



# Art-i-Facts

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News from the Brooks Museums Magnet Elementary PTA

**Mon, May 2**  
4:00– 8 pm  
PTA Spirit Night  
Chick-Fil-A, North Hills

**Thurs, May 5**  
6:30-7:30 pm  
Kindergarten Orientation

**Fri, May 6**  
8:45-9:30 am  
Volunteer Tea

**May 11-26**  
EOG tests, make-ups and retests for 3rd-5th

**Mon, May 16**  
EOG testing 5th grade

**Thurs, May 19**  
6:30 pm (media center)  
PTA Board Meeting

**Fri, May 20**  
3:15 pm Moving Museum

**Thurs, May 26**  
5:30—7:30 pm (lower play-ground)  
PTA Spring Picnic

**Fri, May 27**  
Field Day and  
1:30-2:30 pm  
(multi-purpose room)  
Kindergarten EOY celebration

**Mon, May 30**  
No School -Memorial Day

**Fri, June 3**  
Rain Date for Field Day

**Thurs, June 9**  
1:30-3:30 pm  
5th Grade Celebration

**Fri, June 10**  
Last Day of School

## Principal's Notes by Felicia Locklear, Principal

Brooks Family and Friends:

The last few weeks of school are quickly approaching us! I cannot believe how fast the year has gone by. It seems like yesterday we were coming for our "Meet the Teacher" and Open House! The years just go by too fast!

Even though the weather is warmer, the sun is shining longer, and the kids are playing harder---school is still going on. I hope you all will commit to maintaining those routines and procedures that have been in place and help your children be prepared and engaged in school each day. Our teachers need the children's best efforts until the very last day of school. Let's all commit to making sure we keep this in

mind as we begin to look to the end of the school year.

A big congratulation goes out to **Lindsay Wall**, our CCR (special education teacher). Ms. Wall has been selected as the winner of the WCPSS Dianne Kent Parker First Year Special Education Teacher Award. Lindsay has been an incredible addition to our school and a wonderful teacher to our children. We look forward to continuing to hear great things from her in the future!

So lastly, I know many of you have wondered about the commitment I made that I would take a pie in the face if the Brooks families raised at least \$12,000 at the fall picnic. Due to the rain, the picnic was

cancelled and we were unable to have the pie in the face. The plan is to have this great event at our spring picnic on Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. So if you want to have a great laugh at your principal. make plans now to come out for the spring picnic!

Thanks so much for being wonderful families and friends. Brooks is a wonderful place to work and learn!



## Tragedy Touches Our School Community

Two Brooks students from the Stony Brook neighborhood in east Raleigh were killed when their mobile home was destroyed by a tornado during the recent storms. They are cousins and their names are Daniel Quistian-Nino in Mrs. Tian's third grade class and Oswaldo Coronado-Nino in Ms. Klyne's second grade class. Daniel and Oswaldo will be missed by all who knew them. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their family and friends.

Thank you so much for the support you have shown for our Brooks families in the Stony Brook Community that have been affected by last month's devastating tornados. We are not taking any more donations at Brooks. We had an overwhelming response to the first donation request and the items have already been distributed to the families in need. Everyone was very appreciative of your efforts. If you still have items you would like to donate, please take them to the Salvation Army.

Concerning monetary donations, we have been in contact with Catholic Charities of The Catholic Diocese of Raleigh and they have set up a specific fund for the Stony Brook Community.

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## School Store and Book Stop

Visit the **School Store** to purchase school supplies and small Brooks Spirit items at reasonable prices.

### Hours

8:45-9:15 am

**Wednesday**

K-2nd grade

**Friday**

3rd-5th grade



Have your student ask their teacher how to earn Book Bucks, then redeem at the **Book Stop!**

### Hours

8:45-9:15 am

**Tuesday**

K-2nd grade

**Thursday**

3rd-5th grade



## Counselor's Corner by Heather Roberts, School Counselor

I (your school counselor) will be missing her wonderful Brooks students as I take maternity leave. I am expecting Baby Lloyd Axam Roberts to arrive April 25th. My last day for this school year was

Friday, April 15th but I will be returning in August to enjoy being the Brooks School Counselor once again. There will be a substitute school counselor available to

students and parents in May and June. Name and details to come.

## First in Fitness Results by Chuck Amato, Physical Education Teacher

Thank you to the students and volunteers that were a part of the year's First in Fitness Event at South East Raleigh High School. Though the weather could have been warmer, it did not rain and

there was fun had by all. The students had a wonderful time and did a fantastic job representing Brooks. Their team spirit, practice efforts and day of performances

made for a great day for everyone. Whether a student places in an event or not, it is an honor for these students each year to participate as a part of the Brooks family.



## 2011 Brooks First in Fitness Results

Grade	Speed Rope	Pull Ups	Shuttle Run	Mile Run	100 yard Dash	Long Jump
2nd	Noah Berman Allie Foppiano—2nd	Paul Griffin Kayla Ponziano	Samuel Stasiewicz Makalah Brownridge	Camden Nemeth—4th Grace Barnard	Ford Everett Kendall Sobol	Justin Hopkins—3rd Ella McDonald—1st
3rd	Robert Pilson—2nd Madelyn Liverett—5th	Jack Burkhart Eliza Wood	Will Seate—5th Anna Wesley Dubach—1st	Jake Rouse—1st Ashelyn Vinsel—1st	John O'Connor Ivasha Cannady—3rd	Austin Rouse Sydney Best
4th	Ben Ellis—3rd Emma Danzey—4th	Raymont Wilson Sarah Duguid	Allen Bond Caitlin Ferguson	Gus Lehman Gillian Scott—4th	Juan Medrano- Hernandez Mia Dais—5th	Carson Elliott Mary Emma Graves
5th	Ryan Best Chloe Yopp—5th	Jacob Stasiewicz Alex Schaffner	Hart Thomas Jazmyne Chavis	Jack Agresta Caroline Barnard	Trenton Pennix—2nd Michelle Cutler	Jackson Reid London Gardner
Triathlon (5th grade)		Chase Coley Timara Chapman -2nd	Chase Coley Timara Chapman -2nd	Chase Coley Timara Chapman -2nd		

## Cultural Arts Wrap-Up by Jennifer Maiorano

Cultural Arts will be wrapping up another year of performances on April 27th with Antonio Rocha, performing tales from around the world to teach about communication, self-esteem and respect. He has performed at the Kennedy Center and the Smithsonian, and is always a big crowd pleaser.

Last month, the students raved about David Holt, who is more than an old-time banjo player as he relates stories using his unusual instruments.

In February, we hosted Bright Star Children's Theater who performed Sadie's *Spectacular Saturday* for K-2, and *Struggle for Freedom* for the 3-5 graders.

We also held final sessions with Writers in Residence, Richard Krawiec worked with 4th graders on their Writing Toolbox, and Alice Osborne worked with 5th graders to compose Memoirs.

We're very proud to enrich our students' curriculum with these programs, and look forward to another exciting year in 2011-12!

## Notes from the Music Room by Ann Goldfinch, Music Teacher

March and April have been busy months in music, and May and June will be no different! Two noteworthy events involve 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders who are part of Pieces of Gold and chorus.

On **March 15<sup>th</sup>**, the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade chorus performed in the Elementary Choral Celebration at Meymandi Concert Hall in downtown Raleigh. They sang 2 songs as a choir and then 3 additional songs with students from other schools. A judge offered feedback on their performance. The students sang beautifully and represented our school well.

The following week, on **March 23<sup>rd</sup>**, a small, select group of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders from chorus represented our school in the annual arts showcase *Pieces of Gold*. These students auditioned at school in the fall to be in the group and then rehearsed before school every Tuesday morning to prepare the piece "Cripple Creek" for a county level audition, which was in late November. Any elementary, middle, or high school from Wake County was eligible to audition and a panel

of about 6 judges graded the auditions and selected which schools would be invited to participate. Brooks made the cut! Students listened to recordings of the song and worked with me to create instrument parts that sounded authentic. They also worked with Mrs. Myers to create a stylistically appropriate dance. All students worked on their singing technique in preparation for the county audition. Our students resumed before school rehearsals in February and even had rehearsals on nights and weekends to prepare for the show! The show is a ticketed event at Memorial Auditorium in downtown Raleigh and people from all over paid to come and see it. Our students represented Brooks extremely well both on and off the stage and made Mrs. Myers and I so proud!

Another highlight of March was the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Cinderella Story plays. Those were on **March 29<sup>th</sup>** and each class presented a Cinderella tale from another culture. Students did a lovely job and the performances were enjoyed by parents and other students.

In the coming months, the kindergarten students will present a program called "A Song for All Seasons" (2:30 on **Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>** in the multi-purpose room). First graders will present original class compositions inspired by Camille Saint-Saens' *Carnival of the Animals* on **Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>** at 1:00 in the multi-purpose room. On this day, they will also share their habitat boxes, created in art class and in their regular classrooms. This is their 4<sup>th</sup> quarter coached project. The final musical performance of the year will take place at the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration on **Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>** at 1:30. All 5<sup>th</sup> graders will perform some special selections for their parents and will rehearse during music class.

This is just a sampling of what will be going on in music! Classes not involved in a performance will still be busy composing, creating, and making music. Check out the music blackboard page for more information about all that is going on in the music room from now until the end of the year!

## Brooks Spring Picnic Thur, May 26 5:30-7:30 pm lower playground

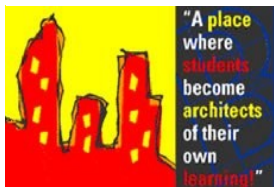
Come enjoy a night out with the Brooks Family! This will also be the night to see Ms. Locklear and Ms. Taylor receive pies in the face thanks to your generous donations during the No Fuss Fundraiser in the fall.

There will be music, activities for kids, and several food vendors to fill you tummy. Participating vendors include Lumpy's Ice Cream, Chick-fil-A, Nathan's famous Hot Dogs and RDU Tennis. You are welcome to pack a picnic dinner of your own to enjoy if you prefer.

Bring lawn chairs and blankets.

No pets allowed.





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## PTA News by Lisa Moore

Dear Brooks Parents and Families,

The PTA wants to thank you for all of the support you have shown this year for our wonderful school. With your help, in just the last two months, we exceeded our fundraising goals for both the Winter Carnival and Original Artwork. The Carnival raised over \$26,000 and Original Artwork over \$5000! We also had a wonderful Skate Night at Skate Ranch in March where we raised \$417.50! In just the past two months, your support has helped fund First in Fitness, Pieces of Gold, Field Trips, Cultural Arts events, Writers in Residence, Teacher Appreciation, DARE graduation and Character Education breakfasts

just to name a few! We would not have been able to fund these wonderful programs without you. Even if you haven't been able to come to other meetings this year, I encourage you to come to the last PTA General Membership meeting on May 19th in the media center. It's not too late to get involved!



## Service Raleigh Lends a Hand at Brooks by Sarah Chew, Science Teacher



Brooks was grateful to receive the help from Service Raleigh on March 26! Nine NC State University (NC State) students came out early Saturday morning and joined Ms. Chew as they cleared another section of the Nature Trail. Service Raleigh is an annual citywide day of service started in 1998 by NC State's Student Govern-

ment and Park Scholars. Each year, volunteers from the university and surrounding community unite to undertake a variety of projects, each of which provides much needed assistance to local organizations. Service Raleigh is funded by the Park Foundation, NCSU Student Government, and local donors. This is the third year that we have had help from Service Raleigh. Without them our trail would be overgrown and hard to use!

**Thank you Service Raleigh!**

## Tragedy Touches Our School Community *continued from page 1*

You can go to the website below and under "Financial Support" click "Donate online". This will take you to a PayPal page. After you enter in your credit card number and donation information, fill in the memo line with "For the Stony Brook Community".

<http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org/how/social/contribute.aspx>

**Cash or checks** can be mailed to the address below. Be sure to write "Stony Brook Community" in the memo line.

Catholic Charities  
715 Nazareth Street  
Raleigh, NC 27606

On Monday, April 24th, grief counselors were available for those students that needed extra assistance. Your child may have questions or want to share their feelings in the days, weeks or months to come. Please visit the Brooks website at <http://brookses.wcpss.net/> for information regarding how to help children cope in traumatic situations. Also, we need to remember that more than likely, there are other families at Brooks besides those at Stony Brook that have lost homes or have had family members directly affected by the storm. The WCPSS crisis team and counselors stressed that It is important that our children maintain a normal routine at school and at home.

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