

# THE TUES. NEWS

2-14-2017

## BRENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MUSEUM MAGNET PROGRAM

### Coming Up

#### **Wednesday, February 15**

LSAT Meeting - SY18 Budget Walkthrough  
6:30 - 8 p.m.

#### **Thursday, February 16**

Performance by Discovery Theater's *How Old is a Hero, A Children's Civil's Rights Story*  
Two Performances 1:30 & 2:30.

#### **Friday, February 17**

Professional Development Day  
No School for Students

#### **Monday, February 20**

Presidents Day  
No school for students, teachers and staff

#### **Friday, February 24**

Family Unity Dance  
6:30 - 8 p.m.

#### **Wednesday, March 1**

Myschoolde Lottery Closes

#### **Friday, March 3**

Parent-Teacher Conference Day  
No School for Students



### **Springboard Notice**

Since Brent will host DCPS teachers, Springboard will be closed on Friday, February 17, for Professional Development Day. Springboard will also be closed on Monday, February 20 for Presidents' Day.

*Photos: Brent's most recent club day. See attached club spotlight on back page for more club news.*

### **Brent Family Dance – Friday, February 24**

Brent will be hosting its second Family Dance on Friday February 24, 2017 from 6:30 – 8:00! This event is being planned by the

Diversity Working Group in honor of Black History Month and as a celebration of UNITY within the Brent community. Family members of all ages are invited to come enjoy mingling, high-energy music and dancing, and refreshments in the Brent cafeteria. So, mark your calendar and get everyone together to come have a great time. Admission is free. Note: Students may not be unattended at this event, and as with other evening events, student supervision is their parent's responsibility.

### **Gala Gala Gala**

Sat. April 8, National Building Museum, 7:00p.m.

### **HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!**

Buy your true love tickets to the Gala! Today is the last day to purchase gala tickets at the individual ticket price of \$75.00, or the further discounted 10% off for purchasing 4 tickets (\$270.00). Prices will go up to \$85.00 each and 5% discount for 4 from February 15, 2017 through March 17, 2017. Volunteer discounts should be requested directly by email to Renee Smith.

This is also the time to make your individual gift donations for the auction and for the class baskets. Be creative! Art work, babysitting services, event tickets, restaurant gift cards or food, cooking experiences, architecture/design services, lessons and fitness are some of our favorite auction items, so please email Renee Smith directly to let her know what you can do. For corporate sponsorships or food and wine donations, please email Meg Shapiro.

Thank you to all of the parents

who volunteered to organize the cherished and profitable class baskets, we can't wait to see the beautiful, bountiful bevy. If anyone is interested in volunteering for other jobs before, during or after the Gala, please email Claire Portolese.

The auction committee contact information is below if you have questions:

Claire Portolese (Event Chair and Volunteers) [cmportolese@gmail.com](mailto:cmportolese@gmail.com)

Renee Smith (Auction Chair and Tickets) [reneesmith@gmail.com](mailto:reneesmith@gmail.com)

April Boyd (Class Basket Coordinator) [aprilsboyd@yahoo.com](mailto:aprilsboyd@yahoo.com)

Meg Shapiro (Sponsors & Food/Bev Chair) [meganshapiro@me.com](mailto:meganshapiro@me.com)

Amy Caspari (Communications Chair) [njintndc@yahoo.com](mailto:njintndc@yahoo.com)

### **Used Brent Uniforms - We Need to Replenish our Uniform Replacement Bins**

Do you have any Brent uniforms that no longer fit your children and you'd like to find a home for them? We can use khaki pants and shorts and skirts for boys and girls; we have plenty of tops in all sizes, so we'd prefer just bottoms. You can put them in a bag and drop them off at the front office any time. Thank you in advance for any help.

### **Calling all Boxtops for Education Stashes**

Please keep dropping off your Boxtops for Education. We'll do a mailing in early March so please turn in any stashes you've been saving. Please put in an envelope or baggie with Name, Teacher and Number of Boxtops and drop them off at the front office.

### **Play Ball! Register Now for Capitol Hill Little League**

Registration is now open for Capitol Hill Little League's spring season. Register online on our website (<http://chlldc.org>). This year, CHLL offers baseball divisions from t-ball to kid-pitch (boys and girls ages 5-16), and softball divisions (girls 7-14). Any child who lives or goes to school within CHLL boundaries is eligible to play. Player scholarships are available. Registration closes Wednesday, February 22 for Baseball Majors (ages 11-12) and Wednesday, March 1 for all other baseball and softball divisions. Workout sessions will be in late February / early March, and practices will start the week of March 20. CHLL Opening Ceremonies will take place on Saturday, April 8!

### **Jefferson Academy Open House Schedule**

Reminder! Jefferson has three more Open Houses before the lottery deadline on March 1:  
Wednesday, Feb. 15, 6-7 pm

Wednesday, Feb. 22, 6-7 pm

Tuesday, Feb. 28, 6-7 pm

Jefferson also has an open door policy for students and parents to visit during the school day. Just contact the principal, Greg Dohmann at [greg.dohmann@dc.gov](mailto:greg.dohmann@dc.gov) to schedule a time!

## 2nd Graders Celebrate Black History Month

Throughout February, second graders will celebrate Black History Month by engaging in a series of lessons (as part of our American Communities and Cultural Diversity unit) focused on injustice, including discrimination and racism, and effective responses to combat injustice.

This year the second grade team is also excited to work in partnership with the National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC). On February 22nd, educators from the museum will be visiting Brent to lead lessons about Martin Luther King Jr., civil rights activists, and artist Hale Woodruff. These lessons are designed to prompt students to think about the different tools people use to make the world better—from speeches to gavels to paintbrushes.

Our culminating experience, on March 1st, will be a field experience at the NMAAHC. At the museum, second graders will learn more about the various influences the African American community has had on American culture and make personal connections to exhibits throughout the upper floors.



## Brent Student Advances to City-wide Spelling Bee

Three of our best spellers from Brent- Nadia Wheelock (Gr.4), Jude Martin (Gr. 5), and Karli Bryant (Gr. 4) participated in a Spelling Bee Cluster Competition last Wednesday. They competed with 54 students from 18 DCPS elementary/middle schools. All three Brent students did very well, making it to the top 10 spellers. Jude triumphed and emerged as one of the top 4 winners from the competition who will advance to the City-wide Spelling Bee.

The City-wide Spelling Bee will take place on Saturday, March 11 at the NBC4 Studios and will be televised later that month. At the City-wide Spelling Bee Jude will compete with students from elementary, middle, charter, private and parochial schools in DC.

Congratulations to Jude for advancing to the City-wide Spelling Bee and thanks to the whole Spelling Bee Team including our



alternates, Ella Turner and Jackson Gayl for their “supererogation” and dedication in preparing for the Cluster Competition! Go Brent Bears! See photos