Brent ES Tues News - August 17, 2021

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Wed 8/18/2021 1:49 AM
To: Brent Elementary (DCPS) <BrentElementary@k12.dc.gov>

Coming Up

Wednesday, August 18
Diversity Working Group Meeting
8-9 p.m.
Join the Zoom Meeting at this link.
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85456340158?
pwd=UUJiSzdNTDIKZkphYUdPYW5ndUZPZz09

Thursday, August 19
Brent Used Uniform Bin Access - Front Lawn
4 - 6 p.m.
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.
Register at: bit.ly/dcpsrecover

Friday, August 20
Enrollment opens for Fall Enrichment classes

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

Facebook
facebook.com/BrentElementarySchool

Twitter
twitter.com/brentelementary

Instagram
instagram.com/BrentBears

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

Community Meeting  
6 - 7:30 p.m.  
Login information provided in the Tuesday, August 24 Tues News

Thursday, August 26  
Brent Used Uniform Bin Access - Front Lawn  
4 - 6 p.m.

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=b3U2Zm9PLzAwUTZ3YTRBbWVuU0ZYUT09  
Meeting ID: 942 6534 0867  
Passcode: 7hC7ms  
ASL Interpreters Provided

Monday, August 30  
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

Diversity Working Group Information

Local School Advisory Team Information

Paper Free and Reduced Lunch Application or Access the online application here.

DCPS Required Health Forms

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

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

https://outlook.office.com/mail/BrentElementary@k12.dc.gov/inbox/id/AQMkAGQwMjFiZDHI1TzI0DA1NDU5NS04MjQ3LTYwNDU0MjJkMzA0MABGAAA
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.

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

View this email in your browser
Click here to pay school supply fees for SY21-22

STUDENT IMMUNIZATION & COVID-19 CLINICS

- Appointments open Monday, August 2 at vaccinate.dc.gov
- School clinic locations hours vary and will operate from August 7 to September 30
- Childhood and COVID-19 vaccines available
AT-HOME VACCINATIONS

Any resident who prefers to get vaccinated at home can call 1-855-363-0333 to schedule a free at-home vaccination.

BRENT'S AUGUST DIVERSITY

WORKING GROUP MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2021
8 - 9 P.M.

The DWG will use the first meeting to build connections and work together to identify priorities for the year as we focus on becoming an anti-racist school community. All members of the Brent community are invited. Visit brentelementary.org for Zoom link information.
Brent Diversity Working Group

Join the Diversity Working Group for our first meeting of the year on Wednesday, August 18 at 8pm. We will use the time to build connections and work together to identify priorities for the year as focus on becoming an anti-racist school community. All members of the Brent community are invited. Learn more about the DWG [here](https://outlook.office.com/mail/BrentElementary@k12.dc.gov/inbox/id/AQMkAGQwMjFiZDI1LTziODAtNDU5NS04MjQ3LTYwNDU0MWJkMzA0MABGAAA...5/13).

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The Brent PTA Needs You . . . To Become a Room Parent
Are you interested in building your child's class community? Do you love to organize and support? If so, becoming a room parent may just be the role for you! Some of the responsibilities include facilitating play dates and meetups, distributing emails informing families of school activities, and serving as a resource of information for your class. For more information, please contact Charrise Robinson at charrise1977@gmail.com or 323-533-4563. We look forward to working with you.

Brent Elementary School Opening Survey - UPDATED LINK
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.
An Update on the DCPS Volunteer Clearance Process

Thank you to all who have completed the process for DCPS volunteer clearance. For those parents who have a current Federal Security Clearance, you can:

1. Complete the DCPS Clearance App (https://octo.quickbase.com/db/bg37a865t?a=td)
2. Submit and complete the Federal Security Form (https://dcps.dc.gov/publication/federal-security-clearance-verification) to dcps.clearance@k12.dc.gov along with a copy of a government-issued ID.

Please email brentelementary@k12.dc.gov with any questions regarding the volunteer clearance process.
# Brent Elementary PTA

## SUMMER PLAYDATES 2021

Join grade-level communities for informal playdates! Dates, times and locations are listed below. All health precautions are required: masks, social distancing and participating only if symptom-free. This event is sponsored by the Brent PTA.

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<th>Grade Level</th>
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<td>Kindergarten</td>
<td>Tuesday, August 10</td>
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<td>Garfield Park</td>
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Before you shop for school uniforms . . .

BRENT'S GENTLY OWNED UNIFORM EXCHANGE
THURSDAY, AUGUST 19 &
THURSDAY, AUGUST 26
4 - 6 P.M.
FRONT GARDEN

COME AND PICK UP GENTLY USED UNIFORMS FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR!
INNOVATION LEARNING
ENRICHMENT REGISTRATION
BEGINS FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

VISIT INNOVATIONLEARNING.COM TO REGISTER
CALLING ALL . . . BREN'T BEARS

SCHOOL OPENING COUNCERDOWN
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
Parent University Series

Our Doors Are Open!

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

RSVP: bit.ly/dcpsrecover
For questions, e-mail CEO.info@k12.dc.gov

Safety Protocols and Procedures

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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<td><strong>Arrival</strong></td>
<td>Screening is still required and, to speed our arrival process, a portion will be done prior 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 23. Throughout the year, breakfast will be available to all students at no cost. The playground will not be open in the morning 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 the 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 indoor 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 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’s return. Information about on-site symptomatic and asymptomatic COVID testing is forthcoming from DC DOH 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 excused. 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 blockop and the front and back of the school. The full dismissal process will be shared the week of August 23.</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 sensor 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 cohorting during unmasked times and to establish a calming 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. 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 all times without masks such as lunch or snack.</td>
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<td><strong>Specials and Services</strong></td>
<td>Specials (drama, art, library, music, PE, dance, 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>Update!</strong></td>
<td>Brent will limit student sharing of classroom supplies and materials as much as possible.</td>
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**Principal Corner - Hold for Wednesday, August 18, Communication**

Dear Brent Community,

We are working on the final preparations for school opening! The Brent leadership team just finished a call with DCPS Central Office regarding health and safety protocols for school year 2021-2022. We are waiting for the official guidance on travel quarantine, asymptomatic testing, social distancing and other policies to share with families. I will communicate this information when I receive final guidance from DCPS.

https://outlook.office.com/mail/BrentElementary@k12.dc.gov/inbox/id/AQMkAGQwMjFiZDI1LTYtNDU5NS04MjQ3LTYwNDU0MWMzA0MABGAA… 12/13
As a result of these new guidelines, we will host a community meeting on Wednesday, August 25 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Login details will be provided in the Tuesday, August 24 Tues News.

Please stay tuned for additional information.

Best,

Norah Lycknell
Principal