

# *The* **BEE MAIL**

**NAOMI L. BROOKS  
ELEMENTARY PTA®**

*November 23, 2021*

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**Picture Day Is Next Week!  
Monday, November 29**

**DON'T  
FORGET!**

Fall Picture Day is next Monday, November 29. Students have received order forms in their Thursday folders.

## Winter Wishes 2021



Each year, we have the opportunity to help our fellow Brooks families with gifts and groceries during the holiday season. We know that there are families at Brooks who don't have the resources to provide a holiday meal and gifts for their children.

This year because of the growing need in our community, Ms. Lusk is hoping that we can help at least 15 families.

[Please visit our sign-up here](#)

Deadline: 12/10/21

Thanks so much for considering.

If you have questions, please let us know.

Best,  
Kathryn Howell Dalton ([kathrynhd@gmail.com](mailto:kathrynhd@gmail.com)) and Cindy Zmijewski Demers ([cmzd17@gmail.com](mailto:cmzd17@gmail.com))

## Art to Remember



COFFEE MUGS  
JEWELRY  
T-SHIRTS  
NOTE CARDS  
STICKERS  
FRAMED ART  
ORNAMENTS  
& MORE!

**It's not too late** to order custom keepsakes with your child's artwork printed on them! You can order products and ship them to your home **in time for the holidays!**

Click on our custom school website below, search your child's name and you can view your child's artwork from this year and previous years to order from!

Naomi L. Brooks link: <https://arttoremember.com/school/3hwqf5>

You can upload candid photos to order from and they are great for holiday ornaments!

## Book Drive on December 5





Former Maury/Brooks students (now in high school) are hosting a gently used book drop-off at **23 West Myrtle** on December 5th from 3:00 to 5:00. Children can bring their books to the front porch and receive a candy cane as a thank you. The books will be donated to InspireLit who will distribute them to Alexandria kids for the holidays. If you can't make it that day, books can be dropped off any time before December 10th on the front porch of 23 West Myrtle.

## Brooks Dine-Out at Mia's Monday, November 29!

# BROOKS DINE-OUT



100 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

703.997.5300

[miasitalian.com/alexandria-va/alexandria-va](http://miasitalian.com/alexandria-va/alexandria-va)

**15% OF SALES ON**  
***NOVEMBER 29***  
***WILL SUPPORT THE BROOKS PTA***

**TELL YOUR SERVER YOU ARE THERE TO SUPPORT**  
**BROOKS PTA**

**ONLINE ORDERS\* USE CODE: BROOKS**



As a reminder, this month's Brooks PTA dine-out event will be next Monday, **November 29** at Mia's Italian Kitchen in Old Town. 15 percent of sales to those who say they are there to support Brooks will go to support your Brooks PTA.

This applies to patrons (dine-in or carry-out) who notify the restaurant that they are there to support the Brooks PTA dine-out event. Guests who dine-in may show the attached flyer or notify their server or bartender at checkout. Those ordering online **must use code BROOKS** at checkout so their check is counted towards the event.

This deal applies to purchase of gift cards as well (holiday gifts, anyone?). **For anyone purchasing gift cards online, there is no space to enter a promo code ... so please send a copy of your confirmation to [brooksptagiftcards@gmail.com](mailto:brooksptagiftcards@gmail.com) to ensure your purchase goes to the final tally!**

Thanks everybody for your support!

## Join the Brooks Festival Planning Team!

Our Biggest Fundraiser Re-Imagined - a family-friendly community-wide festival!

We will be planning a fun-filled family festival for next spring complete with booths, activities, music, performances, a silent auction, food, drinks, and more, and need your help.

We are looking for folks that can help us pivot from a gala format from previous years to this updated event.

Things we need help with:

- A catchy name for our festival
- Booth coordination
- Food and Drink Ideas
- Music
- Thinking up and securing silent auction items
- Organizing an optional adults-only event at night
- And more!

Please reach out to our fabulous co-chairs Carly Kayser ([kayserfamily14@gmail.com](mailto:kayserfamily14@gmail.com)) or Bridget Shea Westfall ([bridget.shea.westfall@gmail.com](mailto:bridget.shea.westfall@gmail.com)) you are interested in helping!

## Sneaker Recycling Drive





Beehive: it's time to pull out your sneakers and get ready to RUN and RECYCLE. Drop off your old sneakers at **302 E Oak Street** before 11/24. We will send them to Got Sneakers, which will recycle them and send the PTA money to benefit student programs and events. Thank you Michelle Williams for BEEing awesome and coordinating this drive!!

## Kindergarten & First Grade Holiday Sing-A-Long: December 11

Save the Date for the Kindergarten and 1st Grade Holiday Sing-A-Long, December 11. Time and location TBD. More information coming very soon.



When you shop at Amazon a portion of your purchase can benefit Naomi L. Brooks Elementary!

## Thank You Community Partners!



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# BROOKS SPIRIT WEAR ON SALE NOW!



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

- **November 21: Art to Remember Deadline**
- **November 29: Fall Picture Day for Students**
- **November 29: Mia's Italian Kitchen Brooks Dine-Out**
- **December 10: Last Day of Winter Wishes 2021**
- **December 11: K & 1st Grade Holiday Sing-A-Long**

## 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](mailto: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](http://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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