**Coming Up!**

**Brent Meal Site Hours**  
Mondays - Fridays  
10 - 2 p.m.  
Free breakfast/lunch bag to go for all DC students

**Thursday, September 10**  
LSAT Meeting via Zoom  
6 - 7:30 p.m.  
hhttps://us02web.zoom.us/j/2260065354?pwd=VUZWMUtWLiJybUFjOGczVXBtOEFLZz09  
Meeting ID: 226 006 5354  
Passcode: 191398  
Additional meeting login information on Brent’s website

**Friday, September 11**  
K - 5th Materials Distribution  
4 - 6 p.m.

**Saturday, September 12**  
K - 5th Materials Distribution  
9 - noon

**Tuesday, September 15**  
Principal’s Office  
8:40 - 9:30 a.m.  
To login please see MS Teams link in the principal’s letter on page 5 and Brent’s website

**Virtual Back to School Night**  
6 - 7:30 p.m.  
ASL Interpreters Provided  
Login information provided Monday, September 14

**Brent Elementary's LIBRARY IS OPEN!**  
Ms. Bettina is ready to put books in the hands of Brent Bears!  
Follow these easy steps:

1. Browse for books by visiting Brent’s Online Catalog at https://destinydiscover.com/  
2. Login is just student information - (Username: Student ID# only, Password: Birthdate).  
3. Students should put the books they would like to read on hold. That will trigger a notification to Ms. Bettina, who will get the items ready for pick-up.

**Questions? Contact Ms. Bettina at bettina.schewe@k12.dc.gov**

**Coming Up! (cont.)**

**Wednesday, September 16**  
Diversity Working Group Meeting  
6 - 7:30 p.m.  
Login here (Google Meet) meet.google.com/cag-vxwy-jaa

**Brent LSAT Meeting – This Thursday from 6 – 7:30 p.m.**  
Brent’s Local School Advisory Team (LSAT) is meeting this Thursday from 6 – 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. Login information is in the calendar section and on the website. While this group consists of elected and appointed members, all in the Brent Community are
welcome to attend and participate in the meeting. Thursday’s meeting will focus on SY20-21 planning, chair and secretary elections, anti-racism work and DCPS’s Learning Support Center Request for Proposals.

**Brent’s Library Is Ready For Print Book Check-Out**

Ms. Bettina is looking forward to putting print books into the hands of your children.

Since the school is closed to students and parents, books must be requested online. To browse for books, please visit the Brent’s Online Catalog at https://destinydiscover.com. To log in, please use the school provided information (Username: Student ID# only, Password: Birthdate).

Students should put the books they would like to read on hold. That will trigger a notification to Ms. Bettina, who will get the items ready for pick-up. You can find a short tutorial on how to access and navigate the catalog https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nTL-KcKSyGx&feature=youtu.be.

Please note: Returned books will stay in quarantine for 72 hours, before they can be put back into circulation. This will impact book turnaround time.

If you have any questions, or you are looking for reading recommendations, please e-mail Ms. Bettina at bettina.schewe@k12.dc.gov.

Regardless of whether you requested books using the online catalog or via email, Ms. Bettina will contact you when your books are ready to arrange pick-up or delivery. Previously checked-out school library books should be returned at the time of pick-up/delivery.

Happy Reading!

**Attendance and Canvas Login Update**

DCPS has clarified attendance policies for virtual learning and has stated that students must log into Canvas Mondays - Fridays, including Wednesdays.

Steps to Get Started Each Day
Your student should be logged on by 8:30 a.m. and follow the steps below to join their classes:

2. Log in:
   Username: studentID#@students.k12.dc.us
   Password: 6-digit birthday (MMD-DYY).
3. Click on your course to get to your class homepage.
4. Use the daily tabs to access the schedule and links for the day.

**Interested in Cub Scouts?**

Capitol Hill Scouts Pack 230 invites interested parents to attend an information session about Cub Scouts which is open for boys and girls from K through 5th Grade. Pack 230 will hold this parents-only informational event on the steps of the Adams Library of Congress Building at 200 Independence Ave SE at 7 PM on Wed, Sept 9th. Wear your mask and follow all social distancing recommendations!

Come learn about how Cub Scouts is continuing our mission of developing youth. Whether your family has Scouting experience or you are totally new to Scouting, come learn about what Scouting has to offer your family.

What: Cub Scout Pack 230 Informational session
Who: Parents of all K-5th graders—Girls and Boys
Where: 200 Independence SE-Outside steps of Adams Library of Congress Bldg
When: Wednesday, September 9th, 7 PM
Contact: Pack 230 Chairman, Bryan Dierlam; bryan.dierlam@gmail.com
Kelly Drew
Partner Teacher – Early Childhood
Tues News
Spotlight

What is your teaching and educational background?
I am a native of Washington D.C.! I attended two DCPS schools, Miner Elementary, and Hines Junior High School. I have worked in a private sector earning my CDA Credential. I have ten years of experience working with young children. My passion has always been teaching and motivating children to become independent and lifelong learners. What I enjoy most in this profession is working in a caring and respectful classroom where students are encouraged to think, share, and have fun! I am currently pursuing my degree in Early Childhood Education.

Photos: Left, Ms. Drew with husband, Above, Ms. Drew with brother, mom and adorable niece.

How did the Early Childhood Virtual home visits go?
Early childhood virtual home visits went really well. I was excited to get to know the parents and interact with children one on one. Our students were very welcoming and were excited to talk to me about their favorite things!

What are your hopes and dreams for your students this year?
My hopes and dreams for the school year are to be the best role model that I can be both in virtual learning and in-person setting. Also, in virtual learning, I want our students to learn something new every day.

Brent’s Shopping Accounts
Families can support Brent in several ways through routine shopping:

Make Brent PTA your charity of choice and shop smile.amazon.com. Amazon contributes 0.5% of your purchases to the PTA.

Link your Harris Teeter VIC Card to Brent PTA (#7117) and 5% of your purchases are donated to the PTA. Reminder - you have to do this again at the start of each school year.

Purchase clothes and uniforms from Lands End (use preferred school #900176801)
Distribution Part 2 for K-5th Families - Friday, September 11 and Saturday, September 12

Great news! The Eureka math workbooks have arrived at Brent and we will be distributing to K-5 families at the end of this week! These workbooks are for all K-5 students, and we do need each student to receive their set. Distribution will take place in front of the school, inside the front gate at the following times:

Friday, September 11 from 4 - 6 p.m.
Saturday, September 12 from 9 – noon

Please bring a bag or tote to carry.

If you cannot make it during those times, it is fine for one person to collect for multiple children, so asking a neighbor or friend to pick up for you is great! They just need to tell us the names of the children for our tracking.

Also during these two distribution windows:

Bright green Brent shirts (field trip shirts) will be available for FREE for any child who doesn’t yet have one or who has outgrown theirs from last year. Come early for the best chance we’ll have your correct sizes!

4th grade novels for Unit One will be available for pick-up.

Missed getting to have your First Days of School photo? Weather permitting, we will have a photo booth set up near the Brent sign in the front yard. Bring your kiddos for their Brent sign selfie!

Bonus: Photographer Dani Pierce will also be onsite to take posed and candid photos on behalf of Brent. Come by, let her snap your photo, and you may find yourself featured in upcoming Brent media!
Dear Brent Families,

We made it one whole week. Congratulations and thank you for your early and proactive partnership!

Even in this different setting, the first week bore many similarities to a more typical first week, especially our focus on the early stages of student/student and student/teacher relationships. In our second week we will augment our focus on the routines and procedures essential to virtual learning and we will launch the academic assessment processes essential to understanding our individual learners. When students are not in live whole class, half group and small group blocks, teachers will meet with individuals to conduct those assessments, the outcomes of which will direct instructional planning and delivery in the weeks to come.

When we are in regular school, many things can happen simultaneously. For example, when a small group of students are meeting with a teacher, other students are working independently. Or when students are in their special subject, classroom teachers hold grade-level planning meetings. Virtual learning interrupts this synchronicity and therefore what will always be true is that teacher days are fuller with live interaction than student days. However, please know that as we continue the ramp up process over the first six weeks, independent learning time, whether on Wednesdays or outside of live blocks on other days, will take a clearer and more routinized shape. And we hope that because of our methodical ramp up approach, students will be able to access this work and the stamina it requires with minimal support. It is something we are monitoring and are ready to make small shifts as time progresses.

If you are interested in talking more about our school-level planning for virtual learning or would like to share your family’s experiences within our school context, please join me for the first Principal’s Coffee of the year on Tuesday, September 15th at 8:40am. Principal’s Coffees will be held bi-weekly and the day/time will change to acknowledge different parent and guardian schedules. To join on the 15th, please follow this Teams link:

Join Microsoft Teams Meeting https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MmE4Y2ExMDEtNzI1MzQzNDU3NDYzMTU4NjU5MSQyODk%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22aa46ee-b34e-4833-92b7-999df2bc0a32%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22866bfba0-c08%22%7d

+1 202-539-1291 United States, Washington DC (Toll)

Conference ID: 136 475 264#

Sincerely,

Norah Lycknell
SHINE Online

S - Sit up straight
H - Hands steady
I - In one space
N - No noise (Mute)
E - Eyes on the screen
Brent Bear Morning Must-Dos

1. Use the Bathroom
2. Brush Teeth
3. Comb Hair
4. Wash Face
5. Get Dressed
6. Eat Breakfast
7. Get Your Backpack