



BRENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Dear Brent Families,

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year! On behalf of your PTA Board, we are excited about the upcoming school year. A special welcome to our new families that are joining Brent this year. You are joining a diverse and dynamic family that is proud of our community and sincerely interested in improving the lives of each child who walks through Brent's doors.

The PTA board has been working throughout the summer to ensure a year filled with academic opportunities and magnificent experiences for each child in the school, and we need your help to make it happen. Each year, through the hard work and generosity of the Brent community, the Brent PTA raises a significant amount of money to support the school's teachers and students on their academic journey. These funds support several initiatives at the school including additional staff, unique programs, and classroom technology.

However, these funds only make up a part of what the PTA does to support the school. Each year hundreds of volunteers give their time to support the PTA and the school. The PTA would not be successful without these contributions, and as the funds we raise continue to grow, the volunteer efforts we contribute must increase as well.

That is why this year the Brent PTA is asking every family to volunteer your time to at least one PTA activity or event. Time commitments range from only a few hours over the course of the school year to a few hours a week.

Getting involved in our three main fundraisers (the Annual Fund, the Holiday Sale, and the Spring Gala) are a great way to meet other members of the community and put a name with a face you might see at drop off each morning. In addition, as we mentioned during the spring discussions around the new PTA structure, we will be relying more on our committees than ever before. Getting involved in the Green Team, the Field Experience committee, or any one of the other groups is a great way to get involved and make a positive impact on the school community.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Back to School Open House on August 17th from 3 to 4 p.m. Once you have visited the school, please join us across the street in X Park for our annual "Popsicles in the Park" to connect with old friends and meet new ones. Also, be sure to connect with the school on social media via Robert Brent Elementary School on Facebook, @BrentElementary on Twitter, and @Brentbears on Instagram.

Welcome back and Go Brent Bears!

Your Brent PTA Board