

YooHoo

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Coming up...

- **Monday, December 7-10**
Brooks Food Drive
- **Thursday, December 10, 6:30pm**
PTA Board Meeting with special guest speaker, Media Center
- **Thursday, December 10, 7:00pm**
Chorus Concert, Multipurpose room
- **Friday, December 11, 10:30am**
5th Graders DARE Graduation, Multipurpose Room
- **Thursday-Sunday, December 21-January 3**
Winter Break
- **Monday, January 4**
Return to school
- **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

10 - Lindsay Wicks
13 - Kelly Graves
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...

- Speaker at the PTA Board Meeting - Everyone is welcome to attend, not just PTA members
- Welcome 4th and 5th Graders to the School Store
- 5th Graders DARE Graduation
- Brooks Food Drive

From past weeks...

- PTA Board Meeting Speaker
 - 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
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Speaker at PTA Board Meeting

Part of the Safety and Health portion of our School Improvement Plan is to help educate parents on the great food served in the school cafeteria.

Please join us at the December 10th PTA Board meeting at 6:30pm in the Media Center where we will have the privilege of welcoming Marilyn B. Moody, Senior Director of Child Nutrition Services (CNS) for the Wake County Public School System.

Wake County CNS holds the distinction of "District of Excellence" because we have exhibited best practices that support the School Nutrition Association's Keys to Excellence in the areas of Nutrition, Communications, Administration, and Operations. We are one of 30 such programs in the country and the only one in NC at the present time.

Ms. Moody has been with WCPSS since 2001 and has been Senior Director of CNS since 2004. Her background includes teaching in high school and community college nutrition and for 4 years as a WIC nutritionist/director. She holds BS and MS degrees from ECU. She will be joined by Meg Strong, area supervisor for Brooks. They will be bringing some tasty, edible "resources" of foods that parents may not realize are healthy meal components.

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"

5th Graders DARE Graduation

This coming Friday, December 11, our fifth graders will be graduating from the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Program. This semester, our students have worked very hard learning how to say "No" to drugs and alcohol. They have studied tobacco and the negative effects that taking any drug can have on their bodies. In addition, our DARE police officer, Officer Doxbeck, taught our kids how to resist the peer pressure they might encounter in middle school.

In recognition of everything that the fifth graders have learned, students successfully completing the program will be honored on December 11th at 10:30. Please join us in the gym on Friday morning to honor our DARE Graduates!

Brooks Food Drive

This week (December 7-11) Brooks families will be helping other families in need by collecting canned goods to donate to the North Raleigh Ministries. Please help us by sending in a few non-perishable goods with your child.

Thank you in advance for your participation!

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

Technology Update by Sharon Shehdan, Technology Specialist

Hi Parents, With the help of the Brooks PTA, we will now be upgrading our Destination Reading and Math programs as targeted in our School Improvement Plan. These are very old software applications that are not working well with our new server, but the updated versions are compatible and will offer a lot of support for all students. With correlations to our NC Standard Course of Study, teachers will have the opportunity 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.

Also, I wanted to thank all of you for sending in your empty printer cartridges. I recently bought 2 new digital cameras, 2 gig memory cards for both cameras, 3 sets of good Logitech speakers for classrooms, and 6 mousepads for the computer lab with the credits earned just during August and September. Please keep sending your empty cartridges to the lab and we will keep adding more equipment at Brooks.

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's 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

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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