**Coming Up**

**Saturday, December 1 – Friday, December 7**  
Brent Annual Book Fair

**Wednesday, December 5**  
Picture Re-Takes and Make-ups  
Email Denise Diggs - denise.diggs@dc.gov to add your child to the list.

**LSAT**  
6:30 - 8 p.m.

**Thursday, December 6**  
Brent Spirit Day Celebrating Inclusive Schools Week  
Uniform-Free Day - students should wear rainbow colors

**Friday, December 7**  
Club Day

**Monday, December 10, 2018 - Friday, March 1, 2019**  
MySchoolDC Lottery Window for PS - 8th  
Visit myschooldc.org to apply

**Wednesday, December 12**  
PTA Board  
6:30 – 8 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 19**  
Diversity Working Group  
6:30 – 8 p.m.

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**Brent PTA’s Annual Christmas Tree and Holiday Sale a Success**  
On behalf of the Brent Christmas Tree and Holiday Sale co-chairs, we want to thank the Brent community for another successful Brent Christmas Tree and Holiday Sale! First and foremost, despite the rain and dreary weather (aka-a typical DC weekend in 2018), we think we are comfortable saying we met our fundraising goal! Perhaps equally important, we once again were successful in opening the Brent gates to the community and welcoming in our neighbors to our festive holiday fun. From our perspective, the great thing about the Holiday Sale is that it is a community event and involves the entire neighborhood! And it takes an entire community to pull it off. We had over 100 volunteers throughout the weekend-current and former Brent families!!! We could not have done it without any of you! Thank you ALL!!! We also want to thank Denise Diggs and the entire Brent Operations Team for all their hard work this weekend-early mornings, late eve-

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**Photos: Scenes from the Holiday Tree Sale**

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nings, and dealing with so many pine needles. And thank you to the many great teachers who turned out to volunteer—thank you for your time!

Finally next time you are in the Capitol Hill Starbucks, thank them for donating coffee to our volunteers and several milk frothers they gave us for free to sell at the sale! And a big shout out to Book Store Movers for helping us unload over 1,000 trees!! Please remember them if you have any moving needs.

With Warm Holiday Wishes and much gratitude for this community,
Josh Drobnyk, John Fleming, and Alyson Lewis
2018 Christmas Tree and Holiday Sale Co-Chairs

Book Fair This Week
The Book Fair is in full swing. Please check out the wonderful selection of books and get some holiday shopping done while supporting our library.

The fair is open before school from 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. and after school from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. On Wednesday it will be open until 6:30 p.m.

You can also shop online at http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/brentelementaryschool3.

If you can help with the book sale and/or the pack-up on Friday, Dec. 7 at 4:30 p.m., please contact Ms. Bettina (bettina.schewe@dc.gov).

December Specials Newsletter Now Posted on Website
Check out all the happenings in Brent’s specials classes by visiting the December Specials Newsletter at http://www.brentelementary.org/specials.html

Human Rights Day is December 10
Human Rights Day commemorates the UN’s adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) on December 10, 1948. Turning 70 this year, the UDHR is the first universal statement that all human beings have inherent, inalienable rights. Article 1 establishes the core principle: All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. Other rights include the right to education, the right to play, and the right to food and shelter. Attached to TuesNews is an abridged, child friendly copy with all 30 articles of the declaration. An even simpler version of the Declaration is available in the picture book, We Are All Free by Amnesty International. Consider using this milestone to talk with your family about the Declaration and how Brent community advances these rights.

Jefferson Academy Principal Provides an Update to Brent PTA
During last week’s PTA General Meeting, Jefferson Academy Principal, Andre Samuels, briefed parents about school’s academic life, extracurricular activities, and current modernization. Seven former Brent students now at Jefferson participated in a terrific question and answer panel as well as breakout sessions about school life. See photo and Brent’s Facebook page to see part of the presentation.

MySchool DC Lottery Opens Monday, December 10, 2018 Ends March 1, 2019
The My School DC lottery application is a single online application families must use to apply to attend:
- PK3 or PK4 programs at any DCPS school, including families’ in-boundary school
- DCPS school outside a family’s boundary or feeder pattern for any grade (PK3–12), including DCPS citywide schools
- DCPS selective high schools (9–12) DCPS schools will only accept the MySchool DC application available at MySchoolDC.org.

Current Brent families do not need to apply in the lottery unless they received a spot last year due to in-boundary preference and have since moved to an address which is out of the Brent boundary. Please contact Denise Diggs at denise.diggs@dc.gov if this applies to your family.

If you are applying for a child who should receive sibling preference, please also alert Denise Diggs. Brent is required to verify all sibling preference applications. This is a good check to ensure those children have received the preference. If the preference is not selected, a correction can be made, but only after the lottery has been run.
Save the Date: International Night is coming!
Brent’s annual International Night will be on Friday, January 11th!
Save the date for a family fun evening of international foods, performances, crafts, and a fashion show!

Interested in bringing food, performing, or other kinds of volunteering? Sign up on https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17Sb4tI8DNs90wA/edit#gid=0. Please email Mr. Krohn at joshua.krohn@dc.gov with any questions.

Brent Report Card Calendar
Quarter Report Cards 1: 11/15
ECE 1: 11/16
Trimester 1 Specials : 11/29
Quarter 2 Report Cards: 2/7
ECE 2: 2/22
Trimester 2: 3/14

Quarter 3 Report Cards: 4/12
ECE: NONE
Trimester Specials: NONE
Quarter 4 Report Cards: 6/14
ECE 3: 6/14
Trimester Specials 3: 6/14

Dear Brent Community,
Congratulations to the 2018 Christmas Tree and Holiday Sale Co-Chairs, Josh Drobnyk, John Fleming, and Alyson Lewis and to all the volunteers who braved a couple of downpours and steady drizzle to launch the holiday season. From the late Thursday evening delivery of trees and wreaths to the late Sunday clean-up effort, the event demonstrated the tireless commitment this community has to our school, and students. The event raised needed funding for the school but more importantly demonstrated to the wider Capitol Hill community how special Brent is. Thank you to all who worked so hard on this event.

The Tree Sale is an annual marker of winter’s arrival and a shift in weather (even if we enjoyed a 60 degree Monday). Even in cooler weather, we believe in outdoor play and movement. After researching outdoor safety for children, we have set our arrival/recess/dismissal policies. We will go outside if the “feels like” temperature is above 15 degrees or 95 degrees and below using the AccuWeather App (please note that this app is a change from last year; AccuWeather was found to be the...
most accurate for the DC area over the last year). We will also go outside in light precipitation and snow. Extreme ice, blizzards, pouring rain and thunderstorms will keep us indoors. We will make decisions one hour in advance of the event (so we might have indoor arrival on a chilly morning but go outside for recess after it has warmed) and teachers will have discretion over class recesses or outdoor activities.

Please make sure that your child is properly dressed for the weather. During recess children need to have a coat, covered legs and any other clothing (hats, gloves, etc.) that will keep them warm and dry for their 30 minute recess period. If a child is not properly dressed, that student they will not be allowed outside. Reinforce that coats are not optional. They are to be brought down from classes and worn during the whole recess period.

Winter also brings the possibility of snow days! For more information about DCPS delays, cancellations and early dismissals, visit: https://dcps.dc.gov/page/inclement-weather-guidance. Brent does not communicate delays, cancellations and early dismissals as the most timely information can be garnered from the DCPS website, social media and local news sources.

Sincerely,

Norah Lycknell
Principal

Brent Celebrates Inclusive School Week!

This week Brent celebrates Inclusive Schools Week. Inclusive Schools Week lifts up the progress that schools have made in providing a supportive and quality education to an increasingly diverse student population, including students who are marginalized due to disability, gender, socio-economic status, cultural heritage, language preference and other factors. Each day, students will participate in activities designed to support and grow an inclusive community:

Mix It Up Monday
An initiative encouraging students to socialize with students beyond their usual friend groups.

Teamwork Tuesday
Choice activities that promote togetherness including Kaleidoscope Hands, Community Circles and Together We’re Better Hands.

Welcome Wednesday
Morning meetings that highlight things that make each Brent Bear unique, acknowledging and affirming each student as a welcome member of our classroom communities.

Thank You Thursday
An opportunity for students to write a letter to someone whose kindness and inclusive spirit they admire.

Formation Friday
A culminating event, led by our fourth graders at All School Morning Meeting, to highlight the anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Follow Inclusive Schools Week celebrations on Brent Twitter and Instagram (@BrentElementary), and look for the first floor Inclusive Schools Week bulletin board that will commemorate our activities.
Universal Declaration of Human Rights
Abridged for Youth

1. We are all born free and equal. We are all born free. We all have our own thoughts and ideas. We should all be treated in the same way.

2. Don't discriminate. These rights belong to everybody, whatever our differences.

3. The right to life. We all have the right to life, and to live in freedom and safety.

4. No slavery. Nobody has any right to make us a slave. We cannot make anyone our slave.

5. No torture. Nobody has any right to hurt us or to torture us.

6. You have rights no matter where you go. I am a person just like you!

7. We're all equal before the law. The law is the same for everyone. It must treat us all fairly.

8. Your human rights are protected by law. We can all ask for the law to help us when we are not treated fairly.

9. No unfair detention. Nobody has the right to put us in prison without good reason and keep us there, or to send us away from our country.

10. The right to trial. If we are put on trial this should be in public. The people who try us should not let anyone tell them what to do.

11. We're always innocent till proven guilty. Nobody should be blamed for doing something until it is proven. When people say we did a bad thing we have the right to show it is not true.

12. The right to privacy. Nobody should try to harm our good name. Nobody has the right to come into our home, open our letters, or bother us or our family without a good reason.

13. Freedom to move. We all have the right to go where we want in our own country and to travel as we wish.

14. The right to seek a safe place to live. If we are frightened of being badly treated in our own country, we all have the right to run away to another country to be safe.

15. Right to a nationality. We all have the right to belong to a country.

16. Marriage and family. Every grown-up has the right to marry and have a family if they want to. Men and women have the same rights when they are married, and when they are separated.

17. The right to your own things. Everyone has the right to own things or share them. Nobody should take our things from us without a good reason.

18. Freedom of thought. We all have the right to believe in what we want to believe, to have a religion, or to change it if we want.

19. Freedom of expression. We all have the right to make up our own minds, to think what we like, to say what we think, and to share our ideas with other people.

20. The right to public assembly. We all have the right to meet our friends and to work together in peace to defend our rights. Nobody can make us join a group if we don't want to.

21. The right to democracy. We all have the right to take part in the government of our country. Every grown-up should be allowed to choose their own leaders.

22. Social security. We all have the right to affordable housing, medicine, education, and childcare, enough money to live on and medical help if we are ill or old.

23. Workers' rights. Every grown-up has the right to do a job, to a fair wage for their work, and to join a trade union.

24. The right to play. We all have the right to rest from work and to relax.

25. Food and shelter for all. We all have the right to a good life. Mothers and children, people who are old, unemployed or disabled, and all people have the right to be cared for.

26. The right to education. Education is a right. Primary school should be free. We should learn about the United Nations and how to get on with others. Our parents can choose what we learn.

27. Copyright. Copyright is a special law that protects one's own artistic creations and writings; others cannot make copies without permission. We all have the right to our own way of life and to enjoy the good things that art, science and learning bring.

28. A fair and free world. There must be proper order so we can all enjoy rights and freedoms in our own country and all over the world.

29. Responsibility. We have a duty to other people, and we should protect their rights and freedoms.

30. No one can take away your human rights.

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