**Brent ES Tues News - October 12, 2021**

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**THE TUES. NEWS 10.12.2021**

**BRENT ELEMENTARY**

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**Coming Up**

**Wednesday, October 13**

ECE Family Workshop  
Trauma & Resilience: Building Strength in Young Children  
6 - 7 p.m.  

**Friday, October 15**

Principal's Coffee  
8:30 - 9 a.m.  
Brent front grounds  

**Picture Day**  
Uniform-Free Day

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**Please review the photographers' updated COVID policy found here:** [www.vosphoto.com/covid](http://www.vosphoto.com/covid)

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**Key Information**

**Main Office Number**  
202-698-3363

**Main Email Account**  
brentelementary@k12.dc.gov

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**Website**


**DCPS Reopen Strong School Reopening Information**

[https://dcpsreopenstrong.com/](https://dcpsreopenstrong.com/)

**DCPS Meal Service Menus**

[https://dcps.dc.gov/page/sodexoma\nic-elementary-menus](https://dcps.dc.gov/page/sodexoma\nic-elementary-menus)

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**Facebook**

[facebook.com/BrentElementarySchool](https://facebook.com/BrentElementarySchool)

**Twitter**

[twitter.com/brentelementary](https://twitter.com/brentelementary)

**Instagram**

[instagram.com/BrentBears](https://instagram.com/BrentBears)

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Deadline to register for Saturday, November 6 event at Joint Base Anacostia Bolling (JBAB)  
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Saturday, October 16
Brent Elementary School Night at D.C. United!
7:30 p.m.
Audi Field

Saturday, October 23
Brent Fall Clean-up Day
9 a.m. - noon
Brent Front Grounds

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.
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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.

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
Brent students with Brent's science teacher, Mr. Mangiaracina, studying DC's urban wildlife.
Brent School Picture Day is Friday, October 15.
This will be a uniform-free day!
Take the Brent Picture Day Challenge -
Can you guess the Brent staff in these pictures?
Virtual Author’s Visit by Chloe Whitcomb, 4th grade

On October 5, 2021, Politics and Prose hosted a virtual visit with author Christian McKay Heidicker, which Ms. Arbuckle’s class, the Empathetic Elephants, attended. The author talked about his book “Scary Stories for Young Foxes” and its sequel, “Scary Stories for Young Foxes: The City.”

He said that he got the ideas for “Scary Stories for Young Foxes” from the original ghost stories that include vampires, witches, and zombies, but with “Scary Stories for Young Foxes: The City,” he got ideas from modern ghost stories that include alien abductions, malfunctioning technology, and people that you thought you could trust, but they turn evil.

At the end, he took questions. When the question “What do you do when you get stuck in writing, and why did you choose foxes?” came up, he answered, “when I get stuck, I write an ending like blah, blah, blah, and move on to the next part. Later I come back up to it and fill it in. I chose foxes because it just popped in my head one day, and it would be way too creepy to have a human get rabies and attack people.”
We all found this visit quite enjoyable. Thank you, Politics and Prose, for arranging this, it was very interesting and we learned a lot.

We Still Need Your Help Securing Parking Passes for All Brent Staff

If you live near Brent and are able to share some of your parking privileges with Brent staff, please consider signing up to share a parking pass with a teacher or staffer. We need five families to share parking passes, as there are no on-campus spaces for any staff. School and parent leaders are exploring longer-term solutions, but for the moment, the need for parking is urgent! Zia Faruqui has created a spreadsheet for coordinating with staff who need a pass and a document explaining how to create and share passes. Zia (faruqui@gmail.com) or Andrew Pratt (appratt@gmail.com) can answer any questions.

DCPS Releases Draft School Year Calendars - Share Your Feedback by Friday, October 22, 2021

DCPS strives to create a calendar that reflects the needs and preferences of DCPS families and staff whenever possible, maximizes learning time for students, and allocates time for our teachers to engage in professional learning and collaboration. In addition to those goals, DCPS adheres to requirements related to the DC Municipal Regulations as well as agreements with our labor partners. Please share your feedback on the proposed calendars for school year 2023-2026 through the survey - https://publicinput.com/dcpscalendars2326 - by Friday, October 22.

Proposed Calendars

SY23-26 Proposed Calendars.pdf
ECE FALL FAMILY WORKSHOPS

Join us this Wednesday for our next workshop!

Trauma & Resilience: Building Strength in Young Children
October 13th, 6:00–7:00 pm

[bit.ly/brentfamilyworkshop2]

Addressing Challenging Behavior in Young Children
November 3rd, 6:00–7:00 pm

[bit.ly/brentfamilyworkshop3]
A library conference with Brent librarian Ms. Schutte.

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**Care Advisory Team**

Are you interested in being a voice for before care, aftercare, and enrichment at Brent?

To provide out-of-school time care, Brent and DCPS rent the building to a care contractor, currently Innovation Learning. Innovation Learning operates independently of Brent and as a for-fee service to the community.

The Care Advisory Team (CAT) serves as a link between the care contractor and Brent families/faculty/administration. The Team is responsible for setting goals, monitoring, and providing feedback on the following areas:

- Health, Safety and Procedures
- Staffing
- Care Scheduling
- Activities and Programs
- Enrichment Offerings
- Fee Structures
• Contractor Renewal and/or Identification

After a year without care or a Brent CAT, we look forward to reconvening one hour per month at members' convenience. Please email brentelementary@k12.dc.gov by Wednesday, October 13 with your interest.

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Brent PTA Update

Dear Brent Bear families,

We hope you had a wonderful long weekend! We are excited to see many of you this Saturday night at Audi Field! We have a big Brent Bear block of tickets - and we are excited to see our name up on the scoreboard at halftime!

Important Announcements!

This is the last week to register to attend a Veterans Appreciation event for Brent Families at Joint Base Anacostia Bolling (JBAB)

• Saturday, November 6, 2-5 p.m., JBAB
• We will be making care packages for Veterans Day, and our JBAB families are working hard to organize activities that proudly share their military culture and traditions (marching, saluting, flag and cake ceremonies, and more!). This is an outdoor event. You won’t want to miss it!
• To be granted entrance to JBAB, we must submit for pre-clearance the names of all individuals over 18 by October 15, so please register today at the following link: https://forms.gle/8ksxHJ1Vz37VV35eA

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

Brent Elementary School Night at D.C. United!!

• Saturday, October 16, 7:30 p.m., Audi Field
• Please join D.C. United for a Brent Elementary School Night! This special group offer is for students, staff and families of Brent Elementary School. Buy your discounted tickets here! See flyer below for details.

**NEW** 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 to clean up Brent! We will be tackling several important jobs: Building 6 picnic tables for more outdoor seating, Cutting back overgrown or dead vegetation, Pulling weeds in the gardens and ECE raised beds, Removing broken/dangerous garden statuary, Picking up trash, Fixing the rain barrel.
• As you can see, we will need everyone's help to get this work done! 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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Contact us! rsaxtonf@gmail.com neeraj.bhat@gmail.com

https://outlook.office.com/mail/BrentElementary@k12.dc.gov/inbox/id/AQMkAGQwMjFiZDI1LTZiODAtNDU5NS04MjQ3LTYwNDU0MWJkMzA0MABGAA
Brent PTA website: http://www.brentelementary.org/pta.html

Best,
Your 2021-22 Brent PTA Board
BRENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

VETERANS DAY Celebration @ JBAB!

6 NOVEMBER 2021

2-5PM

JOINT BASE ANACOSTIA-BOLLING

Join Brent military families as we proudly share our traditions - marching, saluting, flag and cake ceremonies, and more!

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER!

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D.C. United
vs
Nashville SC

Brent Elementary School

Enjoy the special group offer below for any students who attend a DC Public School students, staff & their families.

October 16, 2021
Gates open at 6:00PM
Kickoff is at 7:30PM

Purchase Tickets Here:
https://fevo.me/3kmxpFq

Questions? Contact Miren Zubillaga at mzubillaga@dcunited.com

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

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

Dear Brent Community,

It is hard to believe that it has been five days since we were last with our students. Still, at arrival this morning, Brent Bears came in with calm, joy and familiarity. They did not miss a beat!

The long weekend culminated in a celebration of Indigenous Peoples’ Day. In 2019, the DC Council joined at least 15 other states and territories in passing emergency legislation to rename Columbus Day as Indigenous Peoples’ Day. President Biden issued a similar Proclamation on Indigenous Peoples’ Day on October 8, 2021.

This week at Brent, many of our classes will read about and discuss the history of the October holiday and the foundational history of Indigenous peoples and Native Nations in this country. To support these conversations at home, please consider these resources:

- Learning for Justice
- National Museum of American Indian
- Indigenous Tribes of Washington, DC
- Pear Deck’s Resources for Celebrating Indigenous Peoples’ Day
- Indigenous Peoples’ Day: Black-Indigenous Youth Advancing Social Justice

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Norah Lycknell
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