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BRENT ELEMENTARY

Comming Up

Wednesday, October 20
Brent Diversity Working Group
October Meeting
6:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m.
Zoom login info:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84380131486
pwd=dTFvenRiU3dHamIzRFdkWU4vSGxDUT09
Meeting ID: 843 8013 1486
Passcode: 542724

Saturday, October 23
Brent Fall Clean-up Day
9 a.m. - noon
Brent Front Grounds
Please sign up to join us, share a tool (or a few), or donate a food or other supply item. Please also remember to bring your own garden/work gloves and face masks!

Wednesday, October 27
Brent Community Meeting on

Key Information

Main Office Number
202-698-3363

Main Email Account
brentelementary@k12.dc.gov

Website
http://www.brentelementary.org/

DCPS Reopen Strong School
Reopening Information
https://dcpsreopenstrong.com/

DCPS Meal Service Menus
https://dcps.dc.gov/page/sodexoma
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Facebook
facebook.com/BrentElementaryScho
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Twitter
twitter.com/brentelementary

Instagram
instagram.com/BrentBears
Race and Identity  
6:30 - 8 p.m.  
Zoom information  
https://zoom.us/j/97317488056?pwd=T2haVkRJbm94ZDdPbFNkekJQK29Udzo9  
Meeting ID: 973 1748 8056  
Passcode: 770051  

Tuesday, November 2  
Election Day  
No school for students and teachers  

Friday, November 5  
Records Day  
No school for students  

Saturday, November 6  
Brent Veterans Day Celebration at JBAB  
2-5 p.m.  
Joint Base Anacostia Bolling (JBAB)  

Thursday, November 11  
Veterans Day  
Brent closed  

Wednesday, November 24 -  
Friday, November 26  
Thanksgiving Break  
No school for students and teachers  

Thursday, December 2 - Sunday, December 5  
Brent Holiday Sale  
Please consider volunteering some time and indicate if you have time/day preferences on the signup sheet.  
Working hours for volunteers are:  
Thursday - 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Friday - 4 p.m. - 9 p.m., Saturday - 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sunday - 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.  

Thursday, December 23 - Friday, December 31  

Join the A-Z Brent Directory  
https://atozconnect.com/cls/related_entities_list.php  

DCPS School SY21-22 Calendar  

From the DCPS Chancellor  
https://dcpsreopenstrong.com/category/chancellor/  

Sign up for Tues News and other community communications  
http://eepurl.com/gzPB8z  

Innovation Learning Contact Information  
Site Coordinator - Monique Davis - brent@innovationlearning.com  
Customer Service Number - 866-239-3661  
www.innovationlearning.com  

Asymptomatic Testing Information  
OSSE Letter to Families  
Accessing Test Results Instructions  

New - Return to School Guidelines  
Exclusion and Dismissal Criteria and Protocols for Schools  

New - Daily Screening Questions  
Daily Screening Questions for Families with Students Attending Schools
Winter Break
No school for students and teachers

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Brent students release monarch butterflies.
Brent’s Picture Day a Success!

Brent’s picture day was a success! A big thanks to the PTA volunteers and photographers. We are excited to see the pictures in a couple of weeks.

Pictures will be available approximately three weeks following our school's photo day. Save time and Pre-order online here: [https://vando.imagequix.com/g1000875808](https://vando.imagequix.com/g1000875808).

For questions about your order, please email: underclass@vosphoto.com.
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Join the Diversity Working Group October meeting to:

1. Dig into the plans and readings for the joint October 27 Community Meeting with the PTA, which will focus on how our racial identities shape how we show up in the Brent community
2. Connect with other parents, caregivers, and school staff in an inclusive environment.

Visit brentelementary.org for Zoom login information.
ASL INTERPRETERS WILL BE PROVIDED.

CALLING ALL BRENT BEARS!

BRENT COMMUNITY MEETING ON RACE AND IDENTITY
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27!
VIRTUAL
6:30 - 8 P.M.
JOIN THE DISCUSSION ON RACIAL EQUITY AND IDENTITY

Join other parents, caregivers, and staff to talk about how our racial identities shape how we show up in the Brent community. In preparation for the conversation, the Diversity Working Group has curated a set of readings, podcasts, and videos that explore race equity and identity. Visit brentelementary.org to view the pre-meeting assignments!

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- **National Museum of African American History and Culture: Being Antiracist** (read/watch)
- **Peggy McIntosh: “How to recognize your white privilege—and use it to fight inequality”** (watch)
- **Learning for Justice: “Students Say Teach the Truth”** by Elizabeth Kleinrock or “**Humanity, Healing and Doing the Work**” by Crystal L. Keels (read)
- **New York Times + Serial: ”Nice White Parents” Podcast** (listen)

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Brent Ping Pong Spirit Party

Two tickets just opened up for the first ever Brent Ping Pong Spirit Party! This event will be held on 23 Oct from 3-6 p.m. on Capitol Hill. This is a mixed doubles event for adults and admission ($100 per couple) includes drinks and heavy appetizers with ALL ticket sales going to the Brent PTA. Champions will receive a prized trophy and there will also be an award for best style. Please contact Kimberlystokes82@gmail.com if interested!

Dear Brent Bear families,

Thanks to those of you who made it out to Audi Field on Saturday for Brent Elementary Night! It was fun to see so many families! And shout out to our
parent volunteers who helped make Picture Day a success!! We hope to see you this weekend at Fall Cleanup Day!

Important Announcements!

- The annual supply fee is collected by the PTA to cover the direct costs of annual classroom and specials supplies and books for classroom libraries. Buying in bulk allows for considerable cost savings on yearly supplies! Unlike last year, this is a one-time fee.
- **We need 29 more students to reach our goal!**

Volunteer for the Holiday Sale!

- Thursday, December 2 - Sunday, December 5
- The Brent Holiday Sale is one the biggest sources of funds for the PTA and fun for volunteers! It will start with unloading of the trees the afternoon of Wed, Dec 1. We need lots of help! Please consider volunteering some time, and indicate if you have time/day preferences on the signup sheet.
- Working hours for volunteers are: Thursday - 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Friday - 4 p.m. - 9 p.m., Saturday - 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sunday - 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Upcoming PTA Events
Fall Grounds Clean-Up Day!

- Saturday, October 23, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Brent Main Doors
- Please join the 4th grade and the Brent Green Team for the Fall Clean-up Day!
- Please sign up to join us, share a tool (or a few) or donate a food or other supply item. Please also remember to bring your own garden/work gloves and face masks!
- Note: rain date will be Sunday, Oct 24.

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**Brent Elementary Veterans Appreciation Day!**

• Saturday, November 6, 2-5 p.m., Joint Base Anacostia Bolling (JBAB)
• Thanks to those who registered! More details coming soon!

**Brent Bears at the Trot for Hunger 5K!**

• Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, November 25, Freedom Plaza
• Join the Brent Elementary Bears at the 20th Annual So Others May Eat (SOME) Trot for Hunger. This will be Brent's 7th year participating, and our teams have a sterling record of placing in the top 10 fundraisers--in 2019 we were able to raise almost $2500. We'd love to revive this tradition for 2021!
• More details can be found by going here: Brent Bears team sign up or contacting Mary Claire York, maryclaireb@gmail.com.

Best,
Your 2021-22 Brent PTA Board

Contact us! rsaxtonf@gmail.com neeraj.bhat@gmail.com
DGS Facilities Maintenance Division (FMD) Annual Cooling to Heating System Switchover Operation

As the District’s implementation agency for all District owned and managed facilities, the Department of General Services (DGS) is preparing for cold temperatures during the 2021 winter season, as a part of our annual Fall and Winter Readiness Operations.

To prepare for cold temperatures this winter, the Department of General Services will be working with all District of Columbia government properties to transfer air conditioning (HVAC) systems to heating and ventilation, and from air conditioning to heating.

All DC government properties are undergoing a transitional phase of switching from cooling season to heating season. This annual switchover phase begins the third week of October and last for approximately 30-45 days.

Please note the as we transition to heat, industrial sized facilities, such as schools and recreational centers, may take a day to switch the system from cooling to heating. Unlike residential properties switching from cooling to heating involves major HVAC engineering work and systems cannot switch back to cooling once taken offline until the following season. During this time, temperatures may fluctuate 30 degrees within a 24-hour period impacting target comfort levels.

To help keep buildings, occupants, staff, and visitors as comfortable as possible during the heating transition, DGS recommends the following activities to optimize comfort in your space once the process is initiated:

- Ensure thermostats are set properly (comfort range is 68-74 degrees)
- Remove any items causing blockage of vents or Air Handling Units
- Open windows. Windows should be closed once the heating system is fully operational
- Stay hydrated, bring a refillable water bottle if possible
- Notify on-site facility maintenance staff if there is additional support required
- Report any heating related issues to your designated facility maintenance or operations POC or call 202-576-7676.

The Department of General Services (DGS) remains committed to providing safe and efficient air filtration, ventilation and comfort within all District buildings and appreciates your patience during this annual heating transition period.

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Brent Asymptomatic Testing Day!

Brent COVID Reporting - Covers Previous Seven Days - Staff and Students on Campus

Asymptomatic Testing - October 14, 2021 - 96 students tested with accepted test samples - 22% of Brent's student population

Positive cases reported at school - 0
Close contacts identified at school - 0
Number of close contacts positive - 0

Principal Corner

Dear Brent Community,

Since the start of the year, Penelope Miller has been a Resident Principal at Brent as part of the DCPS RISE Residency Program. The one-year program is designed to partner Residents with Mentor Principals and school communities in preparation for a full-time principal role within DCPS.

As of the formal announcement yesterday, Ms. Miller’s transition to a principal role is occurring on an accelerated schedule. Please see Ms. Miller’s note below...
for more information about her new role.

We are grateful for Ms. Miller’s contributions in her short time at Brent and look forward to hearing about Ludlow Taylor’s successes in the months ahead!

Sincerely,

Norah Lycknell

Dear Brent Community,

I am excited to share that I will be following a new opportunity to become an interim principal at another DCPS school, Ludlow Taylor, beginning October 25. At the same time, my heart is heavy as I have grown to love the Brent community – teachers and staff, children, parents – with my whole heart. The amazing classes for which I am their bee are such a big part of my love and joy at Brent. The relationships I have begun here are so special. Making the move to the RISE resident program filled me with anticipation. You all have welcomed me and made me feel part of your team in a short amount of time. This speaks to the connections you already have and will continue to have as a school.

Thank you for welcoming me, allowing me to learn from you and with you, and for your kindness and humor. I am so grateful! While a transition this time of year is always hard, I hope that you will readily call on me if I can ever do anything to support you or Brent. Wish me luck! I will take the kindnesses you offer with me and know I offer you kindness in return.

Penelope

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