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BRENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
MUSEUM MAGNET PROGRAM

Coming Up

Monday, December 12
My School DC Lottery Application Opens for School Year 2017-2018
The lottery closes on March 1, 2017.

Wednesday, December 14
PTA Board Meeting
6:30 - 8 p.m.

Monday, December 12 - Monday, December 19
ANET and Standards Mastery Math Assessment - 3rd - 5th

Monday, December 19
LSAT Meeting
6:30 - 8 p.m.

December 22 - January 2
Winter Break
Brent's Front Office will be open over the break from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. However, Brent will be closed on Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2.

Saturday, January 7
Ward 6 Bird Count
J.O. Wilson Elementary School
660 K St NE
9:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. for 1st - 5th
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. PS - K

Monday, January 16
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
School Closed

Winter Break / Attendance Bulletin

This year, Winter Break begins on Thursday, December 22. Please note, if your student is absent due to family travel that week, those absences are unexcused. Please alert Denise Diggs at denise.diggs@dc.gov if your student will be out any day Monday, December 19 through Wednesday, December 21.

Lost and Found Alert

We currently have an over-abundance of clothing, hats, gloves, lunch boxes, and other miscellaneous items in our lost and found. All items not claimed by December 21st will be donated.

2nd Graders Visit the National Museum of American History

On Wednesday, December 7, second graders studied the evolution of various technologies using a scavenger hunt at the National Museum of American History. During our field experience students stepped into the role of researcher, taking notes and making observations, while viewing artifacts. Second graders will

apply this information, alongside research they are performing in class, to write informational texts detailing technological innovations. See photos.

Bird Count Supplies Needed

Toilet paper tubes needed for Birdcount. Please bring in your toilet paper tubes and drop them off in Mr. Mangiaracina's room, or in his box in the office. Thanks so much.

Holiday Shopping on Amazon?

Don't forget to go through smile.amazon.com and link to Brent. Works with Prime and the school receives a percentage off each purchase. Happy shopping!

2017 Gala Survey

Families, please be on the lookout in your email this week for a survey from Survey Monkey seeking your input for the 2017 Gala. We hope to get 100% family participation in the survey. Thank you for helping us to make this year's event a wonderful experience as you have done in the past.

Book Fair a Success

Thank you to all the volunteers and shoppers who support the book fair. The event raised $2,000 for the library.

What's all the BUZZ at Brent? The Spelling Bee Season is HERE!

It all begins with the Classroom Spelling Bees that will be held on Monday, December 19th. Each class in Grades 3-5 will hold its own Spelling Bee to determine who will represent that classroom in the Brent School Spelling Bee. Only the top four spellers from each class will move on to compete in the School Spelling Bee to be held on January 13th.

Students have already received their Word Lists with instructions and are BUZZING around town studying with friends, brothers and sisters, and even Mom and Dad. As a special challenge, students should also search the walls of the halls at Brent for sightings of words and clues of words that might be used during the spelling bee competitions. *Please note an OFFICIAL RULE CHANGE: This year ALL STUDENTS in GRADES 3-5 are eligible to advance to the Cluster and Citywide Competitions!

Brent Students to Dance in Jazz Hip Hop Nutcracker

Eight of our students are dancing in this year's Jazz Hip Hop Nutcracker. The show has three performances the weekend of December 17-18. Produced by Momentum Dance Theatre on Barracks Row, the show is a unique twist to the typical Nutcracker, set to music from Duke Ellington's Nutcracker Suite plus hip hop and contemporary and classic pop, funk, and salsa. The students – fourth graders Ingrid Dirren and Sabine Ballou-Aares, second graders Clara Merrick, Olive Wooding Adler, Elsie Murray, and Ava Martin, and first graders Aubrie C. and Giselle Gage-Adams – practice weekly at Momentum's studio on Barracks Row. All performances are at Wilson High School. For more information, see http://bit.ly/2gSV8us. See photo.

Ensure Your Child Arrives On-Time

As we move into the new calendar year Brent is asking for your attention and assistance in ensuring that your student arrives on time! Arriving on time:

-Provides our teachers with the opportunity to work with our students without interruption.

-Supports improved social interactions in morning meetings

-Supports your child's academic engagement and success by preventing them from falling behind and losing confidence in their academic abilities.

Brent is committed to this effort. We have developed action steps to make this a priority.

· When an in boundary or out of boundary tardy problem continues beyond 10 tardies, an administrator or school social worker will meet with families to address the concern, problem solve, and create an action plan.

· If an out of boundary family reaches or exceeds twenty late arrivals, the principal or his designee will recommend the family return to the base/neighborhood school in the coming school year.

Our goal is to support our students with a positive start to their child's day. We ask parents to do your part by preparing as much as possible the night before and planning ahead for traffic, delays and other unexpected situations. We are confident families will make arriving on time to school and ready for learning a priority for the remainder of the school year. If you have questions, please contact Denise Diggs at denise.diggs@dc.gov.