Coming Up

Friday, February 3
National Geographic Bee
9 a.m.

Report Cards Sent Home

Wednesday, February 8
PTA General Meeting
ASL interpreters and childcare provided

Friday, February 17
Professional Development Day
No School for Students

Monday, February 20
Presidents Day
No school for students, teachers and staff

Wednesday, March 1
Myschooldc Lottery Closes

Friday, March 3
Parent-Teacher Conference Day
No School for Students

Friday, 2/3 National Geographic Bee
Come and support Brent’s 4th and 5th grade National Geographic Bee finalists this Friday at 9 a.m. Students will compete for a chance for a spot in the city finals.

Brent Chess Team Places Second in Tournament
The Brent Elementary chess team placed second in the school competition at the annual Winter Tournament held by Chess Challenge in DC at the Columbia Heights Education Campus in Northwest DC on January 28th. Elementary and middle school students from nine schools around the city participated. In the individual competition, Brent fifth grader Vanessa Warren and Jude Martin placed first and third, respectively in the Select Division. Fourth grader Jackson Gayl also medaled in the Select Division. Second grader Wanya Koch was an individual medalist in the Open Division. The Brent team is being coached this year by Elio Cruz and Jan Gordon. Chess Challenge in DC will hold its sixth annual city-wide Elementary and Middle School Chess Tournament on March 25th at Wilson High School.
Urge the Mayor to Modernize Jefferson Academy

Brent parents, along with parents of students at Jefferson Academy, Tyler, Van Ness and Amidon Bowen have launched a petition to urge Mayor Bowser to move up the long-scheduled modernization for Jefferson Academy and begin planning in FY18, with construction in FY19. The new state-of-the-art science labs are on schedule, but the modernization has been delayed yet again. Modernization plans for Jefferson Academy (initially scheduled for 2006, then 2012) are now scheduled for completion in 2022. To sign the petition, please go to www.change.org and search for “Jefferson Academy.”

ECE Classes Visit Museum of Natural History to Study Endangered Species

This year, Brent’s annual Monarch Project inspired the Hardworking Pandas to study endangered species. Last Thursday, the Hardworking Pandas traveled to the Museum of Natural History to participate in an endangered species scavenger hunt throughout mammal and ocean hall. The children explored the museum with their partners to find and identify 16 endangered species including prairie dogs, sea turtles, cheetahs, coral, the arctic fox and many more. See photo.

Tax Receipts for 2016 Annual Fund

If you gave to the PTA Annual Fund in the calendar year 2016, your receipt is available for pick up in the office. Receipts are sorted alphabetically by FIRST name of donor. Receipts will be kept in the office until February 15th, so please stop by and get yours as soon as you are able. Questions or mistakes, please contact brentannualfund@gmail.com

Second Graders Partnered with National Museum of Women in the Arts

Second graders partnered with the National Museum of Women in the Arts last week to study how artists convey feelings and character traits using symbols and colors. Ms. Addie and Ms. Ashley, educators from the museum, visited the school over the course of three days to co-teach lessons with the second grade team. During these lessons students created word portraits and paintings inspired by the main character in the realistic fictions stories they are currently drafting in Writer’s Workshop. See photos.