Agenda

• Introduction
• New Fundraiser
• Field Trip Experience Committee
• Gala Update
• School Budget
• Q&A
Support for Family Night
Shop for Brent

• Robert Brent Elementary School’s ID: 40725

• Only have to sign up once, not each year like some other programs

• The program only runs until March 15, 2018
Shop for Brent

• Harris Teeter School Code: 7117

• Sign up at escript.com (Group ID #: 11873183)

• Register your Safeway Club Card

http://www.brentelementary.org/support-brent.html
Amazon Smile

• Go to smile.amazon.com

• Brent PTA gets 0.5% of each eligible purchase

• Robert Brent Parent Teacher Association has received $795.48 as of February 2018. Up over $200 since August.
For Example

Swagasaurus Rex

FreezrBoy Refrigerator Magnets (Dry-Erase Whiteboard Set)

Price: $29.99 ✓prime

Get $70 off instantly. Pay $0.00 upon approval for the Amazon Prime Rewards Visa Card.

Only 3 left in stock - order soon.

Want it Thursday. Place your Order within 15 hrs 21 mins and choose One-Day Shipping at checkout. Details

Sold by Swagasaurus Rex and Fulfilled by Amazon. Gift-wrap available.

- Large Magnets, Screen is 16 inches by 12 inches
- Removable - no fridge marks!
- Fits on refrigerators of all sizes - Mini Fridges as well!
- DRY ERASE FRIENDLY WHITEBOARD - washes right off! (Marker not included)
- Set of 6 magnets
Shade Structure Program Award!

• Brent was awarded $8,000 from the American Dermatological Association

• The award will fund a shade structure on the playground (think sail-type shade)

Thank you Lyndsey Medsker and Joanna Cohen for their help in securing this grant!!!
Upcoming Events

• March 9, Friday – TB Test Readings
• March 14, Wednesday – March PTA Board Meeting
• March 21, Wednesday - DCPS mobile fingerprinting unit @ Brent (MUST HAVE A VALID TB TEST)
• March 22, Thursday – Argent Fundraiser
• April 11, Wednesday - March PTA Board Meeting
• April 20, Friday – Taste of the Hill
• April 25, Wednesday – April PTA General Meeting
Brent-Argent PTA Fundraiser
Meet the Founders

Sali Christenson and Elenor Turner
Thursday, March 22

• Argent is functional clothing for the working woman
• Join us at Argent Boutique (1921 8th St., NW) for an evening of Shopping, wine, and networking
• This is a fundraiser event so prepare to spend some money to help raise funds for the PTA at Brent
• Argent will donate 10% of proceeds the evening of March 22 from 6-8 pm
• Please RSVP to PARTY@ARGENTWORK.com
Field Trip Experience Committee

Scarlett Utsick
Dunniela Kaufman Levin
Adi Segal
Genevieve Taft-Vazquez
Mission and Goals of the Committee

Mission Statement
Strengthen overall Brent student experience by enhancing the field experience program to align with academic curriculum, explore the diverse cultural resources available in Washington DC and to promote hands-on learning outside of the classroom.

Goals
• Work together with Brent Faculty to ensure consistency and continuity in field experiences.
• Support staff to identify additional field experiences that align with curriculum while leveraging Brent’s location.
Committee Meetings, planning and Communication

Re-occurring Meetings and planning:

- Document existing and desired field trips by grade. Renwick Museum was a huge success!
- Leverage Brent community to identify potential field experiences
- Monkey survey – Flyer in Tuesday News – Parents, we need your help. What are your connections?
- Establish formal partnerships with museums and other learning institutions
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**Communication Recommendations:**

- Follow DCPS Field Trip Guidance (required info, timeline for sharing info, etc).
- Establish routine emails to parents about trip goals and curricular links to include questions to engage students at home.
- Online Brent School Calendar with all field trips updated regularly – multi-grade information.
“more in-depth tour of the white house, if any parents have current connections”

FIRST GRADE –
• Monuments tour during American symbols unit

SECOND GRADE –
• National Museum of the American Indians-

THIRD GRADE –
• Speakers from the executive branch-

FIFTH GRADE –
• Civil War trips  - American History Trips
• Social Justice speakers –
• People that use editing in their jobs – NPR, journalists…
Volunteer Opportunities - Chaperone

We now know that all chaperones need to contact a background test.

1) Conduct a TB test (takes 2 visits) Medstar across from the Eastern Market is a great place to have this done.

2) Once you have the TB test cleared – you must have a finger print background test conducted. Friday 8:30 am to 9:30 am and 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. You must have your TB test in hand to conduct this clearance.
Contact Information for Field Trip Experience Committee

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The Brent Elementary School Parent Teacher Association cordially invites you to the Taste of the Hill Brent Elementary Gala.

Friday April 20, 2018
7:00-11:30PM
Ajax DC

This extraordinary evening includes sampling foods from your favorite DC restaurants, wine pairings, auction, and dancing. Attire: cocktail/chic. Proceeds benefit the students and programs at Brent Elementary School.
5 Ways to Support the Gala...

1. Buy Tickets!
   • Early Bird Ticket Pricing ENDS March 9th @ Midnight!
   • Buy Virtual Tickets for grandparents and friends to bid!

2. Invite Neighbors & Friends to Join You!
   • Join Brent Bear in spreading the word on Social Media
   • The more people in the room, the more money the auction will make

3. Solicit Auction Items that Sell!
   • Travel/Vacation Homes, Tickets, Unique Experiences
   • Think about resources available to you and ASK - friends, family, boss?
   • Solicit items for class baskets so you have more to spend at the auction!

4. Solicit Sponsorships
   • Sponsorships range in level from $250-$5000 cash donation
#5 Support our Generous Sponsors…

PLATINUM SPONSORS: $2000

SILVER SPONSORS: $500

Chris Cox
First Savings Mortgage Corporation

GOLD SPONSORS: $1000

BRONZE SPONSORS: $250

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CAPITAL COMMUNITY PROPERTIES.COM

PHIL & JEANNE & MEG
RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE

POHANKA
SERVING DC · MD · VA
100 YEARS
SINCE 1919

clear skies
STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS

Lawlor
Architects

NSC-Partners
creating a vibrant riverfront community

dc access

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Things to look forward to....Food & Drink from your favorite restaurants

ACQUA®
AL2

Cava
mezze

The Sweet Lobby

NooShi
oodles noodles & sushi

Hank's Oyster Bar

AGUA301
Modern Mexican

Chat's Liquors
Capitol Hill
Fabulous Auction Items plus much, much more!

- Winter Weekend Getaway - Deep Creek Lake
- Passes to Steve & Kate’s Camp
- Hall & Oats Concert Tickets
- Free Haircut
- 1 Year Membership to Capital Bikeshare
- Friday night at Bobby McKey’s Dueling Piano Bar
- Garrison Gift Card
- Tippie Toes Star for a Day

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Got Questions?

- Visit www.501Auctions.com/brentgala (link on Brent Homepage)

- Ask a Gala Committee Member!
  - Gala Chair: Claire Portolese, cmportolese@gmail.com
  - Food & Beverage Chair: Seth Shapiro, sethshapiro17@gmail.com
  - Auction Chair: Kellie Nasser, kellienasser@gmail.com
  - Sponsor Chair: Meg Shapiro, meganshapiro@me.com
  - Class Basket Chair: April Boyd, april.boyd@yahoo.com
  - Class Art Chair: Ana Townsend, anishti@yahoo.com
  - Event Advisor: Tasha Ferguson, tashap02@hotmail.com
  - Teacher Liaison: Whitney Paxson, wpaxson@ymail.com
The Planning Triumvirate

- SCHEDULE

- STAFFING

- BUDGET
The Budget Process

- Our Two Budgets

- Contributing Community Members: Faculty, LSAT, PTA

- Budget Submission
Our Allocation: More Money!

- 8% population growth
- About $600,000 increase in our allocation
- Faculty “cost” also increased
- English Language Learner (ELL) Teacher allocation
- Reduced adult:student ratio (12:1->10:1)
Guiding Principle One: Growth

- Physical
- Achievement
- Social Emotional
- Adult Capacity Building
Guiding Principle Two: Advancing the potential of every student

- Ending Center for Inspired Teaching Partnership
- Structures for academic and social/emotional intervention
- Co-teachers at every grade
- Proactive social skills development (including recess)
Guiding Principle Three: Becoming a strong field experience school

- Continuity of field trips
- Expanding the definition: visiting artists/professionals at every grade level
Guiding Principle Four: Strengthening specials

- Atelierista
- Revised Schedule
- Deepening the club experience
- Facilitating planning and collaboration
Guiding Principle Five: Strengthening our Foundations

- Professional Development Focus Areas
- Coaching
- RTI
Next Steps

- Crafting the PTA Budget
- Scheduling
- Space
- ENROLLMENT!
- Q&A