

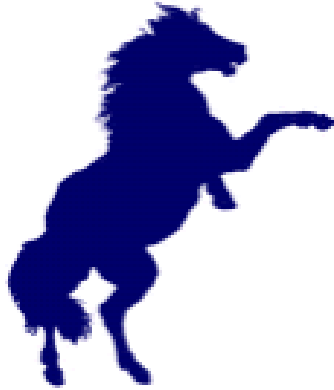
# BROOKFIELD BABBLE

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Brookfield Elementary  
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<http://www.fcps.edu/BrookfieldES>  
<http://www.brookfieldpta.org>

## Welcome!



Dear Parents/Guardians:

We welcome you and your family to the start of another exciting year at Brookfield Elementary. Our commitment is to build upon the successes of last year and continue seeking ways to promote a strong and firm educational foundation for every student in our school. To that end, we encourage you to become and remain actively involved in your student's academic program. Your active participation is the singular most critical factor in his/her achievement. It promotes student attendance and a focus on studies and will reinforce the importance of achievement and education. Parents as partners with the school send a very clear message to their students that learning matters.

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- 1 We will all do a better job with our students if we keep communication
- 1 open between home and school throughout the year. While updating your
- 2 child's emergency and contact information at the beginning of the school
- 2 year, we encourage you to include your email address in order to receive
- 3 information about Brookfield ES through our school's Keep in Touch (KIT)
- 3 notification system. In addition to the monthly publication of the Babble
- 3 we also encourage you to frequently review our school website at
- 3 <http://www.fcps.edu/BrookfieldES/> to find valuable information
- 3 pertaining to school programs, activities and functions throughout the
- 3 year. Here you will find information about Fairfax County Public Schools'
- 4 Keep in Touch and how to sign up for a Parent View account on FCPS
- 24/7 Learning Blackboard site.



On Tuesday, September 13, 2011, Brookfield Elementary will be hosting our Back to School Night for parents/guardians of students in grades K, 1, 2 and 3. On Thursday, September 15, our staff in grades 4, 5 and 6 will provide a program focusing on those grade levels. The programs on both evenings will begin promptly at 7:00 pm in the gymnasium. These two evenings are intended to provide parents an opportunity to meet all of us at the school who will be working with your son or daughter each day. Please note that this annual event is intended for parents only, therefore we encourage you to make necessary child-care arrangements as early as possible. We hope to see you at our Back to School Nights.

### September Events

- ◆ 13 - Back to School Night (K-3), 7:00pm - Gym
- ◆ 15 - Back to School Night (4-6), 7:00pm - Gym
- ◆ 16 - Volunteer Coffee, 9:00am - Cafeteria
- ◆ 30 - Bingo Night, 6:15 pm - 9 pm - Cafeteria

Along with Assistant Principals Mrs. VaRonica Clemons and Mrs. Jennifer Drummond, I want to welcome all of you to what we hope will be your best school year yet. Please do not hesitate to stop by the office or give us a call if we can assist you in any way. Best wishes to you and your family, and "Go Broncos!"

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Mary Miller, Principal

## Meet Your 2011-2012 PTA Board:

**Deb Marciello, President** – I am originally from Boston, Massachusetts and I am a big Boston sports fan. One look at my car and you can tell my loyalties. I have called Virginia my home for the past 10 years. I truly love it here! I have 4 wonderful children. My oldest, William is an 8th grader at Rocky Run. I have two 6th graders, Mackenzie and Kylee and a 2nd grader, Brian at Brookfield. I am the co-chair of the science fair and this year will chair the 6th grade event. I also substitute teach at Brookfield. I am a stained glass artist and own Serenity Glass. I love to spend my free time in my studio using my creative powers. For good, of course! As I continue with my second year as President of the PTA, I look forward to helping to make Brookfield the best it can be. A great year awaits us!

**Tina Clark, 1st Vice President** – I am excited to be back for another great year at Brookfield. My family moved to this area about three years ago, due in part to the wonderful schools, and we are so happy with our decision. I have three daughters: Caroline is in 3rd grade, Lauren is in 1st grade, and Kate is 2 1/2 but thinks she goes to Brookfield, too, since we are there so much! Aside from being on the PTA Board, I am co-chair of the Cultural Arts Committee and head up the Grocery Program. I look forward to working with all of you this year.

**Jennifer Szachara, 2nd Vice President** – I grew up in New Jersey and moved to the Washington, DC area after college. I have lived in Chantilly for 10 years and have 3 children. Veronica is in the 2nd grade, and Evelyn and Ava are in preschool. In addition to volunteering on the PTA Board, I also volunteer on the Abrakadoodle, Cultural Arts and Fun Run programs. I enjoy being a part of the Brookfield community and look forward to a great year!

**Lori Zampielo, Secretary** – I have lived in Virginia my entire life, growing up in Vienna and attending Fairfax County Schools for elementary, middle, and high school. I also taught for 10 years in Fairfax County before having children. I have 3 children and two of them attend Brookfield. Taylor is in 6th grade, and Payton is in 3rd grade. Devon will begin his first year at Franklin Middle. I serve as the Volunteer Coordinator at Brookfield. I also handle Spiritwear orders and help with the Yearbook. I love Brookfield, and look forward to serving as the PTA Secretary again.

**Janice Crowley, Treasurer** – Originally from California, our family moved here in 2000, knowing we were moving to one of the best school districts in the country. I am so proud to say that we have been a Brookfield family for 9 years! We have two children. Sean, 14, is a Brookfield Alumni and is going to be a freshman at Chantilly High School. Claire, 7, is going to be in 2nd grade this year. In addition to my duties on the PTA Board, I will be co-chair of Bingo Night, Science Fair and Grocery Program. I look forward to continuing as Treasurer on the Brookfield PTA Board.

## PTA President's Corner

It's that time again! The first day of school and I am planning to enjoy a bit of quiet time at least until I start to think about all the things that need to be done around my house. I love the structure that the school year provides but as a mom, quiet time is a priceless commodity.

As I begin my second year as president, I must first think of all we accomplished last year. We put on many great events. Through our fundraising, we were able to fund Mrs. Miller's entire funding request. We were also able to purchase a new portable sound system for the music teachers. We are well on our way to replacing all 30 of the cafeteria tables. I look forward to fulfilling Mrs. Miller's request again this year, working toward adding more new cafeteria tables and bringing Brookfield's families some fun events.

This year starts off with the hustle and bustle of the first day and back to school nights (13th & 15<sup>th</sup>) and ends with the outrageously exciting Bingo Night (30<sup>th</sup>)! This is one of our largest and loudest family events. It is not to be missed. We will also host a volunteer coffee (16<sup>th</sup>) where you can learn about all the great ways you can volunteer at Brookfield. Come and learn about all the great ways you can lend your talents and time to Brookfield. There is a committee chair position that is perfect for you!

We will also be bringing a new fundraiser to Brookfield this fall. Claire's Gourmet offers consumable products. Think cheesecake and lots of other goodies for the holidays. The turtle cheesecake is OMG good! Not good for my backside but wow does it taste good. Stop by for a taste at back to school night.

However you approach the new school year, I welcome back our returning families and extend a huge welcome to our new families. I look forward to seeing everyone around school. I am always open to comments, concerns and any questions you may have. Have a great year!

**Deb Marciello, PTA President**

## Get Involved and Help Your Child! Please join the Brookfield PTA!

The Brookfield PTA is excited about the new school year and is looking forward to having you join us! When you join the Brookfield PTA, you help your child succeed and you help our school!

The Brookfield PTA is a partnership between families and teachers to help enrich the lives and the learning environment of all our students. Everyone is welcome to join! Parents, grandparents, teachers, staff - all members of our Brookfield community are invited to be a part of the Brookfield PTA.

Your membership dues will help fund important PTA-sponsored programs that are not available through the Fairfax County Public School budget, such as assemblies, field trips, student enrichment programs, family fun events and much more.

In addition to helping fund these programs, your PTA membership will also give you the opportunity to become even more involved at our school and share in the educational experience of your child.

As a Brookfield PTA member, you can attend monthly PTA meetings to obtain information on PTA & school-wide programs, and have the opportunity to voice your thoughts on what is happening in our school.

You will also have the opportunity to volunteer your talent and time when possible to help enhance the education of every student at Brookfield!

Please consider joining today and being a part of your child's education!

If you have any questions about PTA Membership, please feel free to contact Jennifer Szachara at [pta\\_membership@brookfieldpta.org](mailto:pta_membership@brookfieldpta.org).



### Join the Cub Scouts!!

Cub Scouts is for boys in the  
1<sup>st</sup>-5th grades

Camping                      Hiking  
Outdoor Skills              Fishing  
Sports                          Pinewood Derby  
Community Service  
Conservation Projects  
And much, much more...

#### Contact:

**Shakita Robinson, Cub Master**  
**703-401-0907**  
[kitan3marks@msn.com](mailto:kitan3marks@msn.com)

## FAMILY



## NIGHT

**Friday, Sept. 30**  
**Brookfield Cafeteria**

**Pizza for purchase at 6:15pm**  
**Family BINGO starts at 7:00pm**

**For more information, contact:**  
[bingo\\_night@brookfieldpta.org](mailto:bingo_night@brookfieldpta.org)

### Looking Ahead to October

- ◆ 5 - PTA Meeting, 7 pm - Library
- ◆ 10 - Columbus Day Holiday - No School
- ◆ 22 - Fall Festival, 11 am to 3 pm

The Brookfield Babble is brought to you by the Brookfield PTA. Submissions may be dropped off in the PTA Mailbox or emailed to [babble@brookfieldpta.org](mailto:babble@brookfieldpta.org).

Deadline for submissions is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior. Content from students, parents and teachers are welcomed.

**PTA**  
everychild.onevoice!



# Brookfield Elementary School PTA 2011-2012 Membership Form

Membership dues are \$10.00 per person & are tax-deductible. Please make checks payable to: BROOKFIELD PTA.

Please return this form with your payment (cash or check):

- At Open House – 9/1/11
- At Back to School Night – 9/13/11 & 9/15/11
- In Your Child’s Tuesday Folder
- At A PTA Meeting
- By Mail To: Brookfield PTA, Attn. Membership; 4200 Lees Corner Road, Chantilly, VA 20151

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY / *Favor de escribir con letras legibles*

- Individual (Parent/Staff/Faculty/ *Individuo/Maestros*) # of memberships x \$10.00 each: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Tax-Deductible donation to the PTA (to support technology and other programs) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Member(s) Information /** *Información de Membresía:*

Name(s)/*Nombre(s)* \_\_\_\_\_

Address/*Dirección* \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone/*Teléfono de la casa* \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone(s)/*Teléfono del trabajo* \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone(s)/*Teléfonos celulares* \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address/*Correos electronic* \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Language/*Lenguaje preferido* \_\_\_\_\_

Do you speak a second language? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, which language? \_\_\_\_\_  
*¿Habla otro lenguaje? ¿Cuál lenguaje?*

**Children Attending Brookfield Only/** *Información sobre el Niño Mayor en Brookfield:*

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
*Nombre del Estudiante Maestro(a) Grado*

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
*Nombre del Estudiante Maestro(a) Grado*

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
*Nombre del Estudiante Maestro(a) Grado*

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
*Nombre del Estudiante Maestro(a) Grado*

No student in Fairfax County Public Schools shall, on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin or disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity.

Parents seeking assistance, financial or otherwise, for the children to participate in school field trips and programs should contact the school office at 703-814-8700. *Si necesita cualquier ayuda para que su niño participe en los paseos y programas de la escuela, favor de ponerse en contacto con oficina de escuela al 703-814-8700.*

**Questions about PTA Membership? Contact the PTA Membership Committee at [pta\\_membership@brookfieldpta.org](mailto:pta_membership@brookfieldpta.org)**