Coming Up

**October 15 - 18**
Fall Family Days
See class specific calendars for dates and times

**Wednesday, October 16**
Diversity Working Group Meeting
6 - 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday, October 17**
PTA Fun Run - Yards Park
Registration begins at 5:30 p.m.

**Saturday, October 19**
Brent ES Fall Family Gardening and Clean-up Morning
10 - noon
RSVP: https://tinyurl.com/brentgreen-team

**Wednesday, October 23**
Picture Make-Up Day
Register here: https://tinyurl.com/brentpicturemakeup

**Friday, October 25**
Multicultural Night
6 - 7:30 p.m.
Sign up here to bring a dish: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1osyV8i38iI5kiHMHynTA_QW9BaS1DHlqG9SCXcbPdnc/edit#gid=0

**Friday, November 1**
Health & Fitness Day
Uniform-Free Day
Students should wear their favorite work-out gear!

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**Diversity Working Group Meeting This Wednesday, October 16 from 6 – 7:30 p.m.**
The next Diversity Working Group meeting is this Wednesday, October 16. The meeting begins at 6 pm in the library. Agenda topics include: Multicultural Night planning; reflections on Hispanic\ LatinX Heritage Month; Rising Together program update and opportunities for DWG to facilitate a community discussion about inclusion, equity and social justice. All are welcome.

**Brent PTA Used Uniform Program Update**
Brent parent Kelly Vielmo and the Brent Front Office have done an amazing job to strengthen and expand the Brent Used Uniform Program. This year’s goal is to make used uniforms available at every General PTA Meeting (Wednesday evenings) and every Principal’s Coffee (Friday mornings). Volunteers are needed to help with set-up and break down. Sign up at https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1OcXHB3W
Multicultural Night, Friday, October 25

Brent’s Multicultural Night is soon: Friday, October 25! At this can’t miss event, the community comes together for an evening of family fun with traditional foods, cultural artifacts, performances, crafts, and a fashion show! The more people contribute, the more amazing the event. Interested in bringing food or artifacts, performing, or other kinds of volunteering? Sign up on https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1osyV8i38ilSkihMHynTADQ9Ba5SDDH1qG95CXcbPdnC/edit#gid=0. Please email Mr. Krohn at joshua.krohn@k12.dc.gov with any questions.

THIS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17 - FUNd RUN AND PIZZA!!!!

Fall is finally here - the Nats are on a roll and it’s a great time to come down to Yards Park. On Thursday, October 17, Brent’s PTA is hosting our first ever Brent Elementary FUNd Run! With a partnership with Yards Park and All Purpose Pizza Riverfront, the PTA will be hosting a 1 mile (.5 mile for the little ones) race that will Start & Finish in front of All Purpose Pizza at Navy Yard. Once done racing, join new and old friends at All Purpose Pizza for a bite. All Purpose has agreed to donate 10% of all proceeds to Brent so come on out for some good wholesome fun and food while supporting our school! Bring your child, children, other family members, neighbors or friends...all are welcome!

Event Schedule:
• 5:30 p.m. – Late Registration & Check In
• 5:45 p.m. – .5 mile Race, Walk, or Dog Walk Starts
• 6:00 p.m. – 1 mile Starts
• 6:30 p.m. on - All Purpose Pizza - come one come all!

Location:
• Start/Finish & Registration Table out front of All Purpose Pizza
• 79 Potomac Ave SE, Washington, DC 20003 on the boardwalk

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There will also be special projects for children who want to lend a hand.

Please take a moment to RSVP at https://tinyurl.com/brentgreenteam

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lend a hand as well.

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Double Your Donation with Corporate Matching Gifts
Companies of all sizes match donations their employees make to nonprofits because it’s an easy, structured way for them to support good work in their communities. For many companies these days, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) is an important factor in how the public perceives their company and brand and supporting their own employees’ philanthropy is an easy CSR effort. The most common programs are 1:1, with the company making a contribution equal to the employee contribution to an accredited charity or educational institution. Programs differ significantly, with the most generous actually covering retirees and part-time workers -- and in some cases providing a company contribution at a greater than 1:1 ratio. Remember: friends and family, including grandparents might be able to contribute to Brent and request a match from their company!

The easiest way to find out if a company has a matching program and how to avail of it is to contact its HR office. If you want to do a little background work before checking with HR, here are two sites providing information about companies’ programs:
- https://doublethedonation.com/tips/matching-grant-resources/list-matching-gifts-companies/
- https://ww2.matchinggifts.com/search/rit

In almost all cases, you need to make your contribution first. In most companies, you would then file a matching request by email or via a specific company website. A limited number of companies still accept written requests for matching contributions, submitted along with a receipt verifying your contribution. If you want help submitting a request or require a receipt in order to request a match, please contact Piper Campbell (piper@pipercampbell.com) or Tara Goldenberg (taragoldenberg@gmail.com)
Dear Brent Families,

We have wrapped up Parent Teacher Conferences and we want your feedback. Please complete this survey (https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JSTFHW6) to share your feedback. As you do so, keep in mind the following:

Conference Days (or even times outside of conference days) are contractually limited to 6 hours. These limits necessitate 15-minute conference periods. We know that these blocks can feel too short; however, your feedback about how to use this time is more helpful than how to extend this time.

Surveys don’t always ask you for the feedback that you want to give. Use the open comment box (the last question) to share the things that matter most to you. We value these qualitative comments equally to the quantitative data that we can collect from the other questions.

We need to hear about the things that didn’t work and the things that did work. We don’t want to risk losing positives in an effort to address negatives.

Please fill out a separate survey for each conference you attended, whether for multiple children, with multiple teachers for the same child, or both.

Thank you for taking the time to help us grow our conference goals, structures and effectiveness.

Sincerely,

Norah Lycknell