Coming Up

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

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

Thursday, January 19
Professional Development Day
No School for students

Friday, January 20
Inauguration Day
School Closed

Winter Reading Program of the Public Library
The Public Library’s winter reading program runs from December 16, 2016 through January 19, 2017. Children and teens receive a prize for 8 hours of reading. A total of 5 prizes can be won.
To sign up please visit delibrary.org/winterreading, or pick up a reading log at your Public Library branch.

Photo: Students participating in Club Day.

A birdcount message from Mr. Mangiaracina
Enthusiasm for the birdcount is running high as usual, but we’ve gotten very few permission slips returned so far. With the move to J.O. Wilson, I was anticipating some drop off in numbers, but I want to make sure that we have an accurate count so we can buy the right amount of food and prepare well. If you are planning to go to the birdcount, but have not returned your permission slip yet,
please contact me directly at mike.mangiaracina@gmail.com Thanks, hope to see you there!

**Brent’s Club Day**

Last Friday, Brent held its first annual “Club Day”. The fun-filled morning kicked off with an engaging all-school Morning Meeting that was led by our dynamic fourth and fifth graders. Students then participated in their selected clubs where students learned about various topics including architecture, origami, poetry, astronomy, scrapbooking, creative movement, computer coding, African anthropology, among many more. Students will work within their clubs five more times throughout the school year. These interactive clubs provide students with an opportunity to learn about and try new activities, as well as work with a variety of adults and other students across grade levels. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this special day a huge success. We’re looking forward to our second Club Day in late January!

**First Graders Visit the National Museum of American History**

First graders traveled to the National Museum of American History to check out some American symbols that they have been learning about! They were able to see the original American flag, and learn about the Star Spangled Banner. They also got to check out the American Presidency exhibit, and complete a scavenger hunt of other American symbols around the museum. It was a great trip, and we learned a lot! See photo.

*Photos: Kindergarteners visit the United States Botanic Gardens*