



# BROOKS SCHOOL

PARENT NEWSLETTER

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*Olympian and former soccer pro Charlie Davies '04 (center, with boys soccer players) spoke in Chapel this morning about his soccer career, personal challenges and life after Brooks. See [photos from the inspiring visit](#).*

## **Re-Enrollment for Current Students**

The re-enrollment process for returning students has begun in coordination with the Business Office and PowerSchool. Emails have been sent from the Business Office with the link to your student's re-enrollment account. Completed agreements and deposits are due by March 1. If you have questions, or need assistance with this process, contact Student Accounts' [Marie Ranfos](#): (978) 725-6322 or Controller [Jo-Ann Almaraz](#): (978) 725-6321.

## **Join Us at the Boston Alumni and Parent Reception!**

All parents are invited to join us at our annual reception in downtown Boston to enjoy some food and drinks, share good company and hear from John Packard. This year's event will be held on Feb. 13 from 6-8 p.m. at the UMASS Club. Discounted parking is offered after 4 p.m. at the One Beacon garage. Please [RSVP by tomorrow](#).

## **Parents Needed: Community Appreciation Lunch**

On March 25, before students return from spring break, parents treat every employee at Brooks to a special luncheon including a fabulous raffle! Parent volunteers handle every aspect of the event, from set-up to cooking,

servicing and clean up, as well as raffle donations. This is YOUR chance to say thank you to the teachers, coaches, advisors, custodians, business office, nurses and librarians: each person who plays a role in your child's Brooks experience.

Please sign up [here](#) to bring a dish and/or to volunteer your time. Curious about raffle donations? They run the gamut: sporting event tickets, restaurant gift certificates, themed gift baskets, AMEX gift cards, golf outings, experiences... Anything and everything is accepted and greatly appreciated! Even if you don't live around the corner, you can still help -- just ask us how! Contact Parents Committee volunteers [Sheila Serrao P'15, P'20](#) and [Jeannie Sullivan P'22](#) with any questions or if you have an item to donate. Thank you!

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## Brooks' Fourth-Annual Giving Day

It's here! We are excited to hold our fourth-annual Giving Day on Monday, with one central goal: #Brooks371 -- one gift for each current student on campus. All Giving Day messaging will be directed toward Brooks alumni; however, parents might notice the flood of fun content throughout this special day on Brooks' [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#). Go Brooks!

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## Treats for Your Sweets

We're still looking for a few more volunteers to bring in baked goods and to help set up and staff tables at our event on Feb. 14! Please contact [Joan Ziady P'18, P'20, P'22](#) if you would like to help out.

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## A Note From The Health & Wellness Center

A reminder to please call your student out absent if they are sick: (978) 725-6206, or email [health@brooksschool.org](mailto:health@brooksschool.org). A student must be fever-free for 24 hours, without any fever-reducing medication. If the student is out for vomiting, it must be 24 hours since they last vomited, as well.

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## Lehman Art Center Opening

Join us for a reception for the opening of the new exhibit in the Lehman Art Center: "Ice Color," by mixed media artist Kristi Kohut. Named one of seven "next-big-thing artists" by Elle Decor magazine, her bold vibrant art and textiles are sought after by top interior designers, collectors and brands. Kohut's process is inspired by color and pattern found in nature, often using a variety of media including watercolor, pastels, ink, acrylic and glass beads. We would love to see you at the event on Feb. 28 at 7 p.m.!

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## Gifts From Home Special for Valentine's Day

Surprise your student with a Valentine treat! We have three options, all of which are homemade:

- Treat 1: A half-dozen "Love Monster" cupcakes (\$20)
- Treat 2: A half-dozen cupcakes and a half-dozen mini whoopie pies (\$25)
- Treat 3: A half-dozen gluten-free Funfetti cupcakes (\$20)

To order, contact Dawn Morrison at (978) 725-6300 x3112.



## Student Activities This Weekend

Click [here](#) to see all the activities, including a free trip to go surfing at SkyVenture and Bingo!

## The P.A.C.: Parents' Academic Corner

The Brooks Peer Tutor program connects students with [peer tutors](#) with the goal of working together to clarify questions, gain a deeper understanding of concepts and prepare for assessments and long-term assignments. It is beneficial to all involved as students appreciate the chance to work with their peers and the peer tutors get to practice their mentoring skills. Students work together over weeks, and even semesters, and develop strong bonds around teaching and learning. Recently a peer tutor shared the following:

*"I've been a peer tutor for the past two years, and this year I started doing one-on-one math tutoring with a third form student. We've been meeting every week since mid-September. When we meet, we always start by catching up on how our weeks have been and then proceed to dive into Algebra 2. If we have extra time, I'll help her with some of her other homework or we'll chat about school and our lives. I enjoy our sessions as I not only get to help her learn more math, but we've also become friends and enjoy meeting together. Meeting for an extended amount of time has also allowed me to get a good sense of what styles of tutoring work best for her so our meetings are more effective. One-on-one tutoring has been a good experience for me, and I think it's a great way of helping out fellow students!"*

### Upcoming Events

- Feb. 13: Boston Reception, 6 p.m.
- Feb. 14: Parents Committee's Treats for Your Sweets (on campus)
- Feb. 18: Florida Alumni and Parent Reception, 6-8 p.m.
- Feb 21-23: Winter Musical: "Hairspray"
- Feb. 25: San Francisco Alumni and Parent Reception, 6-8 p.m.
- Feb. 27: Los Angeles Alumni and Parent Reception, 6-8 p.m.

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