Coming Up

Monday, December 11 - Thursday, March 1
Myschool DC Lottery Window for PS - 8th

Wednesday, December 13
ECE - 1st Grade Winter Concert
6:00 - 6:45 p.m.
ASL Interpreters Provided

Thursday, December 14
2nd - 5th and Honors Choir Winter Concert
6 - 6:45 p.m.
ASL Interpreters Provided

Friday, December 22 - Tuesday, January 2
Winter Break
No School for Students and Teachers

Wednesday, January 3
LSAT Meeting
6:30 - 8 p.m.

Friday, January 5
Parent Coffee with Principal Lycknell
8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Monday, January 8
Brent Open House for Prospective Families
9 - 10 a.m.

PTA Annual Fund
We are up to $106,500 raised for the Annual Fund and getting closer to our goal of $120,000 and 90% family participation. You can still give online at bit.ly/BrentFund or drop a check in the PTA lock box in Brent’s front office.

Music Notes - Winter Concerts This Week
Our Winter Concerts are coming up fast and our young musicians are excited to show off what they know! Our ECE - 1st grade students will be performing on December 13 from 6:00 - 6:45 p.m. and our 2nd - 5th grade students and the Brent Honors Choir will be performing on December 14 from 6:00 - 6:45 p.m. I am ask-
Winter Reading Program- Brent Bears Explore the World!

Whether you are actually traveling or not over the winter break, explore the world through books. It can be your neighborhood, an imaginary, or a faraway place - maybe even space. Read a total of 15 hours from December 15, 2017 to January 15, 2018. Log your reading time and earn travel badges! Please visit https://brentes.beanstack.org and sign in using your DCPS login information: Username: Student ID Number Password: Student’s Six-Digit Birth Date (MMDDYY) Please see the attached letter for more information. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask Ms. Bettina (bettina.schewe@dc.gov).

Brent’s December Book Fair a Great Success

Thank you to all volunteers, in particular Jill Smudde and Heidi Applegate, and of course, all shoppers for a successful book fair. Happy Reading!

Calling All Spellers

Can you use it in a sentence please? What is the origin of the word? Can I have the definition? This month Brent is all a buzz with the sounds of a spelling bee! It all starts with an information session that will be held on Wednesday, December 13 at 8:00 a.m. in room 306 for grades 3, 4 and 5.

Depending on interest we will then have a follow up spelling bee to eliminate candidates so that we will have 25 candidates compete in the Brent School Spelling Bee on Friday, January 26th at 1:00 p.m. The school’s top three spellers will then advance to represent Brent in the Cluster Competitions, where they will compete with students from other schools to qualify for the city-wide competition. Please note that the rules state that only students in grades 4 and up are eligible for the Cluster Competition, so our school bee will serve as a practice round for Grade 3 students in order for them to become even more competitive next year.

Students will be receiving their spelling word study lists at the informational meeting as well as a permission slip to participate, so we encourage parents to help them review the words at home. More information and study tips will be provided later. For more information contact Ms. Wilson (Ashli. wilson@dc.gov), Ms. Hairston (dayon.hairston@dc.gov), or Ms. Leary (jasmine.leary@dc.gov).

Recess Attire

As the days are getting colder please make sure that your child is properly dressed for the weather. During recess your child needs to have a coat, legs covered and any other materials that will keep them warm for their 30 minute recess period. If a child is not properly dressed they will not be allowed outside. Also please let your child know that “coats are not optional” and they are to be brought down and worn the whole recess period.
Rubik's Cube Tutorial with Ms. Santos

Students interested in solving the Rubik’s cube can sign up for learning sessions with Ms. Santos. Group will meet on Thursdays from 3:30 to 4:00 pm. Open to 3rd to 5th graders. To maximize instruction time and accelerate mastery, only 4 spaces are available in the first batch. More spaces will open up as students master the cube and become ready to be peer instructors. Students must have their own cube for home practice. Rubik’s Club will begin after the winter break.

Please see Ms. Santos for parent consent forms to sign up.