Coming Up

**Wednesday, 8/15**
New Parent Orientation Session 1
8:45 – 9:45 a.m.
New Parent Orientation Session 2
6 – 7 p.m.

**Friday, 8/17**
Back to School Open House
3 - 4 p.m.
New Parent Orientation Session
(Mandatory)

4 - 5 p.m. Popsicles in the Park

**Monday, 8/20**
First Day of School for K– 5th

Springboard Aftercare Begins

**Thursday, 8/23**
ECE First Day of School
Last Names Beginning with A – L

**Friday, 8/24**
ECE First Day of School
Last Names Beginning with M - Z

**Wednesday, 8/29**
Back to School Night
6:30 – 8 p.m.
Adults Only Event

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**What is Tues News?**
Welcome to the summer edition of Tues News. Tues News is Brent’s weekly newsletter covering upcoming events, student and staff accomplishments and news from DCPS. Every Tuesday, check your child’s communication folder or Brent’s website under the Parent tab. This year, Tues News will also be in electronic format. Families will receive Tues News in electronic format via email Tuesday afternoons. If you have news or announcements, please email Denise Diggs at denise.diggs@dc.gov.

**Back to School Open House, Friday, August 17, 3 - 4 p.m.**
Come to Brent’s Annual Back to School Open House on Friday, August 17 from 3-4 p.m. Families can tour classrooms, meet their new teachers, greet old friends and begin to make new ones. During the Open House, parents can submit health forms, drop off medications, purchase Brent tee-shirts, talk to SpringBoard and pay supply/field trip fees. Immediately after the Back to School Open House will be the third new parent orientation.
Brent’s New Temporary Outdoor Classrooms
Two new outdoor classrooms were installed this summer to address Brent’s growing enrollment. The spaces will be used for Brent’s Art and Science programs. See photo.

New Parent Orientation Sessions
Principal Lycknell will be hosting three new parent orientation sessions in August:
Session 1 Wednesday, 8/15
8:45 – 9:45 a.m.
Session 2 Wednesday, 8/15
6 – 7 p.m.
Session 3 Friday, 8/17
4 – 5 p.m.
These new parent orientation sessions are an opportunity for parents to get an overview of student schedules, drop off and pick-up routines, aftercare enrollment and practices and protocols that are unique to Brent Elementary School. Principal Lycknell will lead a roundtable discussion with a lengthy Q&A portion. An email invitation will also be sent to new families in the next few weeks.

SpringBoard Before and Aftercare
Springboard, Brent’s comprehensive before and after school care program, begins on the first day of school. Parents can visit springboardkids.com for more information and to enroll. The Springboard program features a healthy snack, homework support, outdoor and indoor playtime, guided reading, social circle games, and PE for students. Springboard electives will begin the week of Sept. 10.

Brent Uniform Reminder
Brent is a uniform school! All students are expected to arrive each day in a uniform. The uniform consists of a hunter green or white collared shirt or blouse (not a regular T-Shirt) and hunter green or khaki pants, shorts, skirts, skorts or jumpers. Shorts may not be more than three inches above the knee. Brent Elementary School shirts (t-shirts, polo shirts and sweatshirts) are also appropriate with green or khaki bottoms. Brent school T-shirts are permissible. Brent products can be purchased at the Brent Store. Children must wear their school uniform every day.

School Start Dates
K-5th students will start school on Monday, August 20. Brent opens for breakfast and supervised playground play at 8 a.m. All students should arrive by 8:30 a.m. to ensure an on-time start to their day. Preschool and prekindergarten, early childhood education (ECE), children will again have a staggered start to the school year. Early childhood teachers will conduct home visits Monday, August 20- Wednesday, August 22. ECE students with last names beginning with A - L will start school on Thursday, August 23 and ECE students with last name M-Z will start school on Friday, August 24.

Free and Reduced-price Meals (FARM) Application
Brent offers nutritious, appetizing breakfasts and lunches each school day through National School Breakfast and Lunch Programs. The DCPS Free and Reduced-meal (FARM) application supports the DCPS Office of Food and Nutrition Services providing students with high-quality meals through federal meal reimbursement. Applications can be completed online at dcps.heartlandapps.com.
Paper applications are in the summer mailing packet and online. Breakfast is free for all students.

Volunteer Clearance Process – Get Started Today!
For the safety of Brent students, DCPS enforces a volunteer clearance policy. All volunteers, including parents, must complete the DCPS Clearance process before volunteer services can be provided. To complete the DCPS Clearance process, complete the following steps:
1. Complete the online Clearance Application at https://dcps.dc.gov/page/volunteer-our-schools
2. Complete a TB test or obtain documentation showing cleared TB test results from the last 12 months. TB tests can easily be obtained from Medstar, CVS minute clinics and physician offices. Brent will offer TB tests on Tuesday, August 28 (part one) and Friday, August 31 (test reading) for a $45 fee.
3. Report to DCPS Central Office (1200 First Street NE, 10th Floor) during operating hours to complete the fingerprinting process:
Monday through Thursday from 8 am to 5 pm and Fridays from 8 am - 3 pm. TB test results must be provided upon reporting to Central Office for fingerprints. Individuals who fail to produce TB test results from the last 12 months will be denied fingerprinting services.
Wait 3-10 business days for a clearance letter, indicating cleared fingerprinting results.
For answers to frequently asked questions, see Volunteering FAQs. For additional questions, contact DCPS Clearance by email at dcps.clearance@dc.gov