

# THE TUES. NEWS 10-25-2016

## BRENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MUSEUM MAGNET PROGRAM

### Coming Up

#### **Tuesday, October 25**

PTA Happy Hour at Hanks' Oyster Bar  
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

#### **Wednesday, October 26**

Picture Re-Takes

PTA Board Meeting

6:30 - 8 p.m.

#### **Thursday, October 27**

International Night  
6 - 7 p.m.

#### **Friday, October 28**

Records Day  
No School for Students  
Springboard services not provided

#### **Friday, November 4**

Parent Teacher Conference Day  
No School for Students

#### **Monday, November 7**

Brent Count Day  
9 a.m.  
All students must be present

#### **Friday, November 11**

Veterans' Day  
No school for students, teachers and staff



#### **Brent Elementary Awarded \$28,000 for Computers and Kindles**

Brent Elementary has been awarded 32 Dell Altitude 3350 Computers and 66 Kindle Paperwhite e-readers. The additional Dell computers will be used for both instruction and assessment. The Kindle The eReader Pilot Program would provide Kindle eReaders (with Kindle Unlimited subscriptions) to 5th graders. Students will also be taught, using their DC One cards, how to check out ebooks at the DC Library, giving them unlimited free access to tens of thousands of books. A huge thanks to PTA Board Members Diana Williams and Lyndsey Medsker along with Brent's Assistant

*Photo: Brent student plays math games at Brent's Annual Math night*

Principal Sara Ewbank for putting together the successful grant application.

#### **PTA Annual Fund**

We're in week 4 of the PTA Annual Fund Drive. Our goals are \$100,000 and 100% Family Participation. See the attached flyer with the latest fundraising and class participation numbers. If you haven't given, please contribute today: put a check in the PTA lock box in the front office or donate online at <http://bit.ly/BrentFund>. And ask your employer about matching your contribution!

Tonight, we have the Annual Fund Happy Hour Fundraiser at Hank's Oyster Bar. A portion of the drink and appetizer specials purchased with tickets will benefit the Annual Fund. Look for Kevin Reger, Cara Spacarelli, or Christy Leavitt at Hank's tonight to get your tickets.

When: Tonight - Oct. 25th 5:30-7:30pm

Where: Hank's Oyster Bar - 633 Penn. Ave SE

Note: Hank's has given us space in the bar area so children are not allowed

### **Brent Spelling Bee Club begins Wednesday, November 2nd**

Do you want to become a great speller or even a Spelling Champion? Last year a third grader won the School Spelling Bee and one of our fifth graders advanced all the way to compete in the City-wide Spelling Bee. If you "L-O-V-E" to spell tough words join the Spelling Bee Club to start preparing for this year's Spelling Bee competitions.

The Spelling Bee Club will be open to students in Grades 3-5 and will meet on Wednesdays during recess from 12:15-12:40 pm. Students interested in participating should ask their teacher to submit their name by this Thursday, October 27th to Mrs. Wilson or Ms. Scott who will be co-sponsors of the club.

### **Reminder: Brent is a Nut-Free School**

With Halloween approaching, please remember that Brent is a nut-free school. We have several students with life-threatening nut allergies so it is critical that no food products containing nuts are brought into the building. We also strongly recommend that parents

not pack candy in lunch boxes. Finally, please remind your child that students are not allowed to share or trade food during the school day. By complying with Brent's nut free policy, we can keep all our kids safe while at school!

### **International Night is this Thursday**

On October 27, 2016 from 6:00 - 7:00 PM we will be having our annual International Night. Each year Brent comes together as a community to celebrate our diversity and background. There is amazing food from various countries; Friends, fellow parents, and Brent kids dressed up in saris, lederhosen, waving flags — you name it! International Night offers up a POTLUCK dinner with food from around the globe for everyone to enjoy and includes the fabulous Kid's International Fashion Show, international dances, and more!

Thank you to those community members that have already offered to volunteer! I truly appreciate it! To make this a fabulous and educational evening for our students I am asking for help with the following (please mark accordingly on the following spreadsheet) <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17Sb4dfcEe57q9Gsv9ImkItvtfe9h3cowbtI8DNs90wA/edit?usp=sharing>

1. Since this is a potluck dinner we are asking for volunteers to make/bring a dish from any world culture.
2. We need volunteers to organize the food the evening of October 27 (i.e. putting labels on the food, organizing where the food goes)
3. We need many volunteers to bring in artifacts from various cultures and to label/organize those

artifacts so our students can experience more than just a culture's cuisine but rather learn about a culture through it's history.

4. We need volunteers to set up as well as clean up from the event.
5. We are asking for students to be a part of the International Fashion Show by dressing in apparel from their culture as well as students and/or adults to perform music from their culture

### **The Holidays are Coming: Save the Date for Brent's Annual Holiday Tree and Greenery Sale**

Brent Elementary School PTA will be holding our 6th Annual Holiday Tree and Greenery sale the weekend of December 2nd-4th 2016. Sale will be at the school (301 North Carolina Avenue, SE), but we will once again be offering delivery to homes on Capitol Hill. Home delivery is available for \$15 if you order in advance, or \$20 for purchases at the sale. We will have the best prices and freshest items available including:

- Fraser Fir Christmas trees (delivered within 2-3 days of being cut)
- Wreaths (boxwood, cedar, Fraser fir)
- Garland (boxwood, cedar, white pine)
- Poinsettias (red, white, pink)
- Winterberry
- Hanukkah items and much more

Online ordering is available at [www.brentstore.org](http://www.brentstore.org). If you have any questions or even better will be volunteering at this festive event, please email [brentholiday-store@gmail.com](mailto:brentholiday-store@gmail.com).



### Math Night Added Up to Success

Last week, Brent's Annual Math Night added up to success. Students and their families played math games, learned new math skills and enjoyed pizza! Thanks to Mike Mangiaracina for putting together another successful event. See photos.



### Brent Saves an Injured Woodcock!

On Thursday morning one of our staff members found a struggling bird on the pavement outside Ms. Hannigan's room. The bird was obviously in distress and unable to fly. We called on our bird expert, Mike Mangiaracina, who identified the bird as a woodcock, and the first one he'd seen near Brent. He determined that the bird had flown into a window and was probably injured. He thought it would be wise to wait a while and see if he'd recover and fly off on his own. After about an hour of observation, we contacted DC City Wildlife and were told that since the bird was not trying to fly off, we should bring him into their center and they could evaluate him. Mr. Mangiaracina put a Brent T-shirt over the bird and gently lifted him into a cardboard box with holes. Ms. Diggs and Ms. Casula transported the bird to City Wildlife ([www.](http://www.citywildlife.org)

[citywildlife.org](http://www.citywildlife.org)) in Northwest DC. On Friday we were told that the bird seemed to be recovering but they were worried about an eye injury and this was confirmed when the staff veterinarian examined the bird on Friday. They are very hopeful that with quiet and rest, the Woodcock can be released back into the wild to continue his emigration journey. See photo.