

YooHoo

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Coming up...

- **Tuesday, December 15, 3:00pm**
Wake County School Board Meeting, Wake Forest Road in Raleigh on the second floor
- **Thursday-Sunday, December 21-January 3**
Winter Break
- **Monday, January 4**
Return to school
- **Monday, January 11, 6:00-8:00 pm**
Family Skate Night, Skate Ranch, 2901 Trawick Road
- **Monday, January 18**
MLK Holiday, No School
- **Monday, January 25**
Teacher Work Day, No School
- **Friday, January 29, 3:20pm**
Moving Museum

Staff Birthdays

December

21 - Debbie Walser
24 - Susan Connor

January

10 - Sandra Tian
20 - Judy Romano
24 - Kim Padron
26 - Wendy Galloway
29 - Janet Leskovec
30 - Heather Roberts
31 - Derrick Sidbury

Find Brooks on the web:

Go to the Brooks home page at: <http://brookses.wcpss.net/>

Check out what's making news this week...

- Wake County School Board Meeting
- Petition Supporting Diversity - A message from your Brooks PTA
- Pieces of Gold
- Brooks Award Winners
- LEP Family Outreach Program
- Family Skate Nite
- Brooks Artwork on display in the community
- Silent Auction and Winter Carnival

From past weeks...

- Welcome 4th and 5th Graders to the School Store
- Order Your Yearbook Now
- Destination Reading and Math Sites
- Turn your trash into treasure for Brooks
- Middle School Tours and Open Houses
- Win a Free Yearbook
- It's time for another Box Tops contest
- PTA Executive Board

Wake County School Board Meeting

Stay informed! The next Wake County Board of Education meeting will be at 3:00 pm on Tuesday, December 15 at 3600 Wake Forest Road in Raleigh on the second floor.

For more information go to the Wake County Public School System's webpage. Follow the this link to get more information about the Board:

<http://www.wcpss.net/Board/>

Follow this link to see the agenda for the next Board meeting and to view agendas from previous meetings:

<http://www.wcpss.net/Board/agendas/meeting/>

Petition Supporting Diversity - A message from the Brooks PTA

Please visit the following link for information regarding a petition supporting diversity as a principle in the WCPSS assignment policy: <http://www.petitiononline.com/GO6200/petition.html> .

Only registered Wake County voters may sign it. Please pass this information along to others.

If you're not sure what your district number or who your school board representative is, you can find out by visiting http://www.wakegov.com/NR/rdonlyres/A8A4ECF7-155C-49F9-8320-F2F111A0B5B6/0/gispdf_schoolboarddist.pdf and/or <http://www.wcpss.net/Board/boeinfo.html> .

If you have any questions or comments, contact Kim Dittmann at kimdittmann@yahoo.com.

Pieces of Gold

Congratulations to Ms. Goldfinch and the Pieces of Gold performers! They have been accepted to be in next year's Pieces of Gold production. All of their hard work has paid off. Way to go!

Pieces of Gold is an annual arts extravaganza produced jointly by Wake County Public Schools and Wake Education Partnership. Students and teachers work throughout the year to produce a performance that supports the curriculum as well as entertains an enthusiastic audience.

The 2010 Pieces of Gold Performance will be at **7 p.m. Wednesday, March 10**, in Memorial Auditorium.

Brooks Award Winners

Some recent achievements at Brooks:

Our P.E. teacher, Chuck Amato, on behalf of Brooks received the Hoops for Heart Highest Dollar Per Capita Award for schools with an enrollment of 501-750 students.

Also, Ashley Craver (5th grade teacher) received word that she passed her National Board Certification.

LEP Family Outreach Program

The LEP Family Outreach Program and the ESL Department is excited to present the "Family Educational Academy" for parents of Limited English Proficiency students (LEP) attending Wake County Public Schools (WCPSS). The academy will be offering trainings starting Saturday, December 12, 2009 with other dates in 2010 (see attachment).

These trainings are for new WCPSS families wanting to learn about the following:

- The U.S.A and Wake County Educational System
- What is parent participation and how to become involved in your child's education
- What are your educational rights
- High School requirements
- College admission, financial aid and scholarship opportunities
- Title I pre-school requirement
- Teacher/Parent Conference and what questions to ask
- What community resources are available within Wake County and WCPSS

Additional dates in 2010 are as follows: March 6, March 20, May 15, May 22.

These trainings will take place at Southeast High School, 2600 Rock Quarry Road, Raleigh, NC 27610. For information call Mrs. MariaRosa Rangel at 919-713-0653. Childcare will be provided for children four years and up only.

Family Skate Night

When: Monday, January 11, 2010

Where: Skate Ranch—2901 Trawick Road, off Capital Blvd.

Time: 6:00 pm- 8:30 pm

Cost: \$5 (includes skates)

Brooks receives \$2.50 back from each admission! Please come and join the fun!!

Brooks Artwork on display in the community

We now have student artwork on display at the State Employees Credit Union on Computer Dr (off Six Forks Rd.) as well as a regular display at the RBC on the corner of Six Forks and Northbrook.

If you have a chance, please stop by these locations and check it out!

Questions? Contact Kim Padron, Museums Magnet Coordinator, at (919) 571-6952.

Silent Auction and Winter Carnival

Silent Auction and Winter Carnival will be on March 5, 2010

Help Brooks make their largest annual fundraiser a success!

Do you have a special skill or provide a unique service? (Painting, pottery, jewelry making, organizing, baking, gardening....)

Do you have access to sporting event tickets or memorabilia? (Hurricanes, NC State, Duke, UNC, Wake Forest, Panthers....)

Do you know a business that can donate an item or gift card? (Merchandise valued at any amount, discount offers for camps or memberships...they get FREE PUBLICITY in over 400 homes!)

Do you have new items in your closet that you could contribute? (Holiday or Birthday gifts that just didn't excite you...)

WE NEED EVERY FAMILY'S SUPPORT! BE CREATIVE!

We can pick up items or they can be dropped off at Brooks in the office. Please label them with your name, students name and "**Silent Auction**".

All items' are tax-deductible!

For more information please contact Deborah Everett @ 740-2090 (deverett76@gmail.com) or Robin Kennedy @ 413-3712 (robin_m_kennedy@hotmail.com)

School Store welcomes 4th and 5th Graders!

The Brooks School STORE
Welcomes 4th & 5th Grade Student Helpers
Beginning Wed. December 2nd
Come check out the store and see your friends too!
Check out our New Spirit Item
"Push up Erasers"

Order Your Yearbook Now

DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK!!

We ran out of yearbooks last year, so preordering is the ONLY way to guarantee your child will receive a yearbook!! There are two ways to order:

1. <http://brookses.wcpss.net/pta> - scroll down and click on "ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK HERE" and follow the instructions. Be sure to enter your child's name when it asks for "first name" and "last name" ***You will also be able to add additional options to your order online, such as yearbook personalization, for an extra fee***

2. Return the form that was sent home in your child's Nov 2nd Monday folder with an \$18 check/money order payable to Brooks MM PTA or cash

Questions? Contact Kelly Bloom at kjbloom@gmail.com or 518-1678.

Technology Update - New Destination Reading and Math Sites

We will be upgrading our Destination Reading and Math programs as targeted in our School Improvement Plan. With correlations to our NC Standard Course of Study, teachers will be able to customize the program for each student's specific needs. Many of our teachers explored the demo websites for these programs before we asked for help to purchase the new revisions. If you would also like to see them, here are the instructions:

If you would like to see a demo of these programs as a **student**:

- 1) Go to: <http://lms4demo.riverdeep.net>
- 2) Type in the student user name: **rds1** (or 2 or 3 up to 30 if the first one is busy)
- 3) The password is **student**.
- 4) Click on Exploration, then any of the Destination Math I-V or Destination Reading Course I-IV modules.

Questions? Contact Sharon Shehdan [sshehdan@wcpss.net].

Turn your trash into treasure for Brooks!

Stop! Don't throw these 2 items away. They will help earn money for our school!

Labels For Education: Collect Labels for Education from Campbell's and many other products and bring them into school to earn free equipment for Brooks!

Clip these Labels for Education from Campbell's



Clip this from Tyson Ready-To-Eat-Bags



Clip this from Tyson Ready-To-Eat Boxes:



There are lots more eligible products. Check out the following links for more information!

http://www.labelsforeducation.com/pdf/eligible_products.pdf (English version)

http://www.labelsforeducation.com/pdf/spanisheligible_products.pdf (Spanish version)

Questions? Contact Karen Harlow, karen_harlow1@yahoo.com.

Middle School Tours and Open Houses

Ligon Middle School

Prospective students are invited to visit the campus. Tours will run continually from 7:30 until 2 pm.

2009-2010 Magnet Recruiting Dates

Thursdays, December 3 - February 18, 9:00 am - 10:15 am, PARENT Only TOURS

Tuesday, January 5 (Seems like a tentative date at this point), WCPSS Magnet Browse Night

Tuesday, January 19, 7:30 am - 2:00 pm, LIGON OPEN HOUSE for students and parents (Tours & Info Sessions Continuous All Day)

Moore Square

For parents and students considering an application to our school small Walking Tours are available by appointment. Please Call Magnet Coordinator Joan Certa-Moore at 919-856-8195

Martin

OPEN HOUSE! This is the **best, most comprehensive** opportunity to see our school! During these dates, you can choose from any of the sessions offered at 9:00am, 10:30am, and 12:00pm. During EACH session, you will see a dynamic performance, receive important information about our school through a presentation delivered by our principal, Mr. Martin, have an opportunity to tour our school with our knowledgeable Peer Helpers, and chat with Mr. Martin, other staff, parents, and students. *You do NOT need to sign up for a session. Your students are welcome and encouraged to come!*

The dates are:

Tuesday, JANUARY 19TH-Come see our performing arts groups before heading out for a tour. More specific times will be listed here closer to the open house date.

Small Group Tours-This is an abbreviated tour. Our most comprehensive tours take place during our Open House dates listed below. Please sign up for one of these tours only if you cannot make one of our Open House dates, as you will just tour, and not see an overview or a performance. You MUST reserve a space, as groups are limited to 10 people. Call Lisa Thompson, Magnet Program Coordinator, at 881-4987. These will be the only small group tours offered this year.

Dates and times are as follows:

-December-Tuesday the 8th at 1:40

-January-Tours during the Open House-see Open House information above

-February-Tuesday the 2nd, 9th, and 16th at 1:40

Carnage

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| December 2(Tuesday) | January 14(Thursday) |
| December 10(Thursday) | January 19(Tuesday) |
| December 15(Tuesday) | February 2(Tuesday) |
| January 7(Thursday) | February 11(Thursday) |

Please contact the main office to reserve a spot for each of the above open houses, 919-856-7600. Space will be limited to 25 participants per session. All Open Houses will begin at 9:00 in the auditorium.

We will also be hosting Open Houses on **January 19th** at 9:00 and 12:00. These will not require a reservation, but are open to everyone

East Millbrook

Magnet info and school tours: To learn more about East Millbrook's magnet program, or to schedule a tour of our school, please contact Diane Petteway (919) 501-7959 or dpetteway@wcpss.net.

Please visit www.wcpss.net/magnet, or contact the magnet resource center at 919.501.7900 or magnetcenter@wcpss.net for information about program pathways, the application and the selection process.

Win a Free Yearbook

UPLOAD YOUR PHOTOS FOR THE YEARBOOK and WIN A FREE YEARBOOK!

As an EXTRA INCENTIVE, everyone who uploads a photo for the yearbook this year will be entered into a drawing for a FREE YEARBOOK!! (If you purchase/have purchased a yearbook already, don't worry, we'll refund your money if you win).

Field Trips, Student Led Conferences, Class Projects, Moving Museums, Chick-Fil-A Night, you name it, we NEED IT! Just go to the PTA page of the Brooks Website <http://brookses.wcpss.net/pta/> (scroll down for the link).

Anne Scott uploaded some and says, "It was really easy!"

If you don't know student names, just enter unknown and we'll figure it out for you. Pictures are only accessible to yearbook staff.

You can also email your pictures to kjbloom@gmail.com - don't worry, you'll still be eligible for that FREE YEARBOOK!

Questions? Contact Kelly Bloom at kjbloom@gmail.com or 518-1678.

It's time for another Box Tops Contest!

Whether you have 1 or 100 Box Tops, bring them in!

The classroom that collects the most Box Tops will win a **popcorn party!** Also, **one student** will win a random drawing for a **\$5 gift certificate to our school store!**

Box Tops are easy to collect:

- Place ALL Box Tops in a baggie.
- Be sure to write **your name** and **your teacher's name** clearly on the baggie.
- Box Tops that are expired or have the expiration date cut off will NOT be counted
- Turn in Box Tops in to your teacher by **Friday, Dec 18th**.

Ask your Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, friends and neighbors to save their Box Tops for you to help support our school.

Questions? Contact Karen Harlow, karen_harlow1@yahoo.com.

Want to know more about the YooHoo?

Do you have a question or comment about the YooHoo? You can click [here](#) to provide feedback on the YooHoo. You may also contact:

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