

# THE TUES. NEWS

1-8-2019

## BRENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### Coming Up

#### **Wednesday, January 9**

PTA Board Meeting  
6:30 – 8 p.m.

#### **Thursday, January 10**

Spirit Day  
Workout / Athletic Gear

#### **Friday, January 11**

International Night  
6 - 7:30 p.m.

#### **Saturday, January 12**

Eastern Feeder Fest  
10 – 1 p.m.  
Eastern High School  
1700 East Capitol St NE  
See attached flyer

#### **Wednesday, January 16**

Diversity Working Group Meeting  
6:30 – 8 p.m.

#### **Thursday, January 17**

Jefferson Academy Open House  
6 – 7:30 p.m.  
Jefferson Academy  
801 7th St SW

#### **Monday, January 21**

Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
Brent Closed

#### **January 22 & 23**

PD and Records Day  
No School for Students



#### **Brent's Annual International Night Friday January 11th from 6 - 7:30 p.m.!**

This Friday, January 11, from 6 - 7:30 p.m. is International Night! International Night is a can't miss event: an evening of celebrating and embracing the diversity of our school through cultural artifacts, musical performance, food, and crafts. To make this a fabulous and educational evening for our students we are asking for help! Visit this link to sign up: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17Sb4dfcEe57q9Gsv9ImkIt-vtfe9h3cowbtI8DNs9owA/edit?usp=sharing>

#### **Annual Fund Raises Over \$95,000 for Brent Students**

Thank you to the 162 families who gave over \$95,000 to the Annual

*Photos: Rehearsals for Brent's annual school play, Alice in Wonderland, began last week.*

Fund. Your support makes a difference every day in the lives of our students. Through your generosity, the Brent experience is being made possible for our children. If you gave to the PTA Annual Fund in the 2018 calendar year, your receipt will be emailed to you by January 31st. Thanks to all!

#### **Spirit Day this Thursday, January 10**

Brent's next Spirit Day is this Thursday, January 10. Students are encouraged to wear their favorite exercise or play clothes for "Train Your Brain Thursday". We workout our brains each day. On Thursday our clothes will match!

## **MLK Poster Party and Parade**

Join the Diversity Working Group for a celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. and his legacy on civil rights and equality. On Tuesday, January 15, we will gather at 3:30 p.m. in the art room at Brent to make posters inspired by Dr. King's words and actions. Students not participating in Springboard should be accompanied by an adult. On Monday, January 21, we will bring our posters to MLK Boulevard in Anacostia for the annual MLK Holiday Peace Walk and Parade. For questions or to RSVP, please email Danielle at [danielle@websterious.com](mailto:danielle@websterious.com).

## **January Specials Newsletter Now Posted on Website**

Check out all the happenings in Brent's specials classes by visiting the January Specials Newsletter at <http://www.brentelemetary.org/specials.html>

## **Get your Volunteer and Chaperrone Clearance – TB Testing January 15 & January 18**

A negative TB test is required for DCPS's volunteer clearance! Heidi Johnson, a nurse practitioner on the Hill, will conduct TB Testing at Brent on Tuesday, January 15 (Part 1 – skin test) and Friday, January 18 (Part 2 - skin read). The cost will be \$45. Please RSVP to Katherine Ferguson ([katherine.ferguson@dc.gov](mailto:katherine.ferguson@dc.gov)) by Friday, January 11th. The serum for the test must be purchased so an accurate advance count is needed.

## **Michael Watson - New Site Coordinator for Springboard!**

Michael Watson is Brent's new Springboard site coordinator. Mr. Watson is a Native Washingtonian and a proud graduate of DCPS. Over the past five years,

Michael has been working with groups of students with ADD/ADHD, Autism, Asperger's Syndrome, Speech Impairments and Non-Compliant behavior in the Arkansas Delta. In 2016, Michael was a TedTalk Presenter in Arkansas speaking on his work with the Clinton Foundation and Little Rock Public Schools. Since returning to DC, he became a founding member of Statesman Prep Academy which is an all male middle school that opened this summer. Mr. Watson can be reached at [mwatson@springboardkids.com](mailto:mwatson@springboardkids.com) and at 202-841-9608.

## **Capitol Kicks Offering a February Break Camp**

When: Tuesday, February 19- Friday, February 22

Location: Van Ness Elementary

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 3:30p.m.

Grades: 1st-5th grade students

Contact: David Hidalgo, at [capitolkicks.dh@gmail.com](mailto:capitolkicks.dh@gmail.com) to enroll.

## **Calling all Math and Science Lovers!**

Brent's Math and Science Day will be held on Tuesday, April 9th. We are looking for parents and community members who work and/or have interest in math and science, including computers, engineering, architecture, medicine, forensics, food, exercise and behavioral science, and more, to co-lead an activity and share about your work to groups of students. Volunteers will be supported by a Brent staff member. Interested in participating? Contact Whitney Paxson, Brent's Instructional Coach for Math, at [whitney.paxson@dc.gov](mailto:whitney.paxson@dc.gov). Want to participate but not sure what to do? Be in touch - we can help.

## **Principal's Corner**

Dear Brent Family,

Happy New Year! How fortunate we all feel to be entering 2019 together as a school community. I have the pleasure of writing in Principal Lycknell's stead this week, and in the coming weeks, as I stand in for her as principal during her parental leave.

Principal Lycknell took three weeks in October at the time her son Jonah was born, then returned to Brent for November and December. As of this week, she is on her official parental leave, and will be out with Jonah through the February break. During this window, she expects to attend LSAT meetings, the PTA General Meeting on January 30th, and one or two staff events. Day-to-day school administration will be managed by myself and Ms. Diggs, and operations will be managed, as always, by the Brent staff. Concerns that would typically be directed to the principal may be e-mailed to me at [sara.ewbank@dc.gov](mailto:sara.ewbank@dc.gov). Although Principal Lycknell will continue to provide direction and input remotely during this period, she is looking forward to this opportunity to bond with and care for Jonah.

Both Principal Lycknell and I are grateful for the strength of our school community, which allows her to step away to have this time with her family.

Sincerely,

Sara Ewbank  
Assistant Principal  
Brent ES

