

THE TUES. NEWS

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BRENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MUSEUM MAGNET PROGRAM

Coming Up

Monday, December 11 -

Thursday, March 1

Myschool DC Lottery Window for
PS - 8th

Tuesday, February 13

PTA Board Meeting
6:30 – 8 p.m.

Thursday, February 15

LSAT Budget Meeting
6:30 - 8 p.m.

Closed to LSAT Members

Friday, February 16

Professional Development Day
No School for Students
Springboard Available

Monday, February 19

Presidents' Day
Brent Closed

Wednesday, February 21

Diversity Working Group Meeting
6:30 – 8 p.m.

Friday, February 23

Brent's The Unity Family Dance
6:30 – 8 p.m.

Wednesday, February 28

PTA General Meeting
6:30 -8 p.m.
ASL Interpreters Provided

Friday, March 2

Parent Conference Day



Brent Spelling Team Competes in City Finals - Two Brent Students Tie for 4th

Nicolas D, Nadia W, Noa S represented Brent in last week's Spelling Bee City Finals. They competed with 50+ other students ranging from 3rd to 8th graders at Langley ES. Nadia and Noa went out in the round when the judges went off list to the dictionary. "Turducken" was the killer. Congratulations to Nicolas D, Nadia W and Noa S. See photo.

Springboard Notice

Springboard will offer full day programming for Friday, February 16, for Professional Development Day. Please enroll at springboardkids.com. Springboard will be closed on Monday, February 19 for Presidents' Day.

Black History Month Adult (Single-Meeting) Book Clubs

Thanks to all those faculty and parents who have signed up to participate in the adult book clubs taking place during Black History Month! These are single-meeting

book clubs, and the meeting will be scheduled based on the availability of the people who sign up, so if you have intended to join but haven't done so, please use the link below before Wednesday, February 14th!

Here's basically how it works: Select one of the three texts that you would like to read and enter your information on the form. Get and read the book sometime this month. Look for an e-mail from the facilitator for your book announcing when the meeting will be. Come to the meeting prepared to participate in an open discussion. That's it!

As a reminder, the books are:

Non-fiction Option 1: *We Should All Be Feminists* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adiche (64 pages)

Non-fiction Option 2: *The New Jim Crow*, introduction through ch3, by Michelle Alexander (136 pages)

Fiction Option: *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas* (464 pages)

The sign up link for participating is here: <https://tinyurl.com/BHM-bookclubs>

* Please be aware that *The Hate U Give* contains very strong language and violence and may not be suitable for sensitive readers.

P.S. Like to read at the gym or on your commute? All three books are available on Kindle and Audible!

Can't Miss Kid Event in DC – The Building Museum's Family Engineering Day, Saturday, February 17 from 10 to 4:30

On Saturday, 17 February, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Family Day at the National Building Museum will be held for the 26th time. It will kick off Engineers Week activities in the National Capital region. Through the years, it has illuminated engineering to thousands of parents, teachers and children.

Family Day is designed to introduce children from ages 4 to 12 years old to the wonders of engineering. This year marks the 16th year the event is being staged at the National Building Museum. Engineers of all types will be on hand to share their love of the design-and-build process. The National Building Museum is directly across the street from the Judiciary Square Metro Station on the Red Line.

Nearly 30 Family Day exhibitors present basic engineering principles through hands-on and mind-challenging activities. Special demonstrations are also sprinkled throughout the day. Past features include:

Engineer and TV personality Nate Ball demonstrating his reverse-rappelling Atlas Powered Ascender

One of NASCAR champion Jeff Gordon's replica racecars, courtesy of DuPont

Former Space Shuttle Columbia astronaut Dr. Roger Crouch

Appearances by stars of the PBS Kids TV show ZOOM

A model of one of NASA's Mars Exploration Rovers

A Blind Driver Challenge simulator from the National Federation of the Blind

PTA Board Meeting Date Change

February's PTA Board Meeting will be held tonight and not tomorrow as to not conflict with Valentine's Day. The PTA General Meeting for February is scheduled for Wednesday, February 28 from 6:30 – 8 p.m.

PTA Summer Camp list

The new year is already a month old which means summer will be here before you know it. For many Brent families, that means it is Summer Camp sign up season. In an effort to provide a resource to Brent families, the PTA has started to compile a list of summer camps that have been used in the past by Brent families. Please note the PTA is not endorsing these camps. However we hope this will be a helpful resource when looking for camps this summer.

The list can be found on the Brent website on the "Parents" page, under "Other Resources." If you know of a camp that was not included, please feel free to add it.

Reminder – Please Complete Parent Survey on Field Experiences

We want to hear from you about Brent field experiences! Please provide feedback via this very short survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S8XM78M>