Coming Up!

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

Wednesday April 7 & Thursday, April 8
3:30 - 5 p.m.
Term 4 Supply Distribution for:
ECE - All Virtual
2nd - All Virtual
3rd - All Virtual
4th - All Virtual
Art and Atelier Buffet - All Students

Monday, April 12 - Friday, April 16
Spring Break
No School for Students

Monday, April 19
ReOpening for K and 1st
Parents should review orientation and informational emails from their child’s classroom teacher

Thursday, April 22
Diversity Working Group Book Discussion
11-noon
Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84544396517?pwd=K1d5TUvpakUrSFLUWNQeDQ0Y0tMUT09
Meeting ID: 845 4439 6517
Passcode: DWG

Let’s Go Brent Bears!

Brent Elementary enrollment season for SY21-22 has kicked off!
Visit brentelementary.org to complete enrollment today!
Deadline - Monday, May 3!

Questions?
Email brentelementary@k12.dc.gov
Call 202-698-3363

Don't Delay - Re-Enroll Today!
Urgent Brent ES - Enrollment SY21-22

Enrollment and Re-enrollment Begins – Enrollment Deadline – Monday, May 3

Don’t Delay – Complete Enrollment Today!

DCPS funding to schools is based on student enrollment. This makes the enrollment and re-enrollment process extremely critical to Brent. If all families complete the enrollment process by May 3, it ensures Brent is fully funded for staff positions for SY21-22. Further, when families complete the enrollment process early, it saves the Brent operations significant time and resources because extensive follow-up to collect outstanding paperwork is not necessary.

Parents can quickly complete enrollment packets via an online application found at https://dcgov.seamlessdocs.com/f/DCPSEnrollmentForm_English22 and submit. Parents will also need to submit residency documents including a current paystub or car driver’s license and car registration. A list of residency documents can be found in the graphic on the right. Brent strongly recommends that families provide residency via the DC Office of Tax and Revenue (OTR). Visit https://sled.osse.dc.gov/ResidencyVerification/Index/2546 to complete a brief survey and an automated email will be sent to families who successfully complete this process. All enrollment must be completed by the end of day of Monday, May 3.

Please direct enrollment questions to Denise Diggs at denise.diggs@k12.dc.gov.
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 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.

Show your love for our beautiful school library this month by

1. Returning Books so that the library feels whole again.

Please search your house for all and any library books you may have in your possession and return them to the bin located in the entrance to Brent. If you are having trouble getting the books back to Brent, please contact Ms. Bettina (bettina.schewe@k12.dc.gov) to arrange a pick-up.

2. Checking Out Books from the library.

Browse Brent’s library collection online at www.destinydiscover.com (Username: Student ID only; Password that you use to log into Canvas, Teams, Clever etc.). Please put the desired books on hold. That will trigger a notification to Ms. Bettina, who will notify parents via e-mail when the items are ready for pick-up. The online catalog can also be accessed through Clever by choosing Follett under Library & Resources, selecting the Catalog tab at the top and then Destiny Discover from the menu on the left side.

If you prefer, you can send Ms. Bettina an e-mail (bettina.schewe@k12.dc.gov) with a wish list or a request for recommendations.

Happy Reading!
**Brent Term 4 specials**

1st-5th specials schedules were shifted this year so that our normal 13 week trimesters were compressed into our regular 10 week quarters. This made things much easier all around, with the start and end of specials rotations corresponding with the regular rhythms of the school year. This left us with a question, though. Now that all 1st-5th graders have had their specials, what will we do in the 4th quarter? Here’s the answer.

In term 4, all 1st-5th grade students will revisit their specials teachers for a three or four week short course. Mr. Krohn, Ms. Gibson and Mr. Magiaracina will each teach a short, project-based class where students use the skills they learned earlier in the year. Art class will offer an Atelier approach to prepare students for a virtual exhibit. Music will conduct a composition workshop.

Mr. Mangiaracina will be doing something completely different, something that isn’t even a science class! Instead, he will be teaching a course called “Telling Our Stories,” a place where students will record stories from this historic year. Part oral history, and part time capsule, everybody will have a chance to practice methods of storytelling and interviewing to create a permanent archive of our experiences this year, through writing, video, comics, or any other forms of creative expression that works for kids.

The courses will rotate through these dates: Course 1: April 19-May 7, Course 2: May 10-May 28, and Course 3: June 1- June 25

All specials classes will continue to be conducted virtually. Student groupings will be roughly by class, but there will be some changes to accommodate different sized groups of virtual and IPL students. All 1st-5th students will have each special by end of term 4.

We’re excited by this new way to teach specials. It has few distinct advantages over our previous schedule. In addition to keeping the whole school on the same quarter-based schedule, it gives students an opportunity to revisit their specials classes at the end of the year, bringing a great opportunity to reinforce and use skills from earlier in the year.

More information on student groups and specials schedules will come soon.

**Help Brent Classmates Return to the Classroom**

In-person classes are an exciting term 4 option for many Brent students. But for about a dozen students lack of aftercare is a barrier to return.

If you are willing to add a student to your after school activities please email me. I’ll match you up with another student in your cohort that lacks afterschool options. You can be their afterschool buddy for Term 4. Even a few days a week may make a huge difference. If you are able to help please email me at adisegaladi@gmail.com.

-- Adi, mother to Anna (5th grade) and Felix (2nd grade)

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**Principal’s Corner**

*Dear Brent Families,*

I know you are eagerly waiting for Term 4 news – and we are eager to share!

Grade levels that will expand during the week of April 19th – kindergarten and first grade, all full time – have already sent family communications. ECE has expanded virtual offerings for hybrid students. 2nd-4th grade plans will be communicated this week, with apologies for the delay and once DCPS gives our plans the final approval. We will then communicate how we will reach our goal to return 100% of Brent students to in-person experiences whether full time, hybrid or outdoor gatherings while also revising our virtual program to support students remaining in that stance.

*Sincerely,*

Norah Lycknell