

Art-i-Facts

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News from the Brooks Museums Magnet Elementary PTA

Upcoming Dates

Thurs, June 9
5th Grade Celebration

Fri, June 10
Last Day of School

Thurs, Aug. 25
First day of school
1st-5th grade

Fri-Tues, Aug. 26-30
Staggered entry for K

Wed, Aug. 31
2-3 PM
Meet the teacher for K

Thurs, Sept. 1
First day of school K

Mon, Sept. 5
NO SCHOOL
Labor Day Holiday

Thur, Sept 15
6:30 PM
General PTA meeting
Media Center

Fri, Sept 16
1:15 PM
Early Release

Fri, Sept 30
NO SCHOOL
Teacher Workday

Principal's Notes

Brooks Family and Friends:

I cannot believe that I am writing my last article for the 2010-2011 school year. The time has gone by way too fast and we are now looking at the end of our school year!

This has been my tenth (10th) year as the principal at Brooks Museums Magnet Elementary School. It seems like yesterday I drove my Expedition onto this campus, not knowing anyone and never having been here before. I was scared to death, but tried to act like I was confident, cool and calm! I soon realized that the Brooks community wanted nothing more than to work with me to create an exciting and vibrant new magnet program. After ten years, I can easily say that is exactly what we have done!

Over these ten years, there have been times that were really funny, times that were really hard, times that the days seemed to drag by, and times we wanted the minutes to slow down! This year has been one in which

we have faced some really difficult times. On April 16th, storms came through our community and changed us forever! Brooks lost two very special children and lives were turned upside down. It was during this time that I saw what Brooks community was really made of! Within 24 hours, donations were being collected, lemonade stands were going up, staff was visiting shelters and organizing games for the children, and believe it or not, this was all going on over our spring break! It was evident very quickly this community was here to do whatever was needed to help everyone get back on their feet.

As we think back over this year, I hope we will not reflect on our loss, but on our gains. We have gained new friendships, new understandings and new appreciations. Our arms have grown longer as we have wrapped them around our neighbors and friends. We have come together and shown what the Brooks family is

together and shown what the Brooks family is made of! I am so happy to be a part of this family.

I hope you all have a relaxing and rested summer! I will miss saying "good morning" to the children every day and laughing with them as they leave each afternoon. Please take care of my Brooks children and send them back to us again in the fall.

Thanks for all that you have done. You are a phenomenal group of people!

Felicia Locklear,
Principal



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Special Thanks

The Brooks Book Stop had a very successful year swapping Book Bucks for books! We congratulate our students for earning lots of Book Bucks and encourage you to keep up the good work. Thank you to all of our parent volunteers who helped run the Book Stop in the mornings.

The School Store is also wrapping up another successful year. We'd like to thank not only our parent volunteers but also our student employees who did an excellent job running the store!

Looking Ahead to August by Anne Scott

I am looking forward to leading the Brooks PTA next year. The PTA is made up of moms and dads (some of whom work outside the home and others who do not) and Brooks teachers. We meet monthly on the third Thursday to discuss the programs we sponsor throughout the school year. Everyone is encouraged to join the PTA and to get involved to the extent where you feel most comfortable- we need committee chairs as well as helpers, classroom volunteers, and field trip chaperones, just to name a few. Please speak up if there's something you would like to do as the Executive Committee and I would love to hear from you. Enjoy your summer and we'll see many of you in August for another great year at Brooks!

2011-12 Brooks PTA Executive Committee

PTA President	Anne Scott
VP at Large	Jennifer Etkin
Secretary	Lisa Adams
Treasurer	Tara Fisher
VP Programs	Pam Maher
VP Hospitality	Stephanie Tepper
VP Way & Means	Jamyé Donovan
VP Publicity	Tracy Pilson
VP Volunteers	Spencer Daniel

Contact AnnePTA@gmail.com to get involved!

Fifth Grade Farewells: Class of 2018

Ms. Myer's Class

Nora Belo - Brooks has been a wonderful experience. It is hard to choose just one thing that I will miss but most of all it is the teachers. They have taught me so much and I will never forget them.

Ryan Best - I want to say thank you to all the teachers that have educated me and put up with me all these five years. I know all of you teachers will miss me, especially Mrs. Harrington and Mrs. Coats. Bye Brooks!!

Bryan Escamilla Perez - I would like to thank all teachers. And I would like to thank Mrs. Myers, Mrs. Hahn and Mrs. Craver. I would miss all 5th grade teachers. I would like to say goodbye Brooks.

Hector Phan - I would like to say thanks to Ms. Wall and Ms. Homes

Timara Chapman - I would like to thank all the teachers that made it possible for me getting to where I am now. I will miss this wonderful school. I will remember all of you guys when I am in Middle School. I will especially miss Ms. Washington, Ms. Stewart, and Mrs. Myers. Good Bye Brooks.

Charlie Roby - I would like to thank all the teachers at Brooks especially Ms. Ramsdell for putting up with me for 6 years. I would also like to say goodbye to Ryan, Lucas, Chase, Trenton, Jackson, William, Gabriel and Hart. Good bye Brooks, I will miss this school a lot!

Chase Coley - I want to say thank you to all the teachers that taught me. I also want to say bye to all of my friends and basically family. Bye Elementary School! Bye Brooks!!!!

Jeremiah Brownridge—This is my first and last year here but I loved it here and hoped I could stay one more year. That's all I need! I LOVED THE TEACHERS AND ALL OF THE STAFF but I have to say Good Bye!

Jazmyne Chavis - I will always remember Brooks and I would like to thank Mrs. Hahn, Mrs. Craver and Mrs. Myers I will never forget the time you've been there for me.

Sara Morales - Goodbye to my 5th grade team. We are not just friends, we are family. Goodbye you guys you will always be in my heart. Goodbye to Jazmyne, Jade, Gabby, Blair, Ashley, Timara, Trenton, Charlie, Ryan, Raffael, FayJohn, Carlos, London, Alex and everybody else. Bye Brooks and I will remember you I will miss the good times, the laughs and smiles. Goodbye family and Brooks!

Blair King - I just want to thank every single teacher in this school for working so hard to plan all the lessons and everything. You guys are the best!

Lucas - I just want to thank the fifth grade team. I want to say good bye to Ryan, Chase, Trenton, Charlie, and everybody else.

Dylan - The thing that I will miss the most about Brooks is all the times we had like the fifth grade wax museum. And my favorite of all is the opera. It was so much fun.

April Gregory - I just want to say thank you to the principals. I thought this school was a great school. I am going to miss elementary school. Every one is going to love 5th grade.

Evan Fransson - I am extremely sad that I have to leave Brooks. I will miss everyone I

knew during my time here. GOODBYE!!!

Marina Boatman - I am super depressed that I have to leave all my friends and teachers to go to middle school! LI will miss also all the projects we got to do. Goodbye to everyone!!!!

Emma Stees - I've been here since 1st grade. I know all the teachers. And I know half of the school. I am really disappointed to leave. I've said goodbye to the school so many times. And I'm going to say it again... GOODBYE AND I'LL MISS YOU!!!!!!!

Michael Vitek - I have been here for 6 years. I am going to try to remember all of my favorite teachers. I am also going to try to remember field day and I am going to miss you all!!!!

Trenton Pennix - I have had a wonderful time at Brooks. I have been here since kindergarten and each year I have learned a lot from all of the teachers here. I just want to say that I will miss Brooks and Goodbye.

Ashley Dixon - I just have to say goodbye and thanks you to Mrs. Myers, Ms Stewart, Ms. Washington, Ms. Klyne, Ms. Chew, Mrs. Guenzler and Mrs. White!!! Goodbye to all!! I will miss you!!

FayJohn Franceschi - I'm sad that I am going to leave Brooks but I'm happy because I am going to middle school. Thank you to my teachers Mrs. Myers and Mrs. Hahn and Mrs. Craver for teaching me. I have had a good time at this school. I need to say goodbye and I will miss everybody. Mrs. Myers I'm going to miss you. Thank you for everything. Goodbye Mrs. Myers have a great year. Bye!!!!!!=).

Fifth Grade Farewells: Class of 2018

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Ms. Carver's Class

Ernesto Avelar-Guzman - I won't miss elementary school. Can't wait for middle school!

Emi Carrillo-Gallegos - I will miss recess.

Christina Cruz- I am going to miss the principal and the school a lot Best Wishes.

Rachel Estes - Also to Alexis, I will really miss not seeing you every day! I hope you will have a great time in 5th grade and you will make a lot more friends! BEST WISHES! I will miss my nickname Virginia!

Sofie Foppiano - they call me soap, soapster or soapy (and a lot of other things) J I'll really miss that. Ya'll will have fun next year and I <3ed all the teachers and you will too. I hope homework isn't too hard next year, GOOD LUCK

London Gardner -To Alexis in 4th grade I hope you have a wonderful time in 5th grade and I know you will! Victoria that is now in kindergarten I really want you to find your true friends! I will miss my nickname SASSY!!!

Jessi Miller - I will miss my friends the most and also my teachers.

Carlos Olvera Chavez - I will miss all my friends and teachers

German Pantaleon Rivera - I am going to miss all the fifth grade teachers.

Joslyn Sanchez - I will miss all my friends. I will miss Mrs. Craver a lot.

Ridge Shepherd - 4th graders, once you get into 5th grade you'll realize how small you were.

Jacob Stasiewicz - good by to recess and all the weird names my friends called me. I also

will miss the good teachers and friends.

Caitlyn Taylor - I will miss recess the most. Good luck Emma, Kiara, and Kyla! Enjoy your time at Brooks!!! J J J ;) :p peace out. <3

Zoe Thoman - I will miss all my friends and teachers. Good luck next year 4th graders! I hope you have as much fun as I did!

Jimmy Vazquez-Arciniega - I will miss recess, and my fifth grade friends J

Jaquez Wall - I will miss Mrs. consetti

Jade E. Williams - I hope all you 4TH graders will have as much fun as I have in 5TH grade! Remember to always follow directions and be kind to everyone! Oh and also learn when is a good time to talk and play with your friends! Trust me I know! (I will miss my nickname ELMO!)

Ms. Hahn's Class

Michelle Cutler - These days have been great so far. I've felt at home. I wish I never had to leave. Mrs. Hahn is the best teacher I ever had through my whole 5 years. Farewell, goodbye! I will miss you. You gave me my strength through the hard times, and now I have to say goodbye.

Tori Little - I would like say goodbye to Mrs. Hahn and Mrs. Pisciueneri, the only two teachers that I had. But I bet all the teachers are the best!

Noellie Ochieng - I will miss everyone and my teacher for it is my last year and it's time to say goodbye. For my friend Estephani AKA my sister, even though we are going to the same school next year. I hope the 4th graders have a wonderful year. I enjoyed being here at Brooks!

Kate Dittmann - I would love say goodbye to all of my teachers I have had for my 6 years at Brooks. I will never forget the time I came in on the first day of kindergarten, it was such a memorable moment!

Matthew Mihm - I will miss all of my teachers and the things that we did, and my friends Ray, Jerry, Jaquez, Hunter and Benjamin and every

single thing that we did.

Chase Little-Battle - This half year that I have been here has been great. I will miss Dulce, Stacey, Jackson, Gabriel and Estephani. The one I will miss the most is Mrs. Hahn!

Brayden Jones - In the 5 years that I have been here, I will miss almost everyone in the 5th grade. Goodbye to all of my friends, and have a good life! Especially Mrs. Hahn!

Caroline Barnard - First of all, I'd like to say goodbye to my great teachers Mrs. Pisciueneri and Mrs. Hahn. They both have made learning an awesome experience. Next, I'd like to say goodbye to all the friends I made at Brooks. They always put a smile on my face, and always make me laugh. I have had a great time at Brooks and I hope to visit as I can!

Laura Conoly - I will miss all my teachers, but especially Mrs. Burkhart, Mrs. Renigar and Mrs. Hahn. To all the others, I will miss you all, too! Thank you for the awesome experience! Goodbye Brooks- these were the best six years of my life.

Josie Ansbacher - Brooks is the most unique and special school with awesome teachers like Mrs. Hahn and amazing principals like Mrs. Locklear. I will miss all my friends a

lot. Good luck rising 5th graders, and thank you Brooks!

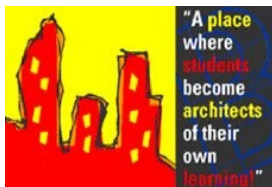
Abraham Garcia - I'm going to miss my class, friend and teachers from Brooks. I will remember all my best friends, Estephani, Chase, Joel, Jack Noellie and Jackson. I will miss this school so much!

Dulce Garrido - I am going to miss all my friends and my two favorite teachers, Mrs. Hahn and Mrs. Stewart. I will especially miss Stacey, Michelle, and Crystal. I will also miss Jackson, Chase, Gabriel, Hevid, Mike and playing around with German and Carlos.

Sydney Saddler - I am going to miss my teachers and my friends that are not going to my school next year!

Hannah Butkus - Thank you for being my friends, Laura, Josie, Tori, Kate, Steph, Dylan, Emma, Nora, Chloe, Zoe, Sofie, Jade and all my friends. Thank you for the best 2 years, Mrs. Pisciueneri and Mrs. Hahn. Bye!

Georgia Alexander - Goodbye, my own desk. Goodbye, my own teacher. I'll miss you! Goodbye, 4th grade teacher Ms. Stewart and 5th grade teacher Mrs. Hahn. I'll miss you all, too!



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PTA Corner

Dear Brooks Families,

As my time as PTA President draws to a close, I want to thank you for all you have done to support our school and the Brooks PTA. I feel there is no elementary school more committed to their students than Brooks! I thoroughly enjoyed my time as

PTA President and it has been an honor to work with you. Anne Scott will be your PTA President for the 2011-2012 school year and she is looking forward to working with each of you. As we wrap up the year, take a look below at a list of what the PTA has accomplished this year!

Have a wonderful and safe summer,

Lisa Moore

2010-2011
PTA President



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What YOUR PTA Dollars did for YOUR School in 2010-2011

Yoo-Hoo online Newsletter

Art-i-Facts printed Newsletter

Printed Directory

Yearbook

Campus Beautification

5th Grade Celebration

Spring Picnic

Teacher and Staff Appreciation

Kindergarten Parent Tissue Tea

Kindergarten summer play dates/
picnic

Special Occasions

Leadership Training - PTA officers

Insurance for compliance

Office Supplies

Membership in Wake County PTA

Cultural Arts Programs

The Magic of African Rhythm, Bay Street Brassworks, Sanderson High School Chorus, Bright Star Children's Theater, David Holt, and Antonio Rocha

DARE Program

Bookstop

Earth Day

Reflections

School Store

Brooks logo items

Snow Man Cards

BELL Program

Variety Show

Writer in Residence

Alice Osborne- 5th grade Writer in Residence Memoirs, Richard Krawiec 4th Grade Writer in Residence: Writing Toolbox (3-12), Richard Krawiec 4th Grade Haiku Workshop, Donna Sink 3rd Grade Writer in Residence: Passionate Poetry

Classroom Funds

Daily Agendas for 4th and 5th grades

Field Trip Grants for all grade levels

MIT funds

Art, Science Kits, PE Safety Patrol Supplies, Music includes Pieces of Gold, Chorus & Opera, Media- books & 12 new computers, Computer Lab

Museums Integration support

Mini Grant Funds

Character Trait Recognition Breakfasts

Community Programs

Capital Improvements

Technology Fund

How WE RAISED the \$\$\$

Art Sale

Book Fairs

Family Spirit Nights

Zoe's Kitchen, Chick-Fil-A, Skate Ranch

Membership

Passive Fundraising

Box Tops, Grocery Store Reward Cards

No Fuss Fundraiser

The big fall fundraiser to kick off the year paid for the many programs offered to all students.

Winter Carnival

The big winter fundraiser where we meet our budget and finish off the year with a bang!