**Coming Up**

**Wednesday, October 23**
Picture Make-Up Day
Register here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScg6u4jH6TilUt02I7dPKVoVhzVVbk8cuwElK2awtC1x6VXw/viewform

**Friday, October 25**
Multicultural Night
6 - 7:30 p.m.
Sign up here to bring a dish: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1osyV8i38ilSkiHMHynTA_QW9BaSiDHlqG95CxbPdnc/edit#gid=0

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

**Monday, November 4 and Tuesday, November 5**
Professional Development Days
No School for Students
Innovation Learning Programming Available.
Register at innovationlearning.com

**Monday, November 11**
Veteran’s Day
No school for students, teachers and staff

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**Supporting Student Success at Brent**

PTA Community Meeting Agenda for Wednesday, October 23, 6-7:30 p.m.

Come join us for a special community meeting on student success at Brent!

- Focus teachers and student support experts Whitney Paxson, Emily Kadash, and Julia Sadowsky will present and answer questions on Brent’s approach to student support and intervention at ECE, primary and upper elementary grades.
- The leadership of Innovation Photos: Scenes from Brent PTA Fall Gardening and Clean-up Morning Learning will discuss their approach to aftercare at Brent via video conference.

We’ll also hear from Sarah Aldridge, volunteer and partnership manager of EverybodyWinsDC, about their reading and volunteer programs in DC schools.

As with all PTA community meetings, childcare and pizza will be provided, so we hope to see all of our families there! Wednesday, October 23, 6-7:30 p.m. in the Brent multipurpose room. ASL interpreters will be provided.
Brent’s Multicultural Night is this Friday, October 25 from 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Brent’s annual Multi-Cultural Night is this Friday October 25 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m! Multi-Cultural Night is an evening celebrating and embracing the diversity of our school through cultural artifacts, musical performance, food, and crafts. There is still time to sign up for the festivities! We will take same day contributions of food, artifacts and labor. Sign up on https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1osyV8i38iIKsHiHMHyntA_QW9BaS3rHqG95CXcbPdnc/edit#gid=0. Please email Mr. Krohn at joshua.krohn@k12.dc.gov with any questions.

Thanks to All Who Came Out for the PTA Green Team Saturday Gardening and Clean-up Morning

Thanks to the over thirty parents (and several grandparents) who joined PTA Green Team leaders Josie Malone and Katherine Holt for the Fall Saturday Gardening and Clean-up Morning. The Brent group completed several major projects including mulching tree boxes along the Brent side of North Carolina Ave, repairing garden beds, weeding the rain garden and picking up all trash throughout the Brent grounds. Great work! See photos on front page.

Brent ES Policy Clarification

Several weeks ago, your child received information on a DCPS curriculum, Rights, Respect, and Responsibilities (3R’s) unit. 3R’s seeks to provide students with functional knowledge related to sexuality and teach them the specific skills needed to adopt healthy behaviors. For the 3R’s unit, DCPS provided schools with mandatory and optional units, allowing school’s discretion on whether to cover the non-mandated units. Opt-out forms were distributed to families for the non-mandated units last week. Please note: Brent has opted to only cover the mandatory units this year. For families who have completed opt-out forms, Brent will keep those forms on file in the event non-mandated units are covered. For more information about the 3R’s curriculum, visit www.advocatesforyouth.org/issue/growth-and-development.

Update from Brent’s LSAT

The LSAT has an open position for one additional parent representative to serve for a one-year term. If you are interested in serving in this role, please reach out to the chair of the LSAT, Jean Blackerby Strich (jean.blackerby@gmail.com), or any other LSAT parent representative to let us know your interest or for more information by the end of this week. The LSAT will hold an election for the open position next week.

This year, among other agenda items, the LSAT will focus on areas where there may be an op-
portunity for better communication and collaboration between parents, teachers and the school administration. As an example, at the end of the last school year, the LSAT initiated a discussion of homework that led to Brent’s new homework policy as a more cohesive and school-wide approach to homework. The LSAT seeks similar areas where a discussion of school policies or procedures can lead to a better understanding and common purpose among parents, teachers and the school administration. Likely topics of discussion include student report cards and parent-teacher conferences. If you have other suggested topics that you believe would benefit from LSAT discussion, please reach out to any LSAT parent representative prior to the next LSAT meeting. The next LSAT meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 6 at 6pm.

Field trips are in full swing! Have you paid your fee?
The $60, per-student field experience fee pays for all of your student’s field trips for the entire school year. You won’t be asked to bring $2, $5 or $10 to school every time that your student is going on a field trip. You just pay once at the beginning of the school year. The field experience fee also pays for in-school performances and educational opportunities presented by third-party experts.

If you haven’t yet paid the field trip fee, please bring a check made out to Brent Elementary PTA with the names of all of your family’s students in the memo line to the front office, or pay online here: https://brentholidaysale.com/collections/pta-membership-brent-spirit-items/products/field-trip-fees

Please note: Families who are eligible for free or reduced price lunch need not participate in the school fee and field experience fee program. Families who have other financial considerations are encouraged to contact the front office.

Brent’s Inaugural FUNd Run (& All-Purpose Pizza) a Resounding Success!!!
THANK YOU to everyone who came out for the first ever Brent FUNd Run last Thurs-day 10/17. Despite the crisp Fall temperatures, we had a great turnout with over 60 student racers participating in either the 1/2 mile or the 1 mile course! Racers as young as Pre-K joined, and members from the Brent Cross-Country came out in force to show their school spirit and help some of their younger friends along.

While we have some very fast runners, the most impressive aspect of the FUNd Run were the cheers and smiles at every step of the way. After the race, many families stayed to enjoy delicious food, great conversation and the wonderful outdoor heaters on the patio of All Purpose Pizza.

For the immediate and extended families that sponsored our racers, to our awesome volunteers - big and small, and to All Purpose for hosting and donating a portion of the evenings proceeds to Brent… thank you!! You all contributed to making our first ever FUNd Run a great time and a huge success!

For those that asked, the FUNd Visit https://www.paypal.com/donate/?token=6melPF5LhTK_TYwQdj8mTYpeVyenXfvAvZ3g-3gru_fqsKMddf5Mlm6LryONmrMiflqUo0&country.x=US&locale.x=US to submit your $5/child sponsor!

Results for our racers can be found at https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1fs5wLjV-d3iS25Jx2luOAWU5FNLrn5Q9t-VyYvL32L1Q/edit#gid=415755412 note that results relied on runners turning in their name tags and place sticks.

Lastly, a survey has been circulated by our room parents. If you or your child(ren) participated please
take a moment and let us know your thoughts. We appreciate any and all input or suggestions!

Congratulations to ALL our racers, you were all amazing. Go Brent Bears!

1/2 Mile Race Boys
First: Max Smudde
Second: Graham Allread
Third: Grant Christian

1/2 Mile Race Boys (2nd grade & under):
First: Luca Goldenberg
Second: Xavier Tineo
Third: George Matuszeski

1/2 Mile Race Girls
First: Sofia Vazquez
Second: Shannon Kirrane
Third: Maliyah Branch

1 Mile Race Boys (Brent racers - all age groups)
First: Kian Ash
Second: Frank Carretta
Third: Nate Arrington

1 Mile Race Girls (Brent racers - all age groups)
First: Lea Catanzano
Second: Harriet Stone

Annual Fund - 26% to Goal
The Annual Fund, kicks off the Fundraising Season at Brent and contributes the greatest amount to the PTA's 2019-20 total fundraising budget of $329,000. Did you know that the PTA raises money each year to cover nearly ALL non-personnel expenses? By doing this, Brent Administrators can focus the DCPS budget on the teachers and staff that work so hard on making the student and family experience at Brent so great.

Separate from school supply and field trip fees, Brent will spend approximately $750/student this school year on non-personnel items; all of which needs to come from the PTA's fundraising efforts! With a goal of $120,000 the Annual Fund contributes the most to our annual goals. We would love to see 100% of families participate this campaign season, so please give what you can, no gift is too small! We have seen a wide range of donations anywhere from $25 to $2,500. Recurring gifts ranging from $10 to $300 a month, as well as, families taking advantage of corporate matching.

Principal’s Corner

Dear Brent Families,

You likely know that the first six weeks of school were focused on honoring individual identities to form classroom communities. Then, in our seventh week, we held Grade-Level Assemblies and the Banner Parade, traditions that help our students see themselves and their classroom communities as part of the whole of Brent.

And now, in our eighth and ninth week, we zoom out even further and highlight families as part of this whole. Early childhood breakfasts open PS, PK and K classes to volunteers; the busy field trip calendar beckons chaperones; the second PTA Community Meeting is on the books for this Wednesday (6:00-7:30 p.m.); and, perhaps most importantly, Multicultural Night will be held on Friday evening from 6:00-7:30 p.m. This event captures so much of what we have accomplished as we have launched this school year – the importance of individual identity and the strength of community that results when those individuals come together. We hope you will join the celebration.

Sincerely,

Norah Lycknell