Coming Up!

Wednesday, March 3
LSAT/PTA Board Joint Meeting
6 - 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 5
Parent-Teacher Conference Day
No school for students

Thursday, March 11
DWG Book Club - Courageous Conversations
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84544396517?pwd=K1d5TUpvakUrSFFLUWNQcDQ0Y0tMUT09
Meeting ID: 845 4439 6517
Passcode: DWG

Friday, March 12
Progress Reports Mailed

Friday, April 2
SY21-22 School Enrollment and Re-Enrollment

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

It’s Read Across America Month!
Brent Bears Celebrate a National of Diverse Readers

Week 1: Books that celebrate you

Week 2: Books about taking action

Week 3: Books that give a different perspective

Week 4: Books about influential Americans
It’s Read Across America Month!
Throughout March, Brent Bears will honor Read Across America by celebrating a nation of diverse readers, characters, and authors. We encourage families to participate at home by reading books that celebrate the diverse cultures, communities, and voices of our great nation. Book suggestions to read at home for weekly Read Across America focuses can be found on the front page.

JBAB Bus Service Resumes in Compliance with DC DOH Guidelines
After working closely with the JBAB Transportation Team and DCPS Operations, JBAB busses began transporting six Brent students this week. As a reflection of their commitment to student and community safety, JBAB documented their adherence to DCPS transportation guidance, Brent safety protocols and Brent arrival/dismissal times.

Enrollment and Re-enrollment season begins Friday, April 2, 2021
Enrollment and Re-enrollment season is just one month away. On Friday, April 2, 2021, families will receive an email with a link to the enrollment packet. Please make plans to complete the enrollment packet and submit residency verification documents the first two weeks of April. Note: Driver licenses that expired during the pandemic can still be used for residency verification. Given the large number of families on the waiting list for a seat at Brent, it is important that current families complete this process quickly.

Families of students who are not returning to Brent Elementary for school year 21-22, should inform Brent by emailing brentelementary@k12.dc.gov. If you have any questions about the enrollment process, please contact Denise Diggs at denise.diggs@k12.dc.gov.

Everybody Wins DC
Looking for an additional resource to help your child build their literacy and social-emotional skills - well, how about Power Readers? Everybody Wins DC is accepting applications for its signature virtual program. Power Readers brings caring adults and elementary school students together to read one hour a week.

The program is offered throughout the day – including after school – to provide greater flexibility for families as they navigate distance learning requirements. Program operations and logistics are managed directly by EWDC staff; students just need a computer, tablet, or phone and they can join in on all the shared reading fun!

Click here to apply: https://www.tfaforms.com/4842804
Check out our latest news story on NBC4 all about Power Readers: http://bit.ly/PowerReadersNBC

BRENT ELEMENTARY
ANNUAL FUND
We need you more than ever!!!!

We have been running FUN’d February this month as a way to kick off Brent’s Annual Fund. Each year Brent’s PTA raises north of six figures to pay for nearly all non-personnel expenses at Brent. A necessary effort so that our school can allocate all of their DCPS funds to our amazing teachers and staff.

The money raised pays for nearly all operating expenses: cleaning supplies, smartboards in every classroom, library and specials supplies and recess programming just to name a few.

In normal years, we spend about $750 per student per year on operating costs - the suggested giving amount per student.

We recognize how challenging this year has been. For some more challenging than others, so give what you can manage. Every dollar counts! Brent needs all the help we can get to get ALL Students and ALL Teachers back as quickly and safely as possible.

If you are a family that has not been impacted as greatly by the pandemic, please consider giving more. We appreciate you all very much and look forward to the days we are all together again. With love your PTA

CAMPAIGN GOAL: $120,000

- OR Scan this Annual Fund QR Code. Open Camera on your phone, take photo of code, then click the link that pops up on your device, donate!
- Lastly, we still take checks! Make payable to “Robert Brent Elementary PTA”, memo: Annual Fund and send/drop off Brent Elementary School 301 N. Carolina Ave. SE, Wash DC 20003
- Be sure to RE-POST on YOUR social media accounts and spread the word!

Every family's contribution is important. We have not been impacted as greatly as some others. This year, every dollar really counts. As the pandemic becomes more remote, Brent needs your support more than ever!

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Dear Brent Families,

Last week I described the launch and timeline of the DCPS Budget Process. With appreciation to Brent’s LSAT for their guidance and with the approval of all our local budget petitions, I will submit our Brent FY22 budget on Thursday for final review. In summary, the FY22 budget maintains current instructional staff while growing both the librarian and psychologist positions.

The graphic to the right describes these funding sources.

This FY22 DCPS submission is only part of Brent’s funding. This graphic describes those funding sources:

Our next planning stages include:

A 3/3 meeting with LSAT and the PTA Board to lay the foundations for PTA Budget planning. The official PTA Budget process stretches from April-June and will include multiple points of community engagement.

An analysis of the scope of need and goals for summer programming. We estimate using about 20-30% of available stimulus funds. The Reopening Community Corps (RCC) will refocus its work on these efforts.

Thanks to those who were able to join this morning’s Principals Coffee that focused on our Brent budget. If you could not make it or have additional questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to norah.lycknell@k12.dc.gov.

Sincerely,

Norah Lycknell
Principal