Coming Up!

**Wednesday, October 21**
Diversity Working Group
8 p.m.
Zoom link: https://american.zoom.us/j/99153582004?pwd=Um9iakRtb1BSM0RaRmcxZG9pR09ldz09

**Friday, October 23**
Principal Coffee
8:45 – 9:45 a.m.
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83052004395?pwd=VVdXeDJrMlhSQktibnUvUG43c1RyQT09 Meeting ID: 830 5200 4395 Passcode: Brent2020!

**Wednesday, October 28**
Brent October Community Meeting
6 - 7:30 p.m.
Login Instructions in October 27 Tues News

**Tuesday, November 3**
Election Day
No school for students and staff

**Friday, November 6**
Records Day
No school for students

**Wednesday, November 11**
Veterans’ Day
No school for students

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**October DWG Meeting - This Wednesday, October 21**
The next DWG meeting will take place Wednesday, October 21st at 8pm. For our October meeting, we will continue sharing takeaways from the listening sessions to become an anti-racist school and develop action steps informed by those takeaways. We are also interested to gather diverse perspectives on school re-opening from families, so please feel free to join and share. These two pieces will help inform both our future activities as a group, as well as our own personal growth and development. We encourage all families to join us! At our meetings, we create community by discussing difficult topics in a safe, non-judgmental space. If you have any questions, please email BrentDiversityWG@gmail.com.

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**Please join Brent’s Diversity Working Group on Wednesday, October 21st at 8pm via Zoom at https://tinyurl.com/BrentDWG**

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**Link to October 13th Community Meeting on School ReOpening**
If you are interested in watching the recording of the Community Meeting from Tuesday, October 13, the link to the Zoom video is below: https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/hyCN_K5ihFTto1AmJZ8qcaCz2lLo7cckPzPpU6T1XoCNB
From the PTA Community Liaison, Francine Asche

With Halloween quickly approaching, and Mayor Bowser advising against trick-or-treating, I wanted to suggest an alternative to trick-or-treating and Hilloween.

Our friend Adam Butler in Austin, TX is coordinating with neighbors to turn candy money into food money and I’d like to recommend that we do the same on Capitol Hill.

I’m hosting a fundraiser on the Capital Area Food Bank’s web site. Please donate to the food bank (whose donations are down this year due to the pandemic, like many other non-profits) instead of spending money on Halloween candy. The link is here: https://give.capitalareafoodbank.org/trickoreat2020

Please let me know if you have any questions and please feel free to spread the word!

Thanks,
Francine Asche
francine.asche@gmail.com

Health and Fitness Day Date Moved to Friday, October 30!

Health and Fitness Day is coming (virtually) on Friday, October 30 and we want to know how YOU have been staying healthy and fit at home! Please share a photo or short video (15 seconds or less, please) telling or showing your favorite ways to stay physically AND mentally healthy. We can’t wait to discover how our community of Brent Bears is taking good care of their bodies and brains!

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Join the Community Conversation about Race Equity on Wednesday, October 28 from 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

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Join the conversation from 6:00pm-7:30pm to engage with other families on how we all can work towards race equity at Brent. The conversation will complement the work faculty are doing through the ‘Becoming an Antiracist School and Community Working Group.’

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Questions?
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DCPS ReOpen Strong

From Chancellor Ferebee

What Do I Need To Do Before My Student Can Return To School?

Make sure your student is up to date with their immunizations. Visit https://dcpsreopenstrong.com/ for a list of School-Based Health Centers that are open for vaccinations.

Ensuring your child receives the right vaccinations at the right age is one of the most important ways to help them stay healthy and keep serious diseases at a distance. Families who receive an offer for a classroom seat must have an immunization certification for their student submitted by their first day of in-person attendance (November 9 for in-person learning classrooms; November 16 for PK3-1st Grade CARE classrooms; and November 30 for 2nd-5th Grade CARE classrooms). Students without documentation will not be permitted to attend school in person and will continue to learn at home.

How Can I Prepare My Student For Returning To School?

Practice healthy routines with your student like mask-wearing, hand washing, social distancing, and daily health screening.

Healthy routines start at home. The same safety steps we follow in our daily lives to protect ourselves from coronavirus (COVID-19) will take place at school. Wondering what the start of the school day will look like as we reopen? Watch a brief video for elementary school students about getting ready for the day, and this one about arriving at school. Visit https://dcpsreopenstrong.com/ for the links to the video on getting ready for the day and about school arrival.

Parents and guardians are asked to follow the steps “Ask, Ask, Look” to help their student get ready for the school day. Completing a daily health screening will help make sure that sick individuals or individuals who have been in close contact with someone who is positive for COVID-19 do not enter the school building.

What Happens If Someone In My Student’s School Tests Positive For COVID-19?

If a student, staff member, or community member who was in the building tests positive for COVID-19, schools will follow the health and safety guidance released by DC Health and the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE). Through the DCPS COVID-19 Response Protocol, every staff member will be trained to confidentially report potential exposure in a school building.

The positive individual will immediately begin working or learning from home and consult their healthcare provider, and DCPS will notify DC Health to support with contact tracing. We will provide self-quarantine instructions to close contacts, notify students and staff in the building about the positive case, and follow all steps outlined by DC Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for cleaning, disinfecting, and sanitizing of the facility. Visit https://dcpsreopenstrong.com/ for more information on COVID-19 response scenarios, what kind of communication to expect, and conditions for returning to school after experiencing symptoms of or testing positive for COVID-19.