Coming Up!

Friday, April 2 - Monday, May 3
Deadline passed - please submit re-enrollment paperwork ASAP.
SY21-22 School Enrollment
https://dcgov.seamlessdocs.com/f/DCPSEnrollmentForm_English22

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

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

In person students report card distribution

Wednesday, May 26
Community Meeting
6 - 7:30 p.m.
Login information provided in Tuesday, May 25 Tues News.

Monday, May 31
Memorial Day
No school for students

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2021
LINCOLN PARK
EAST CAPITOL & 13TH ST SE
7:45-8:15AM

*Please wear a mask & your school gear and keep physical distance*

Join the Bike to School Day #GoodTroubleRide • Wave hello to Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen • Sing along to “Old Town Ride” with violinist Siddharth • Share your vision for social justice • Learn about Walk-Up vaccine locations • Ride with MPD’s 1D Bicycle Patrol • SEE your school friends!
ATTENTION BRENT FANS, SUPPORTERS & DONORS

Due to the pandemic the costs associated to run our school and in particular the safety and cleaning protocols necessary to keep our kids safe, have risen exponentially.

The PTA is reaching out one last time because we need your help. This year our Annual Fund is sitting at 25% toward our goal. We recognize how difficult this year has been for so many in our community but for others things are starting to turn with in person learning, vaccines and reunions with loved ones. Seeing our kids’ spirits lift as they head back in person and catch up with friends brings smiles all around.

On so many levels, the collective effort and commitment from our school and family communities is the reason why we got to this point. There is so much that our generous contributions enable when we support Brent. In the case of the Annual Fund, these dollars ensure our wonderful teachers, leaders and staff can make Brent shine bright.

So if you normally do, or if you can, please take a moment and give to Brent’s Annual Fund today! GOOD NEWS - it’s not too late to get your charitable contributions in for the 2020 tax year. Due to the pandemic, the federal government extended the federal income tax filing deadline from April 15 to May 17, 2021 You can find more about deducting your charitable contributions by clicking HERE. PTA members will be at Brent on Monday and Thursday next week from 2:45 - 3:30 p.m. to collect physical checks.

Open camera on your phone
Snap pic of QR Code
Touch link on phone and donate!

Thank you kindly for your attention and support,

Brent PTA

Click www.brentelementary.org/brent-fund or
Hi Brent Families,

Our “Above and Beyond” auction and virtual gala site is live! Please check it out to register now for the upcoming event so you’re sure to receive information about auction items and bidding.

As a reminder, we’ll be kicking things off Friday, June 11th 2-4pm with a preview of some fun auction items that will be on display outside of the school. Saturday, June 12th our virtual programming will begin at 7:00 pm 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% of our Brent Bears that wanted an in-person seat now back 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.”

AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED!
How can you help?
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.

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!

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!

With so much gratitude and thanks,

Your 2021 Brent Gala Committee!
COVID VS Allergies - Information for Families

As we move into summer, we know that allergies have been impacting many of our community members. In the morning arrival screen, Brent staff and health technicians conduct a cursory evaluation of student health and ask a series of questions. OSSE requires that students are asked if they have experienced one or more of the following symptoms in the last 24 hours*: fever, chills, cough, congestion or runny nose, sore throat, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, diarrhea, nausea or vomiting, fatigue, headache, muscle or body aches, poor feeding or poor appetite, the new loss of taste or smell, or any other symptom of not feeling well? The challenge that we have, as noted in the CDC graphic above, is that COVID and allergy symptoms overlap.

OSSE requires Brent to send home all students with one of more COVID symptoms and those students must follow the return to school guidelines to return to in-person learning. These return to school guidelines require a note from a medical provider and/or a negative COVID PCR test. If your child has been diagnosed with allergies, please submit documentation from their health care provider noting the allergy diagnosis. Families can email that information to brentelementary@k12.dc.gov. This information helps Nurse Lee make a better determination of whether students can remain in school or should be sent home.

Families with questions should contact Nurse Lee at 202-727-3890 or at jlee6@childrensnational.org.
Dear Brent Families,

As of Monday, we reached our goal that 100% of students will have access to the learning stance of their choice in Term 4! This important moment aligns with Faculty Appreciation Week, a happy and meaningful coincidence. After all, we reached our goal because of the Brent Faculty’s professionalism, commitment, imagination and action. I am incredibly grateful to do this work alongside and learn from such an incredible group of people. Please join me in extending gratitude at all times but certainly in this week dedicated to those who contribute to our children’s and society’s future.

Things like Faculty Appreciation Week are meaningful. Though our appreciation is not and should not be limited to one week out of the year, it serves as a prompt to recognize and reflect on a group’s experience, their contributions and their impact. With similar thinking, we celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in May. The month does not suggest that any group’s history or culture should be limited to a cursory mention for 1/12 of the year; it does suggest an opportunity to focus on a historically marginalized group, to pay tribute, and to acknowledge our work to better see and include the contributions of all identities in our classroom, school, and community spaces.

We will continue to grow these conversations, our curriculum and our resources at school. Here are a few links and local events to augment the conversations you are having at home:

https://asianpacificheritage.gov

https://www.learningforjustice.org/the-moment/april-26-2021-may-is-asian-american-and-pacific-islander-heritage-month

https://www.pbs.org/articles/2021/05/celebrate-asian-american-pacific-islander-heritage-month-2021/


Sincerely,

Norah Lycknell
# Term 4 Menu*

## Breakfast

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**Milk**

Nonfat or 1% White Milk

## Lunch

**Specialty Entrée**
- Chicken Alfredo Macaroni w/Garlic Knot Bread
- Teriyaki Grilled Chicken w/Vegetables & Brown Rice
- Hamburger w/Mustard
- Spaghetti w/Turkey Meatballs w/Cheesy Breadstick
- BBQ Chicken Drumstick w/Dinner Roll
- Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich
- Breakfast for Lunch: Boiled Egg, Turkey Sausage, & Maple Pancakes w/Syrup

**Vegetarian Entrée**
- Super Veggie Macaroni & Cheese w/Garlic Knot Bread V
- Veggie Fried Rice V
- Garden Burger w/Mustard VE
- Veggie Tortellini w/Cheesy Breadstick V
- Grilled Cheese Sandwich V
- Garden Burger w/Mustard VE
- Breakfast for Lunch: Boiled Egg & Maple Pancakes w/Syrup

**Available Vegetables**
- Mixed Garden Vegetables
- Steamed Corn
- Seasoned Potato Wedges w/Ketchup
- Seasoned Carrot Coins
- BBQ Baked Beans
- Assorted Vegetables w/Dip
- Assorted Vegetables w/Dip

**Available Fruit**
- Diced Pears
- Fresh Apple
- Fresh Orange
- Pineapple Tidbits
- Banana
- Assorted Fruits
- Assorted Fruits

**Milk**

Nonfat or 1% White Milk

*For the weeks of:*

- Week 1: April 19th - April 25th
- May 3rd - May 9th
- May 17th - May 23rd
- May 31st - June 6th
- June 14th - June 20th
- June 28th -
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.