



Art-i-Facts

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News from the Brooks Museums Magnet Elementary PTA

Important Dates

Thurs, May 20

6:30pm: PTA meeting
Everyone is invited!
(media center)

Tues, May 25

7:00pm: Spring Chorus
concert

Thurs, May 27

5:30-7:30pm: Spring Picnic
current + future families
(lower playground)
(no dogs allowed)

Fri, May 28

School Spirit Day:
Wacky Tacky Day

Mon, May 31

No School: Memorial Day

Fri, June 4

Field Day
10:00-12:00—grades K-2
1:00-3:00—grades 3-5
(lower playground)
Volunteers needed!

Tues, June 8

1:30-2:30pm:
5th grade celebration

Thurs, June 10

Last day of school
for students

Brooks Museums Magnet
Elementary School
700 Northbrook Dr.
Raleigh, NC 27609

919-881-1350

PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

Dear Parents,

As we wind down the 2009-2010 school year, I have to say this has been another great year at Brooks Museums Magnet Elementary School. The staff and students at Brooks have done incredible things and shared in wonderful learning experiences. I am so lucky to be a part of this team of talented teachers, delightful kids, and supportive parents. Thank you for all you have done to be a part of this successful 2009-2010 school year.

Looking toward the 2010-2011 school year, we are projecting having a population of about 580 students. We anticipate five K, 1st and 2nd grade classrooms, four 3rd grade classrooms and three 4th and 5th grade classrooms. We have accepted about 80 new magnet families that we are excited about getting to know. I hope you will all recommit to helping out in whatever way you can at Brooks. We will still need you!

The bell schedule for the 2010-2011 school year will be from

9:15 a.m.-3:45 p.m. Students will be able to enter the building at 8:45 a.m. and dismissal should be completed by 4:05 p.m.

Enjoy your summer and be very safe. Before you know it, we will all be back at Brooks starting another exciting school year.

Felecia Locklear,
School Principal



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PTA PRESIDENT

Dear fellow Brooks families,
The year is drawing to a close and I want to thank you for all you did this year. We have met and exceeded our fundraising goal of \$44,000 for the year, and more than 350 of you joined the PTA. The money raised helped the school facility, teachers and the children, and your volunteer hours are invaluable to everyone.

In my first Art-i-Facts article at the beginning of the year, I urged you to "get in here" and

get involved with your children's school. Many of you did, and because of that, you made my year as PTA president a great one...and it was much easier than I expected!

Good luck to our 5th graders as they move on to middle school. Be sure to read their parting thoughts on pages 2-3.

Lisa Moore will be your PTA President for the 2010-11 school year, and she is looking forward to working with each of you. Be sure to get to know her and ask how you can help

be a part of keeping Brooks the great school it is.

It has been an honor to work with you, and I hope you have a great summer.

All the best,

Kim Dittmann,
2009-2010 PTA President



SPECIAL FAREWELLS FROM OUR 5th GRADERS. WE'LL MISS YOU!

Ms. Craver's class

I say farewell to recess because I always liked playing basketball.

– Ben

I say farewell to most of my friends because I am not going to see most of them in middle school.

– Jonathan

I say farewell to my friends because most of them won't be with me in middle school.

– Nia

Farewell to all of my great friends, thanks for being there for me.

– Eliza

Farewell to biscuit team, and friends, and also recess.

– Derrick

Farewell to all my friends, I'll miss ya'll. And recess, I'll miss that too.

– Michelle

Farewell to the best soccer games and all the friends.

– Wallace

Farewell to the best football games, and the best football fields. And to my best friends.

– Peyton

Farewell to the best soccer games I ever had, friends, our class winning soccer streak, all of the time playing soccer games, and wishing the best of luck to my soccer teammates in middle school.

– John

Farewell to all my friends playing soccer and all the class vs. class games.

– Miguel

Farewell to all of my friends and teachers.

– Jessica

I say farewell to my two bffs Libby and Jessica. I also say farewell to these teachers that made the biggest impact on me: Mrs. Guenzler, Mrs. Bosak, Mrs. Klyne, Mrs. Craver, (M.I.T) Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. Moschberger, and Mrs. Goldfinch for Chorus and POG. I also say farewell to all the good

experiences I have had at Brooks. Farewell Brooks Magnet Elementary School!!

– Mackenzie

I say farewell to my friends and I will never forget all the crazy stuff my friends and I did, like the time I slapped Samuel with a piece of pizza. I will never forget anything in 5th grade. I love all my friends.

– Esmeralda

I say farewell to all of my friends at Brooks and to all the fun I had, like all the Craver vs. Myer and Hahn soccer games. And to all the teachers here like Ms. Martin.

– Demetrius

Ms. Myers's class

When I leave Brooks, I will miss my past teachers and all the events and activities.

– Katy

I will really miss the teachers and the staff here. I've been here since Kindergarten and I've had a lot of teachers over the years.

Also, I'll miss the friends going to Carroll or other schools. But all in all, I'll just miss the best elementary school in the USA- Brooks.

- Jake

I will miss the teachers at Brooks like Mrs. Myers and Ms. Klyne because they were very supportive teachers who helped me through hard times. Ms. Klyne was my second grade teacher. I had some rough spots in second grade Ms. Klyne helped me smooth those spots out. Mrs. Myers is an awesome teacher and was always there for me with my ups and downs. I will miss the moving museums because when I felt depressed they cheered me up.

-Alexandra

I'm going to miss recess, the school and MIT's. I'll miss the teachers and all the parts I didn't mention.

– Jason

I'll miss my friends from Brooks. I don't know many people that have a taste for basketball and here is the only place I can be on a real team and play. I'm also going to

miss Mrs. Myers who helped me succeed in everything we have learned this year.

– Colby

When I leave Brooks there are many things I will miss; the positive atmosphere, happy kids and staff. But most of all, I will miss all of my teachers who have helped me be where I am today: Miss Medez, Mrs. O'Neal, Miss. Knecht, Miss Langer and lastly, Mrs. Myers. Thank you!

–Taylor

I will miss Mrs. Tian, Mrs. Myers and Mrs. Piscuneri because I had them for teachers during my three years at Brooks. I would like to say good bye to all my friends that are going to different schools than me. I would also like to say thank you to all my MIT teachers (including Mrs. Padron. She was my third grade art teacher.) for a wonderful time in my MIT's.

– Madelyn

I am really going to miss my teacher Mrs. Myers because she is really nice and she is really fun. She teaches really nice and because of her I have learned a lot and gotten good grades. I couldn't ask for a better 5th grade teacher. If someone gets her next year, you have good luck.

– Sinai

When I leave Brooks I will miss Mrs. Myers, Miss. Langer and Mrs. Floyd. I'll miss when they greet me in the morning and when they say good bye to me at the end of the day.

– Alli

I would like to say good bye to Mrs. Goldfinch and Mrs. Moschberger for such a great time in their classes. Being able to explore different cultures was fun. I am also going to miss Mrs. Myers because I wouldn't want any other fifth grade teacher in the world. Mrs. Myers is fun and she knows how to explain different things in different ways.

– Skyler

I will miss Mrs. Myers, Mrs. Hahn and Mrs. Smith.

– Esmeralda

I will really miss Mrs. Myers because she was a very good teacher. She is very nice to the

whole class.

– Fabian

I will miss Mrs. Harrington because when I first came to Brooks I didn't know anybody. She has always been there for me. Good bye and thanks for being a good teacher.

– Chris

I will miss a lot of the staff at Brooks but some of the stuff I will miss the most is all of the cool artifacts and bulletin boards. I will miss all the staff especially my teachers in the past and the PTA for supporting Brooks.

– Greg

Good bye to my classmates.

– Drae

The thing I will really miss about Brooks is my friends and teachers.

– Joshua

I will miss MIT's and the teachers here at Brooks.

– Wade

I will miss Mrs. Myers and Mrs. Pisciueneri, my fourth grade teacher. I will miss Mr. Amato, Mrs. Goldfinch, Mrs. Moschberger, Ms. Chew and Ms. Jordan, our MIT teachers. And Mrs. Roberts. I hope you have enjoyed having us here.

– Gregorio

I will miss recess. I will miss Coach Amato. I will miss everything!

– John

I am going to miss Miss Gardner, Miss Donahue, the smart board and Mrs. Myers. I will miss all of my friends.

– Jackie

I will miss all of our MIT's. They really made my day!

– Matthew

I am going to miss my wonderful principal Mrs. Locklear and the great teachers I've had in all my years at Brooks. But what I will miss the most is my wonderful friends that won't be with me next year in middle

school next year.

– Payton

Good bye, Mrs. Taylor. I will miss you.

– Kevyn

I am going to miss all my teachers and everyone that helped me get through the school years.

– Jakob

When I leave for middle school, I am going to miss recess and MIT's.

– Smith

Ms. Hahn's class

I am going to miss everybody here, even though I've only been here two years. In those two years this school has been awesome.

– Joe

I would like to say goodbye to my 4th grade teacher, Mrs. Pisciueneri, and my awesome 5th grade teacher, Mrs. Hahn. I will miss you all and I will always remember you. Thank you for such an awesome experience at Brooks Elementary.

– Isabella

I would like to say goodbye to the teachers I've had, like Ms. Bosak, Ms. Morgan, and of course, Mrs. Hahn. It will be strange going to a new school now.

– Zachary

I would like to say my final goodbye to Brooks. It brings back all of the great memories I had for the 6 years I was there every time I pass by. Luckily, I was able to have Mrs. Hahn, the best teacher ever at my last year at Brooks Museum Magnet Elementary School.

– Charlotte

I'll always miss the day I met all my friends and the day I became a student here at Brooks. I'll miss the all my awesome teachers, which each teacher was awesome. So good luck to the rising 5th graders. Bye, Brooks Elementary, I'll miss you.

– Tatum

Thank you very much for having me and I'll miss you all so much, even my teachers in the past, you were all the best. I'll miss my Kindergarten teacher, my first grade teacher, my third grade teacher, my fourth grade teacher and finally my fifth grade teacher, Mrs. Hahn, and all my friends in Brooks Elementary!!!! Thanks and I'll miss you all- bye Brooks!!!!

– Madesyn

I would like to say good bye to my friends and my wonderful fifth grade teacher, Mrs. Hahn. I'll miss Brooks. This was a great first year in fifth grade at Brooks!!!!

– Maya

I would like to say goodbye to my 4th grade teacher, Mrs. Pisciueneri, and my awesome 5th grade teacher, Mrs. Hahn. And my best friends Olivia, Maya, Madesyn, Charlotte, Emily and Tatum. I will miss you Brooks!!!

– Kaitlin

I would like to say goodbye to my best friends Tatum, Emily, Maya, Madesyn, Weezie and Kaitlyn, and my past teachers Mrs. Hahn and Mrs. Pisciueneri!!!!!!!

– Olivia

I'd like to say goodbye to all the awesome teachers I've had here at Brooks, and I also hope my brother gets one of you for 4th grade!

– Samuel

I'd like to say goodbye to all of my teachers and friends, most of all Peyton and Greg.

– Austin

I would like to say goodbye to our awesome principal, Mrs. Locklear. I would also like to say goodbye to Mrs. Roberts for helping me in many ways.

– Alvaro

I would like to say goodbye to all my friends and 3 wonderful teachers Mrs. Hahn, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Lehrman.

– Lezly

I'd like to say goodbye to all my friends and 3 wonderful teachers Mrs. Hahn, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Lehrman. Goodbye Mrs. Locklear!

– Silvia



Brooks students, James (2nd grade), Emma (3rd), Jade (4th), and Alvaro (5th) were with Governor Perdue and other state and local officials at the ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of the new gallery at the NC Museum of Art. Next school year at Brooks will be filled with exciting field trips to visit the museum's new exhibits.

2010-2011 PTA Executive Committee

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THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

I'd like to extend a heartfelt "THANK YOU" from the Staff Appreciation Committee for all the food, flowers and time that were given to create an extra special week for our wonderful staff at Brooks. We are so thankful for your generous donations throughout the entire year to make our teachers and staff feel truly appreciated. We could not have done it without our terrific Brooks families...thanks again! - Jen Bauldree, VP of Hospitality

THE BEST DAY EVER! By Logan, 5th grader

(Cultural Arts program made possible by the Brooks PTA and The United Arts Council)

It was just a normal day - then Garry Krinsky was on stage - Toying With Science. He asked for volunteers. I raised my hand. Garry said, "You, in the red shirt in the back!" Inside I gasped as he pointed to me. I was wearing the red shirt! He gave me a peacock feather and showed me how to balance it on my hand and elbow and chin. He taught us about balance and the center of gravity. And he showed us wind resistance. It

was easy and hard. The bad part was the trumpet. He would blow it hard and make me run in the opposite direction. I was nervous - everybody is when you're the center of attention. Then, I was finishing up and he hands me this long pole with a kind of closed net at the top and said, "give this a try". So I balanced it! It got heavy on my hand and I started to wobble this way and that when he grabbed it and said,

"that's all... here's your treat. This feather or...this satellite dish (the grey umbrella)..." I took the peacock feather (it is in my room at home) and went back to the back and watched the rest of the science show. Garry Krinsky was great! It was the best school day ever.

- Logan
5th grade, Mrs. Hahn's class



Garry Krinsky visited Brooks via our Cultural Arts program.

www.garrykrinsky.com

CONGRATS TO OUR FIRST IN FITNESS TEAM MEMBERS!

Brooks placed 6th overall out of 27 schools! Placements are listed beside their names:

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| Speed Rope | Parker (6th) | Elliott (6th) | 100 Yard Dash | Anna Wesley (6th) |
| Madelyn (2nd) | Gus (6th) | Payton (6th) | Trenton (2nd) | Kamari (6th) |
| Ben (3rd) | Sarah (6th) | Cameron (absent) | Samantha (3rd) | Tayla (6th) |
| Robert (3rd) | Jacob (6th) | Mile Run | Conor (4th) | Jackson (6th) |
| Jake (3rd) | Colby (6th) | Timara (1st) | Mary Emma (4th) | Michelle (6th) |
| Emma (6th) | Katy (6th) | Ashelyn (2nd) | Adeline (6th) | Jonathan (6th) |
| Ryan (6th) | Shuttle Run | Jake (3rd) | Juan (6th) | Aly (6th) |
| Chloe (6th) | John (3rd) | Alan (5th) | John (6th) | Triathlon |
| Ali (6th) | Guadalupe (4th) | Gillian (5th) | Charlotte (6th) | Jackie (4th) |
| Pull Ups | Gracie (6th) | Chase (6th) | Long Jump | Doug (6th) |
| McKenzie (5th) | Charlie (6th) | Matthew (6th) | Nate (6th) | |
| Austin (6th) | Sofie (6th) | Weezie (6th) | | |