Coming Up

URGENT - SY 20-21 Enrollment online link:
https://forms.dc.gov/f/DCPSEnrollmentForm_English

Deadline for Optional Survey for Families - Class List Placement Perspectives SY20-2021 – Deadline Today
This optional survey can be accessed here - https://tinyurl.com/yapatmlb

Wednesday, May 20
PTA Board Meeting (Virtual)
6 - 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 21
Diversity Working Group Meeting
8 p.m.
Zoom log in information on page 4.

Friday, May 22
Parent-teacher Conference Day

Monday, May 25
Memorial Day
School Closed - no Distance Learning

Friday, May 29
Last Day of School

Key Contact Information
Main Office Mobile Line
202-590-7458

This Week is Community Helper Appreciation Week

Monday: Those Who Serve & Protect
Show your thanks to military children and their families by wearing purple today. Purple combines the colors of all branches of the armed forces who serve our country through

Tuesday: Health Care Providers.
Teddy bears bring comfort when we are tired or sick. Health care workers help us stay healthy and strong. Brent Bears can bring comfort too by displaying a teddy bear in the windows of your home.
**Grade Level Close Out Meetings Schedule**

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**Wednesday: Postal Workers.** Workers for the Postal Service, UPS and Federal Express bring letters and purchases to our homes to keep us connected and well supplied when we can’t be with friends or go to stores. Write a thank you note on the sidewalk to thank a delivery person who brings things to you.

**Thursday: Food Industry.** Workers from restaurants, grocery stores, and other companies deliver us food to our homes when we can’t go out and visit restaurants with our families and friends. Write a thank you note on the sidewalk to thank a delivery person who brings things to you.

**Friday: Family and Caregivers.** Make sure to find a way to show your parent or caregiver how much you appreciate them today! You are such thoughtful, caring young people that we know you will find some just-right ways to show your love!

**Grade Level Close Out Meetings**

In the last two weeks of distance learning, grade-level teams will have the opportunity to share with parents high-level information about the academic focal points from the year, highlights or major successes and challenges, and recommended areas for summer emphasis. Please If you are not able to attend the live session(s), they will also be recorded and linked via the grade level newsletters for families to view at another time.

**School Library Book Return**

Please hold on to the books that your children checked out from the school library until further notice, even if your child is not returning to Brent next school year. If you are moving away from the DC metro area over the summer, please contact Ms. Bettina at bettina.schewe@k12.dc.gov, so that a safe way of returning books can be determined on a case by case basis. Thank you.
for performances and talents before school, excitement as they practice their per-
ditions. The students are buzzing with numerous concerts and talent show au-
is usually when I am getting ready for the performing arts. This time of year
love to lift all of our spirits through Due to these circumstances, I would
tain times we are facing right now.

I know these are difficult and uncer-
y to planning for the future
gs. As a way of encouraging our whole

Virtual Talent Show! There will be no auditions this
year, and every video that is sent to me will be compiled into one large
video that will be emailed to the community. If there are a large number of
videos being sent, I may end up doing a live stream of the video on Zoom as
a virtual concert for the community.

I don’t want to put the usual restric-
tions on these videos, so as long as
the video is school appropriate it will
be aired. I only ask that your videos
do not exceed 2 minutes. Also, I do
reserve the right to hold back any
videos that are not deemed as school
appropriate as the whole point of this Virtual Talent Show is to uplift and
spread happiness, smiles and cheer.

Ideas for talents can include singing,
playing an instrument, dancing, recit-
ing poetry, hula hooping, or juggling.
As a way of encouraging our whole
Brent community to engage with this
talent show I would love to encour-
gage you to include your whole family
(anyone in your house)! You can have just the student/students perform or
have the whole family perform. The
sky is the limit!

The deadline to submit videos is May 27, 2020. Videos can be sent
to Joshua.krohn@k12.dc.gov. The easiest way 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.

I will keep all of you posted as I start to receive videos of whether or not
this talent show will be streamed as a virtual concert or emailed to the com-

My hope with this project is that we
connect, get to see each other even if
only through videos, laugh and smile
a whole lot. Please let me know if you
have any questions. I so look forward
to seeing all of your amazing videos
and talent!

Love always,
Mr. Krohn

LSAT Nominations
All Brent parents are invited and
couraged to nominate yourself or someone else for the Brent Lo-
cal School Advisory Team (LSAT)! Brent’s LSAT is a group of parents,
teachers, administrators and a com-
munity member that meets once a
month to advise the principal on
critical school issues and priorities - including curricular matters, school
budget, enrollment, staffing, school
culture and parent and student en-
gagement. Joining the LSAT is an
exceptional opportunity to get a better understanding of how school deci-
sions are made and how DCPS works
AND to have a positive, long-lasting
impact on the school. There are four
parent openings for the next school
year -- three for two-year terms and
one for a one-year term. If you have
any questions about joining the LSAT,
feel free to contact Jean Blackerby
Strich (current LSAT Chair) at jean.
blackerby@gmail.com or any current/
former member of the LSAT. If you
are interested in nominating yourself,
please send a statement of interest
that includes your children and their
grades and why you are interested in
joining the LSAT to Jean Blackerby

Strich at jean.blackerby@gmail.com by Wednesday, May 20. The date of the election will be announced soon.

May Movement Challenge - Week #3!

In weeks #1-2 combined we recorded over 1,300 miles for the May Movement Challenge. Together we’ve now covered enough mileage to get from Brent Elementary to Dallas, TX! Week #2 shout-outs to the Goldsmith, Caretta and Bains families who each hit at least 40 miles of running/walking, the Ash Family who biked over 100 miles and the Portolese and Goldenberg families who led the ‘other’ exercise category.

Join for Week #3 of the Brent community challenge to collective hit 3,000 miles during the month of May. This past weekend would have been the Capitol Hill Classic so mark out a 3k or 10k and get moving. As a reminder, this is for ALL family members/staff (not just students) and you can track miles either by joining a Brent Strava Team or manually entering your weekly totals and there will be 10 gift certificates to select Capitol Hill businesses of choice ($25 each) given away to a mix of the most active participants.

Goal: Collectively achieve 3,000 miles by running, biking and other exercises (20 minutes of “other” exercise = 1 mile) during the month of May.

Tracking: Submit a weekly form to track activity: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdZj3mMoRX02kp4b6sJWwe bqKJ8yiL66m8hGBVpelPyyH7Q/viewform?usp=sf link or join the Brent Bears running team on Strava: https://www.strava.com/clubs/bolting-brentbears

Diversity Working Group Meeting this Thursday, May 21 at 8 p.m.

Join us for a Diversity Working Group Meeting on Zoom this Thursday at 8pm. All are welcome. We will discuss promoting equity during the pandemic and voting on leadership and priorities for the 2020-21 school year. Hope to see you soon! Log on using the following information

https://american.zoom.us/j/99633149972?pwd=dWdLaGNsZ2hFY3MrclA3SCtqNGExZz09
Meeting ID: 996 3314 9972
Password: 412815
Dear Brent Families,

I am excited to be writing to you again, now as the mother of TWO. We welcomed baby Silas on April 28th and it’s been a joyous/exhausting whirlwind ever since! Thank you to Sara Ewbank for so capably taking the helm over the last two weeks.

On the note of family, this week at Brent we are celebrating the larger community, including our families. Thank you for your partnership, patience, and unwavering support of our students always but especially since we moved to Distance Learning. Whether it’s juggling devices and log ins, taking a writing piece to publication, attending a virtual field trip, or sharing on social media, you are deeply appreciated by your Brent family.

Even as we attempt to live day by day, a practical stance in unsure times, we rightfully want to plan for the future. In particular, what will the future of school look like? At Brent, our goal is to be as transparent about what we don’t know as what we do know.

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<td>Details of Summer Programming and the School Year 2020-2021 Calendar</td>
<td>The Mayor and Chancellor Ferebee will hold a press conference on May 22nd to offer summer and SY 2020-2021 calendar updates. Summer programming, including summer school and summer enrichment, will take place and will likely be in a Distance Learning format.</td>
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<td>The Final DCPS Budget for Fiscal Year 2021</td>
<td>The Mayor submitted her full FY2021 budget to Council today with a stated priority of preserving and even extending school personnel and non-personnel needs. Federal stimulus money will supplement this budget, focusing on technology and populations with the highest needs.</td>
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<td>The Format of Teaching and Learning in the Fall</td>
<td>DCPS is considering a variety of models including a Hybrid Learning structure, though their thinking continues to evolve as they take in the information coming at a rapid clip. If implemented, Hybrid Learning is defined as a mixture of distance and in-person learning. For Distance Learning, the models include augmenting the structures we have built over the last 8 weeks. For in-person learning, these models include a variety of population-limiting mechanisms so that current social distancing guidelines can be followed. DCPS is analyzing all of the necessary operational functions, from staffing to safety to school routines, before determining and communicating the models that will be used for the system and, in some cases, particular school settings.</td>
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<td>The Content of Teaching and Learning in the Fall</td>
<td>Our Brent faculty holds a deep commitment to instructional planning, both long and short term. Nothing about that commitment has changed. We have carefully documented and shared the learning accomplished in the current school year and will adjust our plans to both incorporate missed learning and emphasize the next grade level’s content. Still through the lens of a set of named goals, we will also analyze modes of delivery and types of content that have been the most engaging to students and the most effective in the home environment, whether based on Brent’s experience or the best practices we discover from other schools and systems.</td>
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We are a values and goals driven community and we will continue to use those foundations to retain our focus and to make decisions across many contingencies. And, as we shift a “don’t know” to a “do know,” we will communicate expeditiously and welcome your questions.

Sincerely,
Norah Lycknell