

THE TUES. NEWS

8-18-2020



BRENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Coming Up Key School Opening Information

School Opening Webpage <http://www.brentelementary.org/School-Opening-SY20-21.html>

Student Supply Fee Link <https://breneholiday.com/products/school-supply-fee>

Thursday, August 20

New Parent Orientation (Final Session)

6:00-7:00 p.m.

See login information on page 3

Friday, August 21

Teacher Assignments Posted

Monday, August 24

- Welcome Email from Teachers
- Schedule for virtual home visits and half class and small group assignments

Monday August 24 – August 28

Virtual Grade Level Meet-Ups

First Day of School

Student Supply Kit and Requested Technology Pick-Up

Thursday, August 27, 3-6 p.m.

Friday, August 28, 3-6 p.m.

Saturday, August 29 9 - noon, 1 - 4

Monday, August 31 3 - 6 p.m.

Tuesday, September 1 3 - 6 p.m.



BRENT ES SCHOOL START INFORMATION INCLUDING CLASS LISTS, SCHEDULES, AND TECHNOLOGY INFO AT BRETELEMENTARY.ORG

PLEASE REVIEW AND CONTACT BRENT WITH ANY QUESTIONS!

202-698-3363
BRETELEMENTARY@K12.DC.GOV

Friday, August 28

Release of Parent Handbook for Virtual Learning

Asynchronous Virtual Open House Link

Sunday, August 30

First Day of School Reminders

Monday, August 31

First Day of School

Connect to Brent Families - Join A-Z Connect

Community Connections at Brent are so important; and now more than ever. The Brent team, in partnership with the PTA, is extremely excited to be publishing our first every school directory to help families make the connections they may need during this time and beyond.

A to Z Connect will allow caretakers the ability to search and find contact information for other families and students based on

grade and class. Having a school-wide directory will help foster connections with families and staff and who can serve as mentors, advocates, and support systems.

How to use the Directory:

Click on link below to create an account or log-in to update your information

https://atozconnect.com/cls/related_entities_list.php

Brent staff verify that everyone who applies to join the Brent A-Z Directory is a Brent family so families can be assured their contact information is used appropriately.

New Family Virtual Playdate

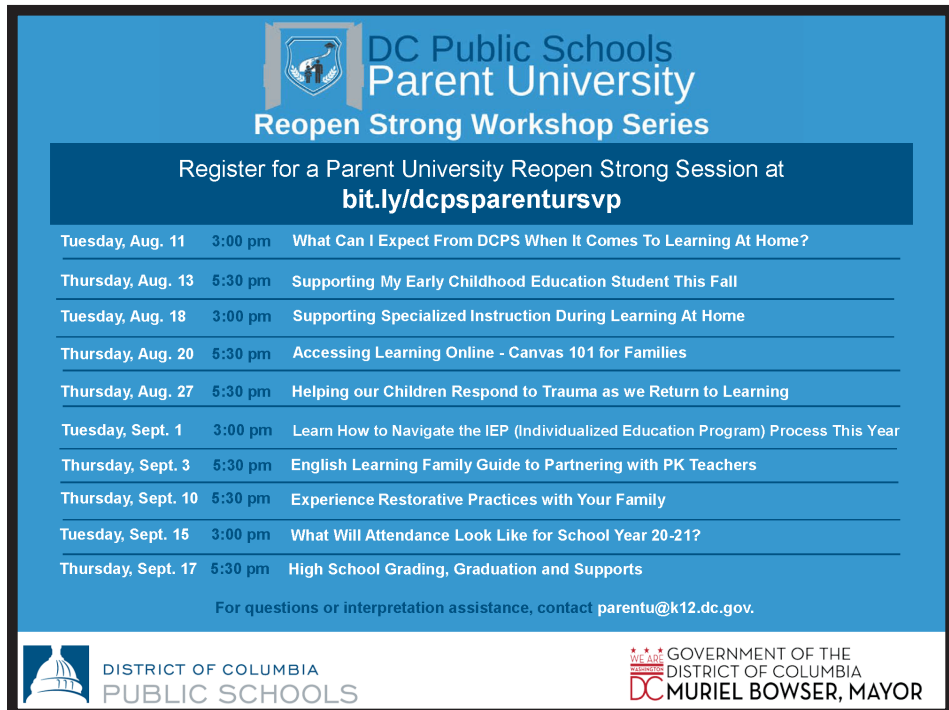
New Brent students and families are invited to join us for a Virtual Playdate on Friday, August 28th at 3:30pm. We are excited to formally welcome our newest Brent Bears to the community. We will have a chance to break out into smaller groups for some fun, get to know you activities.

Login information will be provided in August 25 Tues News.

Join the Virtual Meet and Greet for Brent Parents Next Week

We Miss You Brent Parents! It has been a season of distance with families separated physically. We miss the chance to catch-up, either on the playground, at drop-off or at play-dates. Let's re-connect and welcome new families to the community. We want parents to reengage, get to know each, and see faces.

We will start with grade-level gatherings, 45-minute zoom meetings at 8pm in the week prior to the first day of school. Monday will be for



DC Public Schools Parent University
Reopen Strong Workshop Series

Register for a Parent University Reopen Strong Session at bit.ly/dcpsparentursvp

Tuesday, Aug. 11	3:00 pm	What Can I Expect From DCPS When It Comes To Learning At Home?
Thursday, Aug. 13	5:30 pm	Supporting My Early Childhood Education Student This Fall
Tuesday, Aug. 18	3:00 pm	Supporting Specialized Instruction During Learning At Home
Thursday, Aug. 20	5:30 pm	Accessing Learning Online - Canvas 101 for Families
Thursday, Aug. 27	5:30 pm	Helping our Children Respond to Trauma as we Return to Learning
Tuesday, Sept. 1	3:00 pm	Learn How to Navigate the IEP (Individualized Education Program) Process This Year
Thursday, Sept. 3	5:30 pm	English Learning Family Guide to Partnering with PK Teachers
Thursday, Sept. 10	5:30 pm	Experience Restorative Practices with Your Family
Tuesday, Sept. 15	3:00 pm	What Will Attendance Look Like for School Year 20-21?
Thursday, Sept. 17	5:30 pm	High School Grading, Graduation and Supports

For questions or interpretation assistance, contact parentu@k12.dc.gov.

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early childhood; Tuesday will be for kindergarten and first grade; Wednesday will be for second and third grades; and Thursday will be for fourth and fifth grades. Each grade will have a separate zoom meeting.

A parent facilitator will support introductions and give people topics to discuss in smaller break out groups. Additional details, including the Zoom link for each grade-level meet-up, will be sent via email later this week.

If you have questions, please contact Danielle Drissel at Danielle@websterious.com or 202-262-5568. Join us!

Missed the August 12 Community Meeting or the August 13 Question and Answer Sessions? Listen to the recordings.

Brent Elementary Community Meeting, August 12, 2020 Meeting Recording:
https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/xPVHce_B23FJHI3Cr1H-QqAoHJrPaaa8oSRPr_MJyU6yG-

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Access Password: Brent2020!

Brent Community Meeting Follow Up Q&A, August 13, 2020

Meeting Recording:
https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/veJ5Cbz8-E9JRI2Ry-WKcdof4IrrvaT6a81nIe-KYLyog1yr9Q8Y_8SJv_f9AtkvuT

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Brent Store Update

The Brent Store will operate on a limited basis during virtual learning. The classic Brent short sleeve t-shirts will be stocked and other items are available as quantities last. Please visit the school store - <https://brentstore.myshopify.com/> to order.

Orders placed during the week will be available for pick-up on Fridays from 9 – 4:30 p.m. All back orders will be filled for Friday, August 24 pick-up. Please email Elizabeth Hanna (parent of John, kinder-

garten, and Walker, 3rd grade) at elizabeth.h.hanna@gmail.com with any questions.

Supplies and Technology Reminder – Supply Pick Up and Technology (if requested) Check-Out

If you have requested technology remember to sign-up for a time slot to check out the device. Brent will host supply-pick up events on the following days: Thursday, August 27 3 – 6 p.m. Friday, August 28 3 – 6 p.m. Saturday, August 29 9 – noon, 1 – 4 p.m. Monday, August 31 3 – 6 p.m. Tuesday, September 1 3 – 6 p.m. Families who complete the DCPS tech survey and requested a device, will need to schedule an appointment to pick-up the device.

Please visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/BrentTechpick-up> to schedule an appointment.

Appointments are available during the student supply kit pick-up days. Please keep in mind that when picking up the device, families will need to log into the device while on Brent's network and open up Microsoft Teams. Families who completed the DCPS Technology Needs Survey and indicated that their student does not have access to a device at home or that their device is shared by two or more current DCPS students will need to schedule an appointment to pick up a device.

School Library News Print Book Circulation

Since Brent Bears spend a lot of time in front of a device now, it is important that they have access to print books. Hence, Ms. Bettina is planning to circulate books from the library again, in a similar way to what the Public Library did during Phase One. Students will put books on hold online, Ms. Bettina will process these requests. Then parents will be notified when the books are ready for curbside pick-up, at which time previously checked out books should be returned. Stay tuned for more details at the beginning of the school year.

In the meantime, please be sure to take advantage of the Public Library services (<https://www.dclibrary.org>). The closest open branch to Brent is the Northeast Neighborhood Library, located at 330 7th St. NE. Temporary library cards can be applied for at <https://www.dclibrary.org/geta-card>.

Book Return

Please return any Brent library books into the designated bins, when you pick up your student supply kits. Thank you for holding on to them for months!

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Bettina at bettina.schewe@k12.dc.gov.
Happy Reading!

DCPS ReOpen Strong Update Preparation of HVAC Systems - Facilities Update

Over the coming weeks all HVAC systems across the District will be thoroughly surveyed as part of continuing efforts to ensure proper air ventilation and filtration in school buildings. This detailed inspection will look at increasing Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV) ratings of HVAC filters where possible while also documenting equipment issues that prohibit the delivery of clean air. Filter installation will occur after the evaluation and steps will also be taken to modify HVAC control systems to maximize the amount of fresh clean air being brought into buildings.

New Parent Orientation (Final Session) Thursday, August 20 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Login information below:

Topic: New Parent Orientation - August 20th

Time: Aug 20, 2020 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89937132996>

Meeting ID: 899 3713 2996

Passcode: Brent2020!

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