



# BROOKS SCHOOL

PARENT NEWSLETTER



## Thank You, Parents!

We at Brooks School can't thank our parents enough for treating us all to wonderful food and fantastic raffles at the [Parents Committee's](#) Community Appreciation Lunch on Monday. This is an event we look forward to all year and are so grateful. A special thank you to the chairs of this fabulous event: Sheila Serrao P'15, P'20, Susan Barry P'13, P'16, P'18 and Stephanie George P'19.

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## Tonight: College Work & Readiness Assessment

This evening, a sample of four-year sixth-formers (both day and boarding) are expected to take the College Work and Readiness Assessment (CWRA). The students involved have been notified. They should meet at the Luce Library at 6:50 p.m. The test is two hours long and is conducted online with school computers. The CWRA measures problem-solving and critical thinking skills; students are not expected to prepare for it. Students should bring a pen or pencil with them. Please direct questions to Associate Head for Academic

## Join Us For "The Run For The Troops"

Brooks School is rallying a team for [The Run for the Troops 5K](#) in Andover on April 22 at 9 a.m. Proceeds from the walk/run help build homes for wounded veterans and aid combat veterans with PTSD issues. Click [here](#) to register (and be sure to select "Join a Team" and "Brooks School"). The cost is \$30, which includes a t-shirt to wear on that day. If you register and join our team today, your shirt will say "Brooks School," but you can register anytime before April 20.

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## Student Activities this Weekend

Click [here](#) to see what's going on this weekend. Highlights include a Culture Dance and an Easter egg hunt!

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## Re-enrollment for Returning Students

The deadline for re-enrollment is coming up on April 1. If you have not yet completed this process, please use the email link sent from the Brooks School Business Office to complete the electronic agreement and pay your deposit. If you have questions, or need assistance with this process, please contact Marie Ranfos in Student Accounts: [mrانfos@brooksschool.org](mailto:mrانfos@brooksschool.org); (978) 725-6322 or Jo-Ann Almaraz, Controller: [jalmaraz@brooksschool.org](mailto:jalmaraz@brooksschool.org); (978) 725-6321.

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## Yearbook Information

Click [here](#) for information about how students get copies of the yearbook and how parents can purchase ads to share photos and messages. Please note: April 1 is the deadline for purchasing ad space and submitting all materials.

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## Parents Committee Final Meeting: Please RSVP!

The final [Parents Committee](#) meeting of the year will be April 13 from 4 to 5 p.m. Come get a sneak-peek tour of the new [Center for the Arts](#) and hear Head of School John Packard speak on the state of the school. This will require an RSVP, as we need to know the number of people attending the tour. Please email Parent and Alumni Assistant Nicole Jackson: [njackson@brooksschool.org](mailto:njackson@brooksschool.org) if you are interested in joining us.

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## New Exhibit in the Lehman Art Center

Come view Michael Kolster's "Horizon Markers" from March 7 through April 20. The opening reception will be held at the [Lehman Art Center](#) on April 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. Kolster is a 2013 Guggenheim Fellow and teaches photography at Bowdoin College. "Horizon Markers" examines the inadvertent fusion of Hawaiian lava and plastic beach trash into what geologists term plastiglomerates, which they believe will enter the fossil record as a horizon marker of the Anthropocene.

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## Grandparents Day is April 14

Invitations have been sent! [Program highlights](#) include: classes with grandchildren, family portraits, overview of the new [Center for the Arts](#), a reception at Head of School John Packard's home, and athletic contests. If you have questions or would like to RSVP, contact Parent and Alumni Assistant Nicole Jackson: [njackson@brooksschool.org](mailto:njackson@brooksschool.org); (978) 725-6258.

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## Coming Soon: Rob Surette, Speed Painter!

On April 21, all are welcome (parents too!) to come see world-famous speed-painter Rob Surette as he creates gigantic masterpieces in mere minutes. Rob is a top-tier, master fine artist for Disney, Star Wars, DreamWorks, DC Comics and The Muppets. He has appeared on the "Today Show," "Good Morning America," "The Tonight Show" and "The Oprah Winfrey Show." Surette's performance will be at 8 p.m. in the Athletic Center.

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## Sixth-Form Parents

An email recently went out inviting you to the annual Sixth-Form Parent Dinner and Slideshow on April 27. Please email Nicole Jackson: [njackson@brooksschool.org](mailto:njackson@brooksschool.org) to RSVP. Graduation is also on the horizon! For the 2018 Commencement Weekend schedule, click [here](#).

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## Brooks Prom 2018

- The Prom will be held this year at the Danversport Yacht Club, 161 Elliott Street, Danvers, MA on April 29.
- The Prom is for fifth- and sixth-form students and their invited guests.
- Prom tickets are \$85. Tickets were sold during lunch this week. Tomorrow is the last day to purchase them. Students may pay with cash or by check. Checks should be made payable to *Brooks School* with "prom" in the memo line.
- Gibley's Tuxedos will be on campus April 10 and 11 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for tuxedo fittings. The price is \$130 (cash, check or credit card) and includes everything students will need for Prom. Gibley's will deliver the tuxedos to school prior to Prom, and then pick them up from campus.
- Click [here](#) for the Prom day itinerary.

This year we are looking for parents to volunteer to help with decorating! Our theme is "By the Sea," and we will need assistance with planning/creating decorations (prior to the event) and then decorating the venue (the day of Prom, starting at 4 p.m.). If you would like to help, please contact Student Activities Coordinator Laura Hajdukiewicz: [lhajdukiewicz@brooksschool.org](mailto:lhajdukiewicz@brooksschool.org); (978) 725-3351.

Once again, we will be asking for parents to contribute to the parent-sponsored post-Prom dessert for students and chaperones, held back on Brooks' campus. Please contact Nicole Jackson: [njackson@brooksschool.org](mailto:njackson@brooksschool.org); (978) 725-6258 if you'd like to contribute something yummy.

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## Upcoming Parent Events

Apr. 10: Washington, D.C., Parent & Alumni Reception, The Hamilton, 6:30 p.m.

Apr. 13: Parents Committee Meeting, 4 p.m.

Apr. 14: Grandparents' Day

Apr. 19: Parents of Latino Students Dinner, Cafe Azteca, 5:30 p.m.

Apr. 27: Sixth-Form Parent Dinner, 6 p.m.

Apr. 29: Prom

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