

THE TUES. NEWS

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BRENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MUSEUM MAGNET PROGRAM

Coming Up

Wednesday, November 9

PTA Before School Coffee
8 - 9 a.m.

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

Wednesday, November 16

LSAT Meeting

6:30 - 8 p.m.

Friday, November 18

Health and Fitness Day

Thursday - Friday, November 25 and 26

Thanksgiving Break

No School for Students

Friday, December 2

Professional Development Day

No School for Students

Friday - Sunday, December 2

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Brent's Annual Holiday Tree and
Greenery Sale

Pre-order at brentelementary.org

The Washington Post



This Wednesday – November PTA General Meeting

Please bring your kids and join us for the third PTA meeting of the year - free child care and pizza for kids is included! On the agenda is a discussion about Springboard aftercare, including a preview of a survey we are getting ready to launch about aftercare needs at Brent. As usual, there will be a Q and A time with Principal Peter Young. Also on the agenda are discussions about the upcoming Holiday Sale and our ongoing Annual Fund. Meeting is from 6:30-8 p.m. - see you there.

Brent 4th and 5th Graders Luck Out with Diary of a Wimpy Kid Author Jeff Kin- ney Event

The 4th and 5th graders took a trip to the Library of Congress to hear Diary of a Wimpy Kid empire's Jeff Kinney. The event was featured in a Washington Post article last week. At the event, the wildly popular author read aloud from his new book. Brent was one of three schools to receive this invitation. Photo: Hundreds of students celebrate the arrival of Jeff Kinney at the Library of Congress. (Astrid Riecken/The Washington Post).



Jefferson Academy Hosting Brent Focused Meetings

Greg Dohmann, the Principal of Jefferson Academy, is hosting two Brent specific open houses over the course of November that are tailored for families in the 4th and 5th grade. There are general open houses open to anyone in the community, as well as two that are specific to the 4th and 5th grade classes at Brent.

Meeting with Brent 5th Grade Parents - Monday November 14th 6:30pm

Meeting with Brent 4th Grade Parents - Monday November 28th 6:30pm

General Jefferson Academy Open House - Wednesday November 16th 6-7pm

There are lots of opportunities for Brent parents to engage with Jefferson, but these events are particularly focused on Brent families either graduating or soon to graduate from Brent.

Jefferson Academy Car Magnets

Jefferson Academy Car Magnets are available in the front office for FREE. Show support for our neighborhood Middle School with the cool new car magnet. All Brent kids are guaranteed enrollment

at Jefferson as our feeder middle school. Support the great academic progress or support their 5-2 football team. Slap on a Jefferson Car Magnet! See photo.

Donate to Brent's School Wide Can Food Drive

This November, Brent will again hold a school-wide can drive. The cans collected will be included in Thanksgiving Meal Baskets that are delivered to Capitol Hill residents in need. The can drive will take place from November 7th to November 18th. We are asking that each of Brent's three floors donate a different canned item for the baskets:

First Floor Students- String Beans/Green Beans

Second Floor Students- Yams/Sweet Potatoes

Third Floor Students- Cranberry Sauce

Please place cans in their designated spots near the entrance of the cafeteria.

Brent Christmas Tree Sale is Now Taking Orders!

On December 2-4-- Brent Elementary School PTA will be holding our 6th Annual Holiday Tree and Greenery sale! The website (<http://brentstore.myshopify.com>) is now up for pre-orders! As usual, we will have the best prices and freshest items 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
- And much more...

Home delivery of your tree (Capi-

tol Hill only) is available for \$20 (pre-orders get delivery for \$15!).

We also have a large variety of beautiful Hanukkah items for sale!

If you have any questions, please email brentholidaystore@gmail.com

Volunteer Sign-Up is Open for Holiday Tree Sale. Sign-up Today!

On December 2-4, the Brent PTA will be holding our 6th Annual Holiday Tree and Greenery Sale! This is a huge fundraiser for the school, and cannot be done without the amazing help of Brent parents. And, well, it is a whole lot of fun! If you are willing to join our winter wonderland and volunteer for a shift or two, email Alyson Lewis at alysonandjeff@gmail.com with the times and days you are available. Shifts will be Friday 12/2 -- volunteers needed all day-the sale is from 4:00-7:00; Saturday 12/3 -- 8:00 am-12:30 and 12:30-5:00; Sunday 12/4 -- 8 am-12:30 pm and 12:30-5

Annual Brent Team for Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot

On Thanksgiving Day, join the Brent Elementary Bears at the 15th Annual SOME Trot for Hunger. This is Brent's 3rd straight year participating, and in 2014 our team was the 4th-largest fundraiser in the event! Consider joining our team. It's a lot of fun and there are activities for everyone. <http://support.some.org/goto/brentbears2016>. Thank you to Kelly Vielmo for spearheading Brent's participation!



Staff Spotlight
Kevin Parker
School Psychologist

What is your teaching and educational background?

I became a School Psychologist in 1998 and have worked in both public and charter schools for seventeen years. I am currently completing a Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology.

Tell us about a typical day for you as a school psychologist?

As the School Psychologist and LEA (Local Education Agency) representative for Brent, a typical day usually consists of making certain the SPED (Special Education) Team is working with students with disabilities, collaborating with teachers and parents, participating in IEP Meetings, and completing Psychological Evaluations for students with suspected disabilities. I also spend one day on recess duty, which is a great opportunity to interact with our students. I really enjoy the “all-hands-on-deck” approach to education that we have here at Brent. I also serve as the 504 Coordinator. My job is to ensure that all students with disabilities (students that do not require academic support) are afforded appropriate classroom accommodations.

As the school psychologist, you also serve as a resource for parents. What types of things should parents come to you about?

Anytime parents have concerns about the rate at which their child is developing academically or behaviorally, I am more than happy to have a conversation about next steps. In addition, if parents have secured outside evaluations and would like us to review the evaluations for eligibility purposes, I can assist in that area as well.

What are your hopes and dreams for your students this year?

My hope is to ensure that our students with disabilities are receiving appropriate specialized instruction and related services every day they are in the building. We have an awesome team of dedicated special educators that work tirelessly with our students. Ultimately, at the end of the current school year my hope is for all of our students with disabilities to have mastered the current goals and objectives in their education plans. I also wanted to say the PTA did an amazing job of making sure I had supplies during week zero. It made for a smooth transition to Brent.

Join Brent’s Breakfast Club! Free For All Students!

Reminder, Brent serves a free breakfast Monday through Friday. And, a “hot” breakfast is available Tuesday through Friday. Breakfast starts at 8 a.m. and ends at the first bell at 8:35 a.m.

Menus can be found at dcps.dc.gov

This Weeks’ Breakfast Menu:

Monday - Dipper Doodle Bar, Fresh Peak

Tuesday - Hot Omelet with Cheese, Local Fresh Apple

Wednesday - Hot Egg and Sausage Quesadilla, Fresh Orange

Thursday - Hot English Muffin with Turkey and Cheese, Fresh Pineapple and 100% Orange Juice