Coming Up

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.
Families, please ensure your student arrives on time on Monday.

Wednesday, November 9
PTA General Meeting
6:30 - 8 p.m.
ASL Interpreters Provided

Friday, November 11
Veterans’ Day
No school for students, teachers and staff

Monday, November 14
Report Cards Sent Home

Thursday - Friday, November 25 and 26
Thanksgiving Break
No School for Students

Friday - Sunday, December 2 - 4
Brent’s Annual Holiday Tree and Greenery Sale
Pre-order at brentelementary.org

2nd Graders and Their Families Participate in Service Project with the Anacostia Watershed Society

On Saturday, second graders and their families participated in a service project with the Anacostia Watershed Society as part of Project SONG (Save Our Native Grasslands). Students worked together to plant native species to help support the development of a meadow ecosystem on Kingman Island. Students also helped seed the area using samples collected during their field experience earlier this week at Bladensburg Waterfront Park. Special thanks to everyone who volunteered their Saturday morning to join us! See photos.
Fill Out and Return Your Impact Aid Forms:
Each year, the District of Columbia Public Schools receives federal funds from its Impact Aid application submitted to the U.S. Department of Education. Impact Aid is a federal formula grant program that provides financial assistance to local education agencies that educate:

a) Students who are living in federally subsidized low-rent housing.

b) Students who reside on federal property (including military bases, embassies and federally subsidized low-income housing) and whose parents are employed on federal property.

c) Students whose parents are civilian employees of the Federal Government but do not reside on federal property

d) Students with a parent/legal guardian who is a member of the military services.

1st Graders Visit the U.S. Botanical Garden
First grade scientists traveled to the U.S. Botanical Garden to further their knowledge on the plant life cycle! We studied different types of plants with our plant passports. We also made our own personal greenhouses with real seeds! They will continue to grow over the next few days. They will have roots, stems and buds! It was so much fun seeing the plant life cycle come to life! See photos.

Music Notes – From Mr. Krohn
I just wanted to say thank you for such a great evening of multicultural performing and visual art activities and fantastic food. Your support means the world to me and our students are so fortunate to have such supportive community members like yourselves.

Our next performing arts events are considered to be two of the biggest ones at Brent. The school play and the Winter concerts. The winter concerts will be on December 7 for our ECE-1st grade students and December 8 for our 2nd-5th grade students. Both concerts will be from 6:00 PM - 6:45 PM and students are asked to wear concert white/black (i.e. white shirt/blouse, dark pants/skirt/dress).

For the last few years the performing arts at Brent has produced numerous musicals in the spring. Recently we’ve had students perform “Mary Poppins”, “Willy Wonka Jr.”, “Annie”, “The Jungle Book”, and many others.

This year I am proud to announce that our 1st-5th grade students will have the opportunity to perform in “Seussical The Musical”. Transplanting audiences from the Jungle of Nool to the Circus McGurkus, the Cat in the Hat narrates the story of Horton the Elephant, who discovers a speck of dust containing tiny people called the Whos. Horton must protect the Whos from a world of naysayers and dangers, and he must also guard an abandoned egg that’s been left in his care by the irresponsible Mayzie La Bird. Although Horton faces ridicule, danger and a trial, the intrepid Gertrude McFuzz never loses faith in him. Ultimately, the powers of friendship, loyalty, family and community are challenged and emerge triumphant!

Please be on the lookout for more information regarding the play, auditions, as well as ways to volunteer to make this a fabulous production.
Annual Fund -1/3 of way to $100K
We are just over 1/3 of the way to the PTA Annual Fund goal of $100,000 and working toward 100% family participation. We’re asking families to contribute now rather than waiting until later in the drive. Donate by check or online at http://bit.ly/BrentFund.

Lavagna – Dine Out for Brent!
For four Wednesdays in November, Lavagna (539 8th St SE) will donate 10% of all sales for the evening to the Brent PTA. Bring your family and friends and come eat on Nov. 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 30th.

Lost and Found
Is your child missing that favorite jacket or cool sweater? Well it might just be in lost and found located outside the multi-purpose room. Please check out lost and found to retrieve jackets, sweaters, lunchboxes and water bottles. Staff checks lost and found items for names so please label your children’s things. See photo.

Photos: Kindergarteners visit Homestead Farms