Coming Up!

Friday, April 2 - Monday, May 3
SY21-22 School Enrollment
https://dcgov.seamlessdocs.com/f/DCPSEnrollmentForm_English22

Wednesday, April 28
DCPS Ready for Prek 5
5:30 p.m.

Friday, April 30
Deadline to Complete DCPS Tech Survey

Saturday, May 1
DCPS Leadership Summit
9 - 1 p.m.
RSVP at DCPSfamilysummit.com

Monday, May 3 - 8
Faculty Appreciation Week
Monday, May 3 - Kickoff!
Tuesday, May 4 - Parent Notes
Wednesday, May 5 - Staff Coffee
Thursday, May 6 - Student Notes
Friday, May 7 - Staff Luncheon

Monday, May 3
Term 3 Report Cards Mailed and Posted on Aspen’s Parent Portal

Friday, May 7
Application Deadline for DCPS Parent and Community Advisory Boards
Apply at: https://dcps.dc.gov/page/parent-and-community-advisory-boards

Brent Elementary
Faculty Appreciation Week 2021
May 3 - 7

Monday 5/3
Balloons & Banner at school to kick off TAW

Tuesday 5/4
Parents write/email notes of appreciation to faculty

Wednesday 5/5
Faculty Coffee Break sponsored by PTA
(virtual staff will receive Starbucks gift card)

Thursday 5/6
Students write/record notes of appreciation

Friday 5/7
Faculty Luncheon sponsored by PTA (virtual staff will receive UberEats gift cards)
Camp
Grab your sunglasses and get ready for Brent’s Summer Adventure Camp! Sarah Werstuik will be leading the Summer Adventure Camp team, along with Chloe Patterson, and other members of Brent’s fabulous faculty. The program will run for three weeks from July 12-30 and will serve Brent Bears entering 1st through 4th grade. Each week students will engage in thematic units of study that will incorporate language and literacy skills, social-emotional learning, and physical activity. Students will strengthen their academic stamina and problem-solving skills while working alongside peers and teachers. Be on the lookout for more information from your child’s teacher about how to sign your child up to participate. If you have questions, you can email Sarah Werstuik at BrentSummer2021@gmail.com.

DWG Book Study: Courageous Conversations
As a part of the Brent Diversity Working Group’s ongoing efforts to foster conversation and growth around conversations about difficult subjects such as race, racism, ethnicity, and privilege, we’ll be engaging in a conversation and shared reading of Courageous Conversations About Race by Glen Singleton. Our hope is that through a robust discussion and deep study of the text we’ll learn to deepen and sustain conversations about racism across the community.

Join us outside 112 Duddington Pl SE for a socially distanced, outdoor conversation. If you’d prefer to join us virtually, please email BrentDi-versityWG@gmail.com for a zoom link. Even if you weren’t able to read the chapters, you’re welcome to come join in the discussion.

May 13th at 11 am - Chapters 10-11
meet.google.com/qdf-sgfi-hff

June 3rd at 11 am - Chapters 12-13
meet.google.com/has-wzog-buk

A note from Bettina Schewe:
Important! In-Person Students Must Return School-Issued Devices

Now that students are back in school all week long, all school-issued devices are needed in the building. Thank you to all full-time in-person learners who have already returned their devices! If you have not done so yet, please be sure to send the tablet/laptop plus charger - and stylus if you have one- in your child’s backpack when he/she comes to school. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Bettina at bettina.schewe@k12.dc.gov. Thank you very much!

Consider joining the PTA Nominating Committee and help recruit PTA Board candidates for the FY20-21 school year
The nominating committee includes the PTA presidents, three at-large members, Principal Lycknell and one teacher representative, and will help nominate a diverse array of candidates for the FY21-22 school year. If you’re interested in joining the PTA’s nominating committee, please email Kiana Moore (kiana.j.moore@gmail.com) by Thursday (5/6).
Greetings Brent Families!

Spring is flying by with new term 4 schedules (hooray!), and so much else going on, that we’ve decided to push this year’s auction date back a few weeks to Saturday June 12th. We’ll be kicking things off Friday June 11th with a preview of some fun auction items that will be on display outside of the school. Come on out any time between 2-4pm to see all the goodies on display and get pumped to start your online bidding! Saturday evening our virtual programming will begin at 7:00pm and will include live auction items and some wonderfully inspiring videos and messages from your favorite Brent teachers, staff, and community members.

Our theme this year – “Above and Beyond” – felt obvious to honor all the hard work and dedication our principal, staff, teachers, parents and caretakers have demonstrated during this unprecedented year. We have 100% families receive their preference with 90% of students being in person! The hard work and dedication of this amazing Brent community should be recognized and we still need your help to continue to soar “Above and Beyond.”

It’s going to be a great weekend with tons of energy, so be sure to come out and show your school spirit!

AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED!
How can you help?

Do you have a vacation home, season Nats tickets, baking skills, work somewhere fun to tour, or possess other talents you’d be willing to offer up? Please email Bhavna Pandit at bpandit@panditsc.com with any ideas and offers that you think could be part of the auction and raise money for Brent!

Do you own a business, or work for one that is willing to sponsor this year’s auction? In addition to logos on our auction site, we’re offering creative ways to include sponsors in our virtual program. Reach out to Kellie Nasser at kellienasser@gmail.com if you have a sponsor lead.

Are you crafty or creative? Do you love coming up with kids art projects or themed gift ideas? Volunteer to help organize grade level baskets or class art for the auction by emailing carolynmiller01@icloud.com for baskets or kiana.j.moore@gmail.com for art.

Are your kids’ grandparents, aunts and uncles generous people who love supporting our Brent community? While we’ll miss not getting dressed up and celebrating our great Brent community in person, our virtual auction is a great way to include grandparents, friends and neighbors in supporting Brent through bidding from anywhere so please invite others to join!

Lastly, in recognition of the increased operating costs involved with keeping our kids safe during these times, we need YOU!! Be on the lookout for more information in the coming weeks about the event or other ways you can get involved or contribute!

With so much gratitude and thanks,

Your 2021 Brent Gala Committee!
DCPS Tech Survey Must be Completed for All Students:
As you might have noticed in Canvas, all students are asked to complete a simple survey consisting of four questions (First Name, Last Name, Student ID, Do you currently have a DCPS Device?). It is crucial that the form is completed for each student as it helps to capture an accurate count of DCPS devices. Thank you for completing this form for each child! Please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Bettina at bettina.schewe@k12.dc.gov if you have any questions.

Now accepting applications

Chancellor's Parent Advisory Board

DC Public Schools is looking for parents and caregivers from across all wards to join Chancellor Lewis D. Ferebee’s Parent Advisory Board for School Year 2021 - 2022. Parents who serve will learn more about DCPS priorities and provide input on the implementation of policies, programs, and new initiatives.

Apply at bit.ly/dcpsparentadvisory2021 by May 7, 2021

Applications are available in English, Spanish, French, Chinese, Vietnamese and Amharic.
To request a paper application, please text 202-480-3166 or email ceo.info@k12.dc.gov
Dear Brent Families,

A week ago today, a Minneapolis jury found George Floyd’s murderer guilty on all counts. The verdict may have felt like a collection of traumas faced and the loss of a life of someone – of many – who wanted to “touch the world.” The verdict may have felt like a moment of relief, a potential paradigm shift toward accountability where there has historically been so little. The verdict may have felt like recognition of the countless citizens who activated, advocated and shined a spotlight on the injustice George Floyd and so many others have faced. Nekima Levy Armstrong, a civil rights lawyer and activist captured the sentiment with these words: “This did not happen because the system worked. This happened because the people put in the work.”

Ms. Armstrong’s words remind us that as much as we all crave “normal” after a pandemic year, “normal” is not actually the goal. We must resist the temptation to settle into complacency or the patterns most typical, beneficial to some and harmful to others. At Brent, we must put in the work to listen, to notice, to change and to grow.

The start of Term 4 means that 100% of families elected and received the learning assignment of their choice. We were motivated to reach this goal for one reason: all of our students deserve choice and their preferred form of connection and by moving to fulfil it, we move closer to a new normal that challenges our thinking, reconstructs our systems toward equity, and reflects the individual and collective voices of our community.

Sincerely,

Norah Lycknell

Calling all 5th Grade Families!
Sign up for a tour of Jefferson Academy at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054eaaaf2ca2f49-building
DC Public Schools
Ready for Pre-K!
FREE Online workshops for families!
Tears, Tantrums, and Timeouts:
Tips for Handling Challenging Behaviors
Wednesday, April 28 at 5:30 pm

Calling All DCPS Families!
DC Public Schools
Family Advocacy and Leadership Summit
Saturday, May 1
9:00am-1:00pm
RSVP Today! DCPSFamilySummit.com
# Term 4 Menu*

**For the weeks of:**

**Week 2**

- April 26th - May 2nd
- May 13th - May 16th
- May 24th - May 30th
- June 7th - June 13th
- June 23rd - June 27th

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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 CHILD CARE, 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
- **OR**

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/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](https://coronavirus.dc.gov/phasetwo).