Brent ES Summer Tues News - August 10, 2021

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**THE TUES. NEWS 8.10.21**
BRENT ELEMENTARY

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**Coming Up**

**Tuesday, August 10**
PTA Kindergarten Playdate
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Turtle Park - 401 E Street SE

DCPS Parent University: Getting My Child Ready for School This Year
Virtual
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Register at: bit.ly/dcpsrecover

**Wednesday, August 11**
Return to School with Children’s National Hospital and DCPS
5:30 p.m.
Join on line here - https://fb.me/e/I0clyUykf

**Thursday, August 12**
PTA First Grade Playdate
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Garfield Park - 200 F Street SE

**Sunday, August 15**
PTA Second Grade Playdate
3 - 4 p.m.
Garfield Park - 200 F Street SE

**Key Contact Information**

Main Office Number
202-698-3363

Main Email Account
brentelementary@k12.dc.gov

Website
http://www.brentelementary.org/

DCPS Meal Service Menus
https://dcps.dc.gov/page/sodexo-open-meal-site-person-learning-menus

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facebook.com/BrentElementarySchool

Twitter
twitter.com/brentelementary

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**Tuesday, August 17**
DCPS Parent University: Supporting our Students: Accelerating Learning in and out of the Classroom
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, August 19**
PTA Third Grade Playdate
5 - 6 p.m.
Garfield Park - 200 F Street SE

DCPS Parent University: Mentally Preparing Myself and My Child for the New School Year
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, August 21**
PTA Fourth Grade Playdate
10 - 11 a.m.
Garfield Park - 200 F Street SE

**Sunday, August 22**
PTA Fifth Grade Playdate
10 - 11 a.m.
Garfield Park - 200 F Street SE

**Wednesday, August 25**
Class list posted on website and via email

**Friday, August 27**
Back to School Open House - Virtual By Class
3 - 3:30 p.m.
Login information sent home on August 25, 2021

New Family Orientation
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Topic: Brent ES New Parent Orientation
Time: Aug 27, 2021 03:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Join Zoom Meeting
[https://zoom.us/j/94265340867?pwd=b3U2Zm9PLzAwUTZ3YTRBbmVuU0ZYUT09](https://zoom.us/j/94265340867?pwd=b3U2Zm9PLzAwUTZ3YTRBbmVuU0ZYUT09)
Meeting ID: 942 6534 0867
Passcode: 7hC7ms
ASL Interpreters Provided

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

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

DCPS School SY21-22 Calendar

Brent Elementary
Back to School Key Information

School Year 20-21
School Opening Letter from Norah Lycknell, Principal

Attendance Policy SY21-22

A Family Guide to Brent Communication

Bulk Purchasing and Student Supply Fee Program

Before and After School Programming – Innovation Learning
Brent Student Store Flyer

Welcome Letter from the Brent PTA
Monday, August 30
First Day of School for K - 5th
All students need to arrive at school by 8:35 p.m.

Monday, August 30 - Wednesday September 1
ECE Home Visits

Thursday, September 2
First Day of School for ECE Students with last names A - L
All students need to arrive at school by 8:35 p.m.

Friday, September 3
First Day of School for ECE Students with last names M - Z
All students need to arrive at school by 8:35 p.m.

Important – Please review the following information on DCPS Health Form Requirements

District of Columbia policies and regulations require students to submit updated immunization documentation within 20 days of the start of the school year, or they will not
be able to attend until those records are received. The forms can be found here: DC Health and Oral Forms (Immunization Requirements, Universal Health Form, Oral Form). Health and dental forms are valid for one year from the date of the well visit documented on the form.

To help families meet these requirements, as well as give them the opportunity to receive a COVID-19 vaccine, immunization pop-up clinics will be open at schools throughout August and September. DCPS school locations and hours of operation are listed below. Visit https://vaccinate.dc.gov/ to learn more and make an appointment.

Please note, families of students who require medication during the school hours, have asthma, or have severe allergies, should complete the following forms:

- DCPS Medication Plan/Procedure Form (if applicable)
- DC Health Asthma Action Plan (if applicable)
- DC Health Anaphylaxis Plan (if applicable)

Additionally, for students needing dietary accommodations, please complete and submit the following forms:

SY21-22 Medical Dietary Accommodation Form

SY21-22 Milk Substitution and Philosophical Dietary Form

Submit all required health forms to brentelementary@k12.dc.gov.

If you have any questions, please call the Brent main office at 202-698-3363 or email brentelementary@k12.dc.gov.
STAY ON TRACK!

Now more than ever, it’s important that your child receives their immunizations on time.

All DC students **must** be up to date on their immunizations before next school year!

Students who have not received their required pediatric immunizations may be removed from in-person instruction and activities until they receive the required immunizations and provide documentation to the school.

**TAKE THESE THREE STEPS NOW TO GUARANTEE YOUR CHILD IS READY!**

**1. SCHEDULE YOUR CHILD’S ANNUAL WELLNESS VISIT**
Schedule your child’s annual wellness visit today, and ask your healthcare provider to complete the Universal Health Certificate. If your child receives an immunization during the visit, ask for written proof of the immunization that you can share with your school.

**2. MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD HAS RECEIVED ALL OF THEIR IMMUNIZATIONS**
Not sure if your child has received all of their required immunizations? Ask your primary care provider, and request a copy of your child’s immunization history to share with your school.

**3. SUBMIT IMMUNIZATION DOCUMENTS TO YOUR SCHOOL**
Submit the Universal Health Certificate and any other immunization documents to your child’s school to guarantee they are ready for next school year. Not sure if your child’s school has all the immunization documents they need? Call the school and ask today!

For more information:
OSSE: (202) 727-6436 | DC Health: (202) 576-7130 | bit.ly/DCIAP
Brent Elementary School Opening Survey

Brent Elementary is excited to welcome back our returning families and new families to School Year 2021-2022. Last year was an extraordinary year for all. While over 90% of Brent students returned to in person learning last year, we will have new students joining us and the current public health emergency is not over. We created a brief family survey to help guide our planning for the first term. This brief survey asks about SY20-21 learning stance, school readiness, and if social emotional supports are needed. Please complete this brief survey by August 20, 2021 by clicking the button below. If you have any questions, please contact us at 202-698-3363 or brentelementary@k12.dc.gov.

Brent School Opening Survey - Click Here to Complete!
Calling all . . . Brent Bears! Sign up for PTA Volunteer Opportunities Today!

For us to be successful in building community bonds at Brent, your active participation is critical. If you have ever thought about getting more involved with the school, this is the year to do it! We are actively seeking volunteers to help us with the following:

- **Room Parents:** Be the connection between the PTA and your child’s class
- **Event Volunteers** (Fall Picnic, Bake sale, Christmas Tree Sale)
- **School Store:** Help our Brent Bears show their Bear Pride by operating the school store and the uniform swap!
- **Community Service Activities:** Let’s get our Brent Bears out for service days!
- **Yearbook and Picture Day committees:** Capture priceless moments for our children to look back on.
- **Fundraising committees:** The PTA funds nearly 100% of Brent’s non-personnel expenses. Help us reach our fundraising goals by pitching in to organize the Holiday Tree Sale, Annual Fund, Spring Gala, or local Sponsorships.
- **More!** Volunteering is an amazing way to meet new families and participate in discussions that add so much value to our school and children’s lives. Time commitments can range from only a few hours over the year to a few hours a week, but as with most things in life, the more you put in, the more you will get out. We would love to speak with you to find a role that fits your interests.

Please email us at rsaxtonf@gmail.com and neeraj.bhat@gmail.com to volunteer or share your ideas and questions. At Brent, all parents and guardians are automatically members of the PTA membership body, where input, experiences, and ideas are welcome. Please reach out to see how you can join in making our community - and our school - stronger than ever!
CALLING ALL . . . BRENT BEARS

SCHOOL OPENING COUNTDOWN
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
K - 5TH - MONDAY, AUGUST 30
PS3 & PK4 STAGGERED START

Do you have questions about Brent’s school opening?
The Brent summer team is here to help!

Contact us at brentelementary@k12.dc.gov or at 202-698-3363!

We can answer specific questions or schedule a meeting for a more in-depth discussion!

BRAVE EMPATHETIC ACTIVE RESPONSIBLE
Join a Parent University session to learn more about returning to in-person learning for School Year 2021-22!

**Thursday, July 22, 5:30PM**
*Caring for Our Youngest Learners: Reopening Our Pre-K Classrooms*

**Tuesday, August 10, 5:30PM**
*Getting My Child Ready for School this Year: What Will DCPS Look and Feel Like?*

**Tuesday, August 17, 5:30PM**
*Supporting Our Students: Accelerating Learning In and Out of the Classroom*

**Thursday, August 19, 5:30PM**
*Mentally Preparing Myself and My Child for the New School Year*


For questions, e-mail CEO.info@k12.dc.gov
CONSIDERING A TRIP?

To help limit the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) and to protect the health and safety of all children and staff of schools and child development facilities, travel outside of the District, Maryland or Virginia remains discouraged at this time. As travel increases, so does your chances of becoming infected and spreading COVID-19. Staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others from getting sick.

Please remember children, teachers and staff returning from travel outside the District, Maryland or Virginia, or any place other than a low-risk state, territory or country, must complete the following before returning to school or child care:

SELF-MONITOR AND LIMIT DAILY ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING STAYING HOME FROM SCHOOL OR CHILDCARE, FOR 10 DAYS UPON RETURN TO THE DISTRICT

OR

LIMIT ACTIVITIES AND SELF-MONITOR UNTIL THEY ARE TESTED FOR CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) AT LEAST THREE TO FIVE DAYS AFTER THEIR RETURN AND RECEIVE A NEGATIVE RESULT.

NEW: Travel-related testing and quarantine requirements may be waived if an individual:

- Has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days AND does not have any symptoms consistent with COVID-19

- Is fully vaccinated against COVID-19 AND does not have any symptoms consistent with COVID-19.

An individual is considered fully vaccinated 14 days after completion of a COVID-19 vaccination series (after the second dose of a 2-dose series, or after one dose of a single-dose vaccine).

Note: The COVID-19 vaccine is currently not available to children under the age of 16. Non-vaccinated children must continue to follow the travel restrictions before returning to school or child care, even if their parent(s)/guardian(s) are fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

REMEMBER

Individuals must quarantine while awaiting COVID-19 test results.

All individuals who have traveled must closely monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days after their return, including those who are fully vaccinated. If symptoms develop, they must immediately isolate and seek further guidance from a health care provider.

Institutions and employers may enforce additional restrictions, as deemed necessary.

For a list of high-risk states and to learn more about the District’s travel restrictions, please visit: coronavirus.dc.gov/phasetwo.

Please note: Travel is defined as a household member traveling to/from a high-risk state or a household receiving a visitor from a high-risk state. In general, travel requires a 3-5 day period of limited activities followed by a negative COVID test for all household members or a 10-day quarantine period following the point of return.

Also, only COVID - PCR tests (not rapid tests) meet the return to school criteria.

Safety Protocols and Procedures

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Based on our successful experience with in-person learning last year and on current DCPS rules and guidelines, we have developed these layered safety protocols and procedures. This list will be updated as we receive additional information and guidance. Please see the list below.

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<th>Safety Protocols and Procedures</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<td><strong>Arrival</strong></td>
<td>Screening is still required and, to speed our arrival process, a portion will be done earlier to school arrival. Temperatures will not be taken. School arrival will take place between 8:35-8:45 a.m. with instruction starting at 8:45 a.m. The full screening and arrival process will be shared the week of August 23rd. Throughout the year, breakfast will be available to all students at no cost. The playground will not be open in the mornings as it is dedicated to our before care program.</td>
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<td><strong>Before and After Care</strong></td>
<td>Innovation learning will provide before and after care to all who sign up and will follow these same protocols as established during the school day. Please review the summer mailing for more information.</td>
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<td><strong>Cohorting</strong></td>
<td>Cohorting is required only when feasible. In general, we will limit cohort or class limit interactions, especially indoors and seek to keep outdoor interactions to four cohorts or less.</td>
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<td><strong>COVID Case Response, Testing and Virtual Learning</strong></td>
<td>In the event that a suspected COVID case arises during the school day, the health team will screen the student and, if necessary, bring them to the isolation space until pick up can be arranged. In such a case, and in the case of symptoms observed at home, a negative PCR test is required before the student returns. Information about on-site asymptomatic and asymptomatic COVID testing is forthcoming from DCDOH and DCPS. If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID they and their unvaccinated/asymptomatic close contacts must quarantine for a period of at least 10 days or until the resolution of symptoms. The whole community will be notified of a positive case and close contacts will be contacted directly. Such absence will be accrued. Information about student learning during these periods is forthcoming from DCPS. Currently, DCPS is hosting a virtual academy only for those students with an approved medical exemption from in-person learning.</td>
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<td><strong>Dismissal</strong></td>
<td>Classes and teachers will come outside for dismissal together, similar to a typical school year. To encourage distancing, we will spread out our dismissal points to include the backstop and the front and back of the school. The full dismissal process will be shared the week of August 23rd.</td>
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<td><strong>Health Personnel</strong></td>
<td>We will have a full-time nurse and a health technician on site to screen and respond to COVID-related and other health needs, from immunization compliance to medication administration.</td>
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<td><strong>HVAC and Ventilation</strong></td>
<td>DCPS provides and maintains industrial HEPA filters in all classrooms and centrally monitors both air quality via sensors and filter changes in our HVAC systems. The HEPA filters are designed to work most efficiently with the windows closed.</td>
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<td><strong>Lunch</strong></td>
<td>All grades will eat lunch in their classrooms to maintain cohorts during unmasked times and to establish a calmer and more community-oriented lunch period. At least at the start of the year, school lunch will be available to all students at no cost.</td>
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<td><strong>Masks</strong></td>
<td>Masks are required for everyone entering the Brent campus and building. Students are encouraged to wear and bring extra masks each day. A full stock of child and adult masks are available on site.</td>
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<td><strong>Recess</strong></td>
<td>Recess will be held outdoors when possible and each class will have a dedicated coverage person. Classes will engage with up to four other cohorts on the playground.</td>
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<td><strong>Social Distancing</strong></td>
<td>Social distancing is required only when feasible. Social distancing parameters will be emphasized at times without masks such as lunch or snack.</td>
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<td><strong>Specials and Services</strong></td>
<td>Specials (art, library, music, PE, peace, and science) and related services (speech, occupational therapy, behavioral support and physical therapy) will be in person for all students.</td>
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<td><strong>Student Classroom Supplies and Materials</strong></td>
<td>The DC Department of Health and DCPS guidelines require that unvaccinated people (all Brent students) should: - Get a COVID-19 test 3-5 days before leaving on their trip and - Get a COVID-19 test 3-5 days after returning home from their trip and avoid being around people at high-risk for severe COVID-19 during your quarantine period whether you had post-travel testing or not.</td>
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**Principal Corner**

Dear Brent Community,

I am thrilled to introduce Penelope Miller, the Brent RISE Resident Principal for the 2021-2022 school year. Please read Resident Principal Miller’s first letter to the Brent community below. You can expect to hear from her throughout the year as an invested member of the Brent community, whether as a guest columnist in Tues News, a speaker at a community meeting, or a presence in conversations about student growth. I feel fortunate to have

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Resident Principal Miller on our team, to share some of the practices that make our community strong and bring in her perspectives and expertise to identify areas we can grow.

Sincerely,
Norah Lycknell

Dear Brent Community,

My name is Penelope Miller and I have the unique honor to be the Brent RISE Resident Principal for the 2021-2022 school year. DCPS RISE Resident Principals are placed in a school for a year and receive coaching and guidance from a mentor principal with the goal to apply to leadership positions for the 2022-2023 school year.

Previously, I have been a classroom teacher with DCPS, served as a special educator starting up a new charter school, was an instructional coach, and most recently an assistant principal with DCPS. I have been a part of the DCPS community for the last 17 years. Currently, I am working on a doctorate in early literacy intervention and educational leadership at American University, where I also serve as an adjunct professor. The focus of my doctoral work is structures that support teachers to implement classroom-based intervention for students who are not responding to instruction.

In this role, I am excited to share my experiences and to learn along with the staff, students, and community. This is truly a unique experience, and I am humbled by the opportunity to learn from Principal Lycknell and the whole Brent team. It would be my pleasure to spend time with you to learn more about what makes Brent so special and to learn how I can support your goals for developing the amazing students who come to Brent.

Sincerely,

Penelope Miller
RISE Resident Principal

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