

Art-i-Facts

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News from the Brooks Museums Magnet Elementary PTA

Important Dates

Tues, Mar. 23

Cultural Arts Program
4:00-6:00pm—Variety
Show auditions

Fri, Mar. 26

3:20pm: Moving Museum
& Spirit Day—wear ACC
clothes for March Madness

Mon, Mar. 29

Snow make up day

Tues-Fri, 3/30-4/2

No School: Spring Break

Mon, Apr. 5

No School: Teacher
Workday

Tues, Apr. 6

Variety Show dress
rehearsal

Thurs, Apr. 8

6:30pm PTA general
membership meeting
7:00 Variety Show

Fri, Apr. 9

Q3 Report cards go home

Thurs, Apr. 15

Cultural Arts program

Fri, Apr. 16

Individual & class
picture day

Weds, Apr. 21

1:15pm—Early Release

Mon-Fri, Apr. 26-30

Book Fair (media center)

Fri, Apr. 30

8:45-9:15am Volunteer tea
Spirit Day: dress as your
favorite book character

PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

Dear Parents,

Brooks Museums Magnet Elementary School received recognition as a National Magnet School of Distinction from the Magnet Schools of America organization in February. I am so proud of all that the teachers, staff and parents do here at Brooks to be able to be considered for this award. It is no easy task to go beyond the regular curriculum and create the kind of learning and teaching that occurs here at Brooks, but our staff is committed to doing just that. How lucky we all are!!!

Thanks to everyone who did

anything related to our annual PTA Winter Carnival. As usual, it was a great night for all. This too was a huge undertaking, and I so much appreciate all Lisa Moore and her team did.

Lastly, as we are moving in to the fourth and final quarter of our school year, make sure you are maintaining the high expectations for your students that you had at the beginning of the school year. Learning and teaching does not stop at Brooks until the very last day of school. We do not want our students to get that "spring fever" and feel that

they can become a little slack. As parents, it is up to you to continue to put your child's learning first.

As always, thanks again for being a great school family. It has been another wonderful year at Brooks Museums Magnet Elementary School!

Thank you,

Felecia Locklear,
School Principal



FROM YOUR PTA PRESIDENT

Dear Parents,

It never ceases to amaze me what a tremendous job everyone does each year with the Winter Carnival, and this year was no exception! Parents, family members and friends volunteered in so many ways, staff and teachers donated their time and skills, and the result was an incredibly fun-filled night for all.

A hearty congrats also goes to our First in Fitness student

participants. You can see who they are on page 6.

We also just wrapped up another wonderful Writers in Residence program, and in case you didn't get to see the Opera that the 5th graders put on, you certainly missed a treat. You can watch a video the performance by visiting the Brooks web site.

There also are a few more PTA meetings left in the year. Please know that EVERYONE

is welcome, and I would love to see you there.

Here's to some beautiful spring weather, finally!

Thank you,

Kim Dittmann,
PTA President



THANK YOU FOR A WONDERFUL WINTER CARNIVAL!

Dear Brooks Families and Staff,

The Brooks Winter Carnival was a huge success! I want to thank everyone who attended, volunteered time, purchased Basket Bundle and Cool Cash tickets, and also those who participated by donating items for our Silent Auction, Basket Bundles, and Carnival games. We couldn't have done it without you!

I want to specifically thank all of our staff, teachers and Winter

Carnival Committee Chairs! Thanks to our teachers and staff, The "Time with Teacher" and class-created crafts helped raise approximately \$1,000! The Carnival itself would not have been successful without the help of our teachers and staff who worked selling tickets and running Carnival games.

The Carnival Committee chairs worked countless hours to make this Carnival a huge

fundraising success, as well as an exciting place for families to have fun together.

Finally, I would like to thank our Carnival Sponsors. Their names and company logos are on the back page of the newsletter. Through our Sponsor's generous contributions, we were able to purchase a Carnival t-shirt for every student at the school!

We still have funds coming in so our number is not final, but

it looks like we will exceed our goal of raising \$22,000 for Brooks! Thank you!

Sincerely,

Lisa Moore,
Winter Carnival Chair



Winter Carnival Committee

Basket Bundles: Catie Marsh and Eva Stancil

Cool Cash: Susan Dubach

Decorations: Jamie Stroud

Food: Gina Eddins and Jennifer Elliott

Games: Andrea Kosiak

Game Wristbands: Suzette Pittman

Carnival Logo, Sign, and T-shirt design: John Moore

Silent Auction: Deborah Everette and Robin Kennedy

Teacher Participation: Grey Seate

Volunteers: Graham Satisfy

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| Jump N Fun for Kids | Moxie Kids | Scout and Molly's | The Point Restaurant and Bar |
| Jun's World Champion TKD Academy | Mrs. Shehdan | Second Empire | The Poster Family |
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| Learning Express | NC Aquariums | Starbucks | The Storie Family |
| Lewis Farms | NC Aquariums at Pine Knoll Shores | Sudz Car Wash | The Tepper Family |
| Lilly's Pizza | NC Museum of Art | Sylvan Heights Waterfowl Park | The Tutoring Center |
| Lily Mae's | NC Museum of History | Target | The Umstead |
| Linville Caverns | NC State Fair | Teach Me Store | The Weiland Family |
| Little Gym of North Raleigh | NC Symphony | The DeMunk Family | The White Family |
| Little Raleigh Theater | North Hills | The Diner | Third Place Coffee |
| LM Restaurants/Taverna Agora | North Hills Club | The Dittmann Family | Tokyo House |
| Los Tres Vaqueros | North Raleigh Gymnastics | The Dubach Family | Tom and Kae Aycock |
| Luxe Apothecary | Panera | The Everett Family | Trader Joe's |
| Lydia's Gifts and Interiors | Papertown | The Galanos Family | Tweetsie Railroad |
| Marbles Kids Museum | Peche | The Globetrotter | Uncorked |
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| McCallister's Deli | PF Changs | The Hardy Family | Vermillion |
| Michelle Snead Portraits and Fine Art | Play It Again Sports | The Hensley Family | Wake Forest Athletics Deacon Club |
| Midwest Designs | Polka Dots | The Irregardless Café | Walmart |
| Mix 101.5 | Posh | The Law Family | Whole Foods |
| Mobley's Shoes | Quail Ridge Books | The Lollipop Shop | Wolfpack Club |
| Moe's Southwest Grill | Quintessentials | The Marsh Family | Z Pizza |
| Monkey Business | R Davis Designs | The Moran Family | |
| Monkey Joe's | RBC Center | The Original Andy's Pizza | |
| Morehead Planetarium and Science | Renaissance Dental Center | The Peddler Steak House | |



Mitchell poses as Ms. Chew paints his face at the Winter Carnival.



Tatum and Isabella show off their winnings from a Winter Carnival game.

STUDENTS ENJOY THE WRITERS IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM



Kuniko Yamamoto teaches Cain the art of origami.

The third graders enjoyed having an energetic author, Donna Sink, in their classrooms for a week. She visited each class to discuss creative writing, and by the end of her residency each student wrote a story based on her prompts. One tip that Madison Steed remembered was to “jot down the plot.”

The third graders also learned about origami from Kuniko Yamamoto before she gave

Cultural Arts performances for the entire school. The students clapped as she transformed paper into many different forms. It’s amazing how a few well placed folds and a good story can grab your attention as you wonder what’s going to happen next.

The 4th and 5th graders will also host writers in residence this spring. 4th grade will focus on storytelling and 5th grade on feature writing.

**THANK YOU
TO THE
BROOKS PTA
AND THE
UNITED ARTS
COUNCIL FOR
MAKING THESE
CULTURAL
EXPERIENCES
POSSIBLE!**

SPRING BOOK FAIR COMING APRIL 26-30



With the winter carnival behind us, please take a moment to update your calendar with the spring Book Fair!

We are looking forward to hosting an “All American Diner” at Brooks Museum Magnet Elementary School on April 26–30. The book fair will be open from 8:45 to

9:05am and 3:45 to 4:00 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The afternoon times move up one hour on Wednesday to accommodate our regular release time on Wednesdays.

Class curators will be emailing sign up sheets soon to parents asking for volunteers to help in

one hour shifts to assist students in selecting books and creating wish lists, and to help check them out.

More information will come in your child's Monday folder. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Book Fair!



Opera performers Jonathan, Eliza, Michelle, Peyton and Taylor.



Musician Madesyn gets ready for the performance.



The opera was written, produced and performed in its entirety by 5th graders.

AN UPDATE FROM YOUR MAGNET COORDINATOR

I want to start by saying thank you to all of the parents that have been helping out with our Magnet Open House and weekly tours. A lot of parents have come through this building during recruiting and we really appreciate having parents that are willing to talk about our program and help with those events. There are lots of magnet happenings in the

works: 4th grade will be having their famous North Carolinian mask/collage displayed at the State Employees Credit Union on Computer Drive sometime in the 2nd week of March. 3rd grade has just completed their individual quilts on famous leaders, as well as a grade level quilt done in Batik illustrating the Martin Luther King speech "I have a dream," and Kinder-

gartners will be performing original plays during the week of March 22nd. Our 5th graders just performed their own original Opera "New Kid on the Block" at the North Carolina Museum of History and it was fantastic! If you missed it, be sure to go to our web site and click on the photo on the front page to view it. Also, a great number of classes con-

tributed to a Valentines Drive for Rex Hospital. Valentines made by Brooks students were put on breakfast and lunch trays on Valentine's day to help brighten a patient's day!

Kim Padron,
Museums Coordinator

BROOKS OPERA WAS A HUGE SUCCESS...A HEARTY CONGRATS TO ALL INVOLVED



Written by Doug,
5th grader

On February 18, 2010, at 7 pm in the North Carolina Museum of History, all the 5th graders from Brooks Museums Magnet participated in the presentation of The New Kid on the Block, an original Opera. We began this coached project in September. Students met and discussed the theme for the Opera and focused on a period of time during the 60's when students were segregated.

We then had to choose 3 jobs that we were interested in and had to apply and do a project for each of them. A group of teachers got together and tried to get every student their first choice. We met every Thursday with teachers and parents to help with the different groups: writers, PR, carpenters, electricians, set designers, performers, stage director and

production manager, composers, historians, costume and make-up designers, etc. The motto of the production was "there's good, there's bad and there's friends." All of the students had fun being a part of this project and learned how to work well together as a group. Overall, I think it was perfect, I mean as good as a fifth grader could do and we all had fun doing it!

KIDS ART COMING AFTER SPRING BREAK

Our school has teamed up with Original Works—the #1 art based program in the country—to offer a very special program. This program allows you to have *your child's very own artwork* reproduced onto a selection of professionally produced, full color products that offers something for everyone.

Look for complete program,

product and pricing information to come home soon in your Monday Folder.

This year's Art Themes by grade level are as follows:

K—Eric Carle's Mixed Up Chameleon...Mixed-Up Animals, individually created

1—Flower Mosaics

2—Weatherscapes

(Landscapes depicting weather and water reflections)

3—Aboriginal Animals

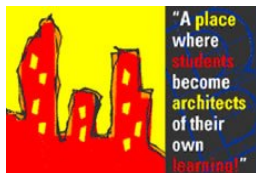
4—Butterfly Molas

5—Brooks Monoprint

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BROOKS VARIETY SHOW
Performances by grades 2-5
Auditions:
Tues, Mar. 23
Dress Rehearsal:
Tues, Apr. 6
Show:
Thurs, Apr. 8
Look for more details in your Monday folders, or in the YOOHOO (the PTA e-newsletter)

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| Chloe | Katy | Mile Run | Adeline | Aly |
| Jake | | Jake | Juan | |
| Ali | Shuttle Run | Ashelyn | Mary Emma | Triathlon |
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