Coming Up!

**Wednesday, December 2**
Jefferson Academy Middle School
Open House
6 - 7 p.m.
tinyurl.com/JAFamily20

**LSAT Meeting**
The LSAT Board will hold a closed planning meeting
8 p.m

**Thursday, December 3 - Sunday, December 6**
PTA Holiday & Christmas Tree Sale
Thursday, 12/3 4 - 7 p.m.
Friday, 12/4 4 - 7 p.m.
Saturday, 12/5 9 - 5 p.m.
Sunday, 12/6 9 - 5 p.m.
www.brentholidaysale.org

**Sunday, December 6**
Brent’s Second Time Around Pop Up Sale
2 - 5 p.m.
Providence Park
Masks and social distancing required

**Wednesday, December 9**
Community Meeting
6 - 7:30 p.m.
Login information in December 8 issue of Tues News

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[Link to Christmas Tree & Holiday Sale]

[Order your tree and holiday trimmings today!]

**Brent’s Christmas Tree & Holiday Sale**
Fantastic Fraser Fir Trees, wreaths, garland, poinsettias, and Hanukkah items.
December 3-6 at Brent Elementary School
301 N. Carolina Ave. SE
HOURS
Thurs & Fri. 4 - 7 pm
Sat & Sun: 9 am - 9 pm

MAKE THE HOLIDAY SEASON BRIGHTER FOR ALL! DONATE TO THE LOCAL FAMILY GIFT FUND!
Dear Parents,

The Brent Holiday Sale is this WEEK! And the presale is live until Tuesday evening:
www.brentholidaysale.org

We hope to match or exceed the fundraising amount from last year. Here is how you can help:

- Post ads from Brent’s website to your Facebook, Twitter or Instagram accounts.
- Please sign up to help: Volunteer Brent Holiday Sale 2020.
  https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1S_PwMQpKIHemZuBYvuZbgIg6IYhrSf5gNa9U/edit?usp=sharing

In particular we need help:

- Unloading 1,000+ trees off the tree farm truck at 3pm Wednesday.
  (Text Craig Heilman at 202-805-8480.)
- Assembling all the pre-sale orders (300+) for delivery and pick up.
  (Text Mary Claire at 479-409-8072 or email maryclaireb@gmail.com)
- Thursday - 3 pm - 7 pm
- Friday - 10 am - 2 pm
- Checkout and lot help on Sunday anytime after 11am to the end of the sale (Text Mary Claire at 479-409-8072 or email maryclaireb@gmail.com).

This year’s sale dates and times are:

- Thursday, December 3rd - 4pm - 7pm
- Friday, December 4th - 4pm - 7pm
- Saturday, December 5th - 9am - 5pm
- Sunday, December 6th - 9am - 5pm

Please email us at brentholiday-store@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

The Tree Committee - Mary Claire York, Craig Heilman, Shelby Hunt, Paul Taylor, Dave Stritch, Lindsay Gorman, Ben Whitcomb

Brent’s Second Time Around POP-UP Store - rescheduled!

Looking to get out of the house after all that Thanksgiving Turkey? Hopefully you’ll all be out getting your Christmas Tree and Holiday Accessories at Brent’s Christmas Tree Sale and if so, consider getting a jump start on your holiday shopping too! Come on out Sunday December 6th from 3-5pm and visit Brent’s Second Time Around POP-Up Store - your one stop holiday thrifting destination. We have so much to consider from kid’s holiday and play clothes, to women’s sweaters, dresses and boots. We even have some great outerwear, couture pieces and accessories, and even a few men’s items to consider too!

The POP Up will be set up at X Park (Providence Park) on 3rd and D Streets - the corner nearest
the Brent playground. Masks and social distancing measures will be in place but bring the family out for a quick hello. Cam’s Kettle Coffee & Captain Cookie will be joining us too if you are so inclined for treats!!

So much thanks to all that donated, we found some real treasures as we were sorting through all the donations. If you still have items to unload you can drop them off this week at Brent.

Sometimes it’s just a friendly hello or how are you? from a neighbor that makes a day so stop by and say hi if you can.

- The Brent PTA

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.

Brent DWG (with the PTA’s generous support) intends to purchase one (or more!) copies for a resource library for current and future Brent parents. If you would like to borrow a DWG copy or share a copy with someone else instead of purchasing one, please contact BrentDiversityWG@gmail.com. We want to ensure there are no barriers to participation. We encourage purchasing through

East City Bookshop (https://www.eastcitybookshop.com/).

Objectives:

- Build foundational common knowledge of race, equity, and skills for engaging in conversations about these topics
- Identify text to self connections
- Build community and identify applications to the Brent Community

Our first meeting will be Tuesday, December 15th at 6pm. For the first meeting, please read Chapter 1.

202-729-3270

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OPEN HOUSE

WELCOME!

Come learn more about our instructional program, modernized building and more!!

RSVP TODAY

melissa.winton@k12.dc.gov

- Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2020 6:7pm
- Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2020 6:7pm
- Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021 6:7pm
- Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2021 6:7pm
- Wednesday, Mar. 3, 2021 6:7pm

Meetings will be hosted via Teams @ tinyurl.com/IATFamily20

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84544396517?pwd=K1d5TUpvakUrSFFLUWNQeDQ0Y0tMUT09

Meeting ID: 845 4439 6517
Passcode: DWG

Please reach out to BrentDiversityWG@gmail.com if you’re interested in joining us or if you’d like to learn more. We’ll meet monthly on zoom and plan to read 2 chapters a month, discuss, and engage in some of the ideas generated from reading and experience.
Brent’s Virtual Multicultural Night – January 12, 2021

We’d like to continue one of our school’s cherished traditions—Multicultural Night! This year, we hope our community can come together virtually on Tuesday, January 12 at 6:30 pm to share recipes, performances, clothing, and crafts celebrating our diverse backgrounds. To do this, we need your help!

Recipes

Please share your favorite traditional recipes here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PopmpR9GRe2txlSwymJJIq412fvs9FtuZxU/edit

We plan to circulate this collection of recipes prior to the event so that our families can try them at home.

Performances

We are also planning to have a virtual talent and fashion show! Please send a video of your student(s)—or the whole family—singing, dancing, playing a song, or wearing cultural dress to Mr. Krohn at joshua.krohn@k12.dc.gov. Any video sent to Mr. Krohn will be compiled into one large video that we will live stream on Zoom for Multicultural Night. Please keep the video to 2 minutes or less.

The deadline to submit videos is December 31. The easiest way to send your videos is to upload your videos either to YouTube as a private video or by placing them in a Dropbox folder. Depending on the size of the video they can even be emailed as an attachment.

We look forward to seeing you then!

Attention Brent Families!

The Brent Reopen Community Corps wants to hear from you about your learning preference for your child/ren for Terms 3 and 4 in School Year 2020-21.

Your responses will help us assess the demand for in person learning and inform planning.

- The deadline to respond is December 4
- Your responses do not commit you to a choice
- Please fill out one survey for each child you have enrolled in grades PK3 through 5th at a DCPS school

For more information, please email brentelementary@k12.dc.gov
Dear Brent Families,

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving, maybe a quieter holiday but also a chance to enjoy good food and unseasonably beautiful weather.

Even as we continue to reflect on and grow our virtual learning practices, we have also been busy planning and executing the first stages of our in-person opening. Although DCPS is only requiring that we open 1-2 CARES classes prior to the end of Term 2, we are fortunate enough to have the volunteers and staffing structure that allow us to exceed that goal both in number and in class type. By December 7th, we will have four in-person classes in place: ECE (Julia Sadowsky, Eleanor Marindin, and Bettina Schewe), Kindergarten (Jason Harris and Bettina Schewe), Fourth Grade (Megan Ullo and Day- on Hairston) and Fifth Grade (Sarah Werstuiik and Jalon King). Following Winter Break, we plan to open classes at additional grade levels. Each of these classes hosts 8-10 prioritized students with dedicated coverage staff and discrete schedules and spaces. We have staggered opening so that we can revise and/or solidify our processes to best support our students, faculty and families.

A faculty strategic planning group has thus far contributed to these reopening plans. Following DCPS’ guidance and in order to extend those contributions to our par-}

ent community, this week we will launch our Reopening Community Corps (RCC) alongside the strategic planning group, first incubated within our LSAT and then released as an independent group. Our goal is that the RCC will be representative but not redundant to existing leadership groups. The RCC will be responsible for observing the Term 2 foundations of in-person learning and designing our longer-term approach, with defined points of community engagement, in Term 3 and beyond. Community engagement will include listening sessions (though we have held some class and grade-level listening sessions already, the formal effort will begin with our rescheduled Community Meeting on December 9th at 6pm) and a review of this DCPS survey, open through December 4th. Though surveys are often imperfect tools, we receive real-time Brent results and will use them to shape the questions we ask and models we consider.

You can expect an update about the RCC’s membership, goals and planning processes in next week’s Tues News and as part of the opening to the December 9th Community Meeting. Until then, please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or ways that you would like to contribute to this effort.

Sincerely,

Norah Lycknell