

# THE TUES. NEWS

2-20-2018

## BRENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MUSEUM MAGNET PROGRAM

### Coming Up

**Monday, December 11 -  
Thursday, March 1**

Myschool DC Lottery Window for  
PS - 8th

**Tuesday, February 20**

LSAT Meeting

6:30 - 8 p.m.

Closed to LSAT Members Only.

**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**

LSAT Meeting

6:30 - 8 p.m.

Closed to LSAT / PTA Exec Board  
Members Only

**Friday, March 2**

Parent Conference Day

No school for students

**Monday, March 5**

Brent Open House for Prospective  
Families

9 - 10 a.m.

**Wednesday, March 7**

PTA General Meeting

6:30 - 8 p.m.

ASL Interpreters Provided



### **Brent Gala Tickets On Sale Now!**

Tickets for the Brent PTA's "Taste of the Hill" Gala are now on sale! This annual fundraiser supports music education, museum & field studies program, enrichment classes, art, science and music supplies, professional development for our teachers, and so much more! The Gala is an elegant evening featuring great food and wine and fabulous auction items such as vacations stays, artwork, dining gift certificates, and creative class baskets. Use supporting the PTA

*Photos: Scenes from last week's Club Day.*

as an excuse for a night out! If you have any questions please contact Gala Chair Claire Portolese [cmportolese@gmail.com](mailto:cmportolese@gmail.com).

The Taste of the Hill Gala sells out every year, so buy your tickets today! Early bird ticket prices end on March 4th, so don't wait. You can donate auction items, become an event sponsor and buy your tickets at our website <https://501auctions.com/brentgala>

## **1st Grade Visits Air and Space Museum**

First grade scientists traveled to the Air and Space Museum to further their knowledge about our solar system. They explored the museum, and saw a program called The Stars Tonight in the planetarium. An adult guided us through the night sky, pointing out various constellations and planets. It was a great experience!

## **Tax Receipts for 2017 PTA Annual Fund**

Reminder, please pick up your receipts for donations to PTA annual fund in the school office. Envelopes are alphabetical by first name. Questions? Contact bren-tannualfund@gmail.com

## **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. Please also remember to label your child's jackets, hats, lunch boxes and backpacks. Staff sort through lost and found searching for labels to return items to their owner.

## **URGENT – DCPS Requirement that Field Trip Chaperones have Volunteer Clearance Now in Effect**

DCPS has begun requiring that parents who serve as chaperones on field trips, must be cleared through a DCPS volunteer background check. We obviously need Brent families to complete this process as soon as possible so Spring field trips can proceed. The process is:

1. Complete a Volunteer Clearance Application found at [https://octo.quickbase.com/db/bg37a865t?a=nwr&fid\\_274=Volunteer](https://octo.quickbase.com/db/bg37a865t?a=nwr&fid_274=Volunteer)

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2. Submit a negative Tuberculosis (TB) test taken within the last 12 months. TB tests can be done at Medstar at Eastern Market, CVS minute clinic and primary care physician's offices.

3. You will need to physically report to the Fingerprinting Office to get fingerprinted and you will need to bring your valid TB test results when you come in to avoid any delays.

The Fingerprinting Office is located on the 10th floor at 1200 First Street, NE. Operating hours are Monday through Thursday, 8 am to 5pm, and Fridays from 8am to 3pm. Bring a state issued photo identification when reporting for fingerprinting. The following forms of identification are accepted: driver's license, non-drivers ID, passport, and military ID. Other forms of identification will not be accepted.

Note: Potential volunteers with an active secret or top secret federal security clearance should complete the federal security clearance verification letter in lieu of being fingerprinted with DCPS. The original signed verification form, copy of a state issued photo ID and TB test taken within the last 12 months can be dropped off or mailed to: HR Answers Office—10th floor at 1200 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002.

If you need additional assistance, please email Denise Diggs at [denise.diggs@dc.gov](mailto:denise.diggs@dc.gov).