell Schedule...

Please be aware of our new bell schedule.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
9:05am - 3:45pm

Wednesday
9:05am - 2:45pm

Early-release days:
(Sept. 23, Oct. 21, Dec. 2, Feb. 3, Mar. 10, April 21)
9:05am - 1:15pm

Find Brooks on the web:

Go to the Brooks home page at:

<http://brookses.wcpss.net/>

Brooks Open House on September 10!

The Brooks Open House will take place on September 10 from 6:30-9:00pm.

The PTA will be selling t-shirts, water bottles and magnets as well as PTA memberships and collecting No-Fuss-Fundraiser money.

You will be able to register as a volunteer and enter your directory information.

Voting on our PTA by-laws which are posted on the Brooks website will take place on that night. You may view them by clicking on the following link: http://brookses.wcpss.net/pta/PTA_Bylaws_2009.pdf or by cutting and pasting the link into your web browser. The PTA by-laws are only renewed every 4 years.

Don't miss the PTA "Gallery Walk" after you visit your child's classroom.

Learn more about the upcoming events as you view footage of the 2009 Winter Carnival on the TV in front of the Media Center. **A Winter Carnival Information and volunteer sign-up table will be available.**

Peruse the tables in the lobby and find out just how the PTA enriches the Museums Program at Brooks with family events, fundraisers and a lot of heart! You'll meet PTA Board members who will gladly answer all of your questions, and help you find your niche based on your interests and your time.

Questions? Please contact PTA President Kim Dittmann at kimdittmann@yahoo.com.

Reminder: Fall Beautification and Clean Up Day is this Saturday

Lots and lots of volunteers are needed for the annual Fall Clean Up Day on September 12th from 9am till 1pm. The Beautification Committee needs as many hands as possible and your garden tools, blowers and edgers as well.

There will be a drawing for a \$50 gas card for all participants including kids.

Please contact Andrea Kosiak at mkosiak@bellsouth.net or Anissa Ferris at anissaferris@yahoo.com if you have questions or are able to help out on September 12th.

From our Principal regarding the Brooks Student Handbook...

Brooks Elementary provides Brooks' Student Handbooks to our students each year. These handbooks provide important information about our school and how we operate.

In an effort to save money, we would like to know if there are any families with 2 or more students at Brooks who would be willing to receive only one handbook (instead of one per child)? **If you are interested in this, please email Felecia Locklear at flocklear@wcpss.net. Let us know which child(ren) does not need to receive a handbook.**

We will make sure that the other child gets the Brooks' Student Handbook in their Monday folder.

Thanks so much for helping us conserve our resources.

Brooks Student Directory Committee

Volunteers Needed

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

Order your Brooks T-Shirt

Don't forget to order a new Brooks Short Sleeve T-shirt to begin the year. Also available are car magnets for \$5 and BPA free water bottles for \$4. The order form for shirts came home in your Monday folder must be returned to school by Friday, September 11th.

Need another form or have questions? Contact Shannon Montague at shannonmontague@hotmail.com.

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

Sept 17: PTA 101

Learn about who is on the executive board, what each committee does for the school, and take a "tour" to learn the ins and outs of getting the word out about our work (where to make copies, teacher mailboxes, the PTA work area etc).

Everyone is welcome.

We encourage you to stay for the PTA meeting immediately following the talk. Get updates on what is happening in our school, meet other parents, and learn about opportunities to get involved.

Questions or comments? Please contact Jessica Knight at jasonknight@mindspring.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. If you would like to be included

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

Just because you were in the directory last year, does not mean you will automatically be included this year. **We need an on-line or paper form from every family.**

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

Questions: Suzette Pittman
Suziepittman@aol.com

John Zal
johnzal@yahoo.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.

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**.

After leaving your child's classroom the night of Open House, stop by the "**Volunteer Gallery Walk**" in the lobby on your way out. PTA Board Members will be available to answer any questions that you may have about getting involved at Brooks. There will be information about all of our fundraisers, family events and special parent seminars.

If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns about volunteering at Brooks right now, or during the coming year, please feel free to contact me 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.

New Staff at Brooks

Please welcome our new staff members!

Laurie Ball, CCR Teacher
Breck Fisher, 3rd Grade Teacher
Sandra Heath, AG Teacher (50%)
Katie Sabino, 50% IRT

Natalie Hudson, Kingergarten Teacher
Susan Stewart, 4th Grade Teacher
Michael Taranto, 3rd Grade Teacher

Lael Braday, 50% in Jenn Klyne's 2nd grade classroom
Linsley Crist, 50% 2nd Grade teacher - job sharing with Twanna Floyd
Lisa Holmes, teacher assistant in Bonner's BED classroom

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].

No-Fuss Fundraiser is coming up...

***This years goal
is \$11,000!***

We will soon be gearing up for the PTA's 5th Annual No-Fuss Fundraiser.

The PTA will not be sponsoring any other "selling-based" fundraiser this year and your donation is 100% tax deductible. Funds raised will go directly to enhance the education of children at Brooks elementary school!

We are asking each family to contribute \$50 per student that is enrolled at Brooks, however, ANY AMOUNT is greatly appreciated! Check now to see if the company you work for has a matching gift program to double your donation.

Questions?
Contact Marla Brautman (b519m@aol.com) or Julie Growney (jgrowney@nc.rr.com).

Be sure to join the PTA!



Let's score a touchdown for the Brooks PTA! Join now and help us reach our goal of a 7% increase in 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/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. Our contact information is below.

Questions? Contact Nancy Nemeth (782-1172) or Suzy Midha (845-9832).

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>

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.

Box Tops for Education

General Mills Box Tops for Education program is an easy way to earn money for our school!

Find box tops on hundreds of your favorite General Mills products. Each Box Top is worth 10¢ for our school. Clip the box tops and send them in with your child. There will be prizes throughout the year for participating students. Be sure to include your child's name and teacher's name when sending in the box tops so that they will be eligible.

Don't forget to ask grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends and neighbors to save box tops too!

Questions?

Contact Karen Harlow at karen_harlow1@yahoo.com.

Bonus Box Tops

Earn Bonus Box Tops at Kmart and Food Lion!

Bonus Box Tops at K-Mart

Get 20 bonus box Tops when you buy any 5 participating products or get 70 bonus box tops when you buy any 10 participating products.

Food Lion September Box Tops Offer

Buy any 20 participating* General Mills Box Tops for Education products in one shopping trip using your MVP card to receive 170 Bonus Box Tops.

You can also go to this web page to find more bonus offers!

<http://www.boxtops4education.com/BonusOffers/EventFinder.aspx>

Just enter your zip code to find Bonus Box Tops offers near you.

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.

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