Coming Up!

**Wednesday, December 9**
Brent Community Meeting (Virtual)
6 - 7:30 p.m.
ASL Interpreters Provided
Login information on page 1.

**Friday, December 11**
Principal Coffee (Virtual)
9 - 10 a.m.
Login Information on page 6.

**Saturday, December 12**
Virtual EdFEST
11:00am-02:00pm
https://www.accelevents.com/e/EdFEST2020

**Monday, December 14**
Myschooldc Lottery Opens
visit myschooldc.org

**Wednesday, December 16**
Early Childhood Developmental Milestones Workshop
10-11 a.m.
MS Teams login at
www.brentelementary.org

Diversity Working Group Meeting
8 - 9 p.m.
https://american.zoom.us/j/97709684359?pwd=eUg5SzVjRGVXSUFWNUpEMG0xcmhCdzo9

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Brent Community Meeting Tomorrow, Wednesday, December 9, 6 - 7:30 p.m. To Discuss Term 2 and Term 3 Reopening Plans
Join Norah Lycknell and Brent parent leadership at tomorrow’s community meeting to discuss Brent’s instructional plans for term 2 and 3. ASL Interpreters provided. Login information below.
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83445023928
Meeting ID: 834 4502 3928
Passcode: Brent2020!
Brent Christmas Tree and Holiday Sale – We Did It!

On behalf of the 2020 Brent Christmas Tree and Holiday Sale co-chairs and committee we want to thank you all for your outstanding support of the 10th annual sale, held in very 2020 circumstances! First and foremost, we are hopeful that once the dust settles we will be able to add approximately $50,000 to the Brent PTA coffers. We also will have shared the sale’s good fortune and holiday cheer with 35 families in the Brent, Jefferson Middle, and Wards 6, 7, and 8 communities through the Donate-a-Tree program. Over 100 volunteers contributed to the effort, including our wonderful Brent faculty and staff and Brent alumni—parents and kids—who came back to help. We love the way this event brings our community together and we share our deepest gratitude to all who made the effort a roaring success.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Gorman, Craig Heilman, Shelby Hunt, Dave Stritch, Paul Taylor, Ben Whitcomb, and Mary Claire York

Introducing the Brent Bear Ornament 2020!
Created with Brent students

$15
Purchase your Brent Bear ornament today at www.brentelementary.org
Ornaments will be available for pick-up on December 11, 2020.
Diversity Working Group December Meeting - December 16, 2020 from 8 - 9 p.m.

DWG invites all community members to join us for the December 16th DWG meeting from 8-9PM. We will get updates on our various projects, and continue planning for a fun-filled 2021. We also plan to hold informal discussions on Brent’s reopening, and how equity and inclusion can be addressed and built into DC’s reopening plans. Email BrentDiversityWG@gmail.com with any questions.

Join Zoom Meeting
https://american.zoom.us/j/97709684359?pwd=eUg5SzVjRGVXSUFWNUpEMG0xcmhCdzo9

Mystical Sea Creatures
Welcome Mystery Reader

Brent early childhood classrooms have a tradition of a weekly Mystery Reader, usually a family or community member who reads a book to the children. Part of the fun is having the children guess the identity of the Mystery Reader. Recently this tradition was brought into our virtual learning setting. Last Friday, Eva Sosne’s grandparents (pictured here) joined the Mystical Sea Creatures from their home in California to read a story to the class.
Early Childhood Developmental Milestones Workshop
We are excited to announce that DC Public Schools Early Stages program will be facilitating a workshop on “Early Childhood Developmental Milestones” specifically for Brent Families.

Who: This workshop is open to all ECE families at Brent.

What: This workshop provides an overview of typical developmental milestones for children between the ages of three and five in the following domains: communication, gross motor, fine motor, social emotional and cognitive development. It will also include sample activities for each domain that families can do at home to help support their child reaching developmental milestones. The workshop will end with time for Q & A.

When: The workshop will be held on Wednesday December 16th and begin 10:00 AM, it will end between 10:30 and 11:00 based on attendee participation and the number of questions families have.

Where: Meet us in Microsoft TEAMS - visit www.brentelementary.org for login information.

The MySchoolDC Lottery Window will Open on Monday, December 14.
The MySchoolDC lottery window will open on Monday, December 14. For elementary and middle schools, the window closes March 1, 2021. Brent participates in the DCPS early childhood and out-of-boundary lottery system to allocate available preschool and Pre-Kinder spots as well as for new out-of-boundary students.

For Families with New Incoming PS3 and PK4 Students
For families with new incoming PS3 and PK4 students, you must submit an application at myschooldc.org for Photos: Scenes from Brent’s Mix-it Lunch a spot at Brent for SY21-22. If you are applying with sibling preference, have your older’s child’s school identification number handy in order to complete the application. Finally, since all sibling preferences must be approved by the main office for that sibling preferences to be granted, please email Denise Diggs at denise.diggs@k12.dc.gov indicating that you are submitting a lottery application for a sibling. This is a good check to ensure that all lottery applicants eligible for sibling preference have correctly received it.

New In-boundary families K - 5th
New In-boundary families with students in K - 5th should call Brent’s main office at 202-698-3363 to schedule an appointment for a tour. Enrollment for the next school year begins after April 2, 2021.

Current Brent Students
Current Brent students do not need to apply in the lottery in order to reenroll on Brent for SY21-22. More information about re-enrollment will be communicated in March.
Dear Brent Families,

Tomorrow (Wednesday from 6-7:30) we will host a Community Meeting to describe Brent’s Term 2 Context, reflections on that context and the work of the Reopening Community Corps (RCC) as we consider our school’s plans for Term 3. RCC membership is as follows:

- All parent and faculty LSAT members (there is a large crossover in its mission)
- The chairs of the PTA, DWG and SIT
- Two faculty representatives, beyond some LSAT overlap, from our previously established Strategic Planning Group that helped to develop and execute our Term 2 plans
- One general faculty representative

One of the most critical goals of the RCC is to gather community perspectives. We launched that effort with DCPS’ Learning Preference Survey to which over 250 Brent families responded, a recent survey record to be sure – we’ll share the results tomorrow evening. In addition, we are going to lean on our listening session tradition at Brent. We have already hosted a couple family listening sessions at grade levels, will bolster our understanding with listening sessions following the presentation of the Community meeting, and will follow with additional grade level listening sessions prior to Winter Break.

Understanding the diversity of our community’s needs is critical to a plan that seeks to serve them.

In case you have questions, concerns or thoughts that stretch beyond the time or content boundaries of the Community Meeting, I will also host a Virtual Principal’s Coffee this Friday, December 11th from 9:00-10:00 a.m. Use this link to access the Virtual Principal’s Coffee:

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87908084476?pwd=TzRaTjdRbHd4b2Z6Q0N2Z0NmamIrUT09
Meeting ID: 879 0808 4476
Passcode: 8sn9nR

Sincerely,

Norah Lycknell
Principal