

THE TUES. NEWS

2-27-2018

BRENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MUSEUM MAGNET PROGRAM

Coming Up

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

Springboard Available

Monday, March 5

Brent Open House for Prospective
Families

9 - 10 a.m.

Tuesday, March 6

TB Testing for Volunteer Clear-
ance Requirement

8:30 - 9:30 a.m. & 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Friday, March 9

TB Testing Readings for Volunteer
Clearance Requirement

8:30 - 9:30 a.m. & 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 7

PTA General Meeting

6:30 - 8 p.m.

ASL Interpreters Provided

Friday, April 20

Taste of the Hill Gala Fundraiser -
April 20

tickets: brentelemetary.org/gala
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DCPS Proposed Calendars Released: Feedback Welcome

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Photo: Preview presentation of Lewis and Clark by Mr. Krohn's Musical Theater Club.

What's New This Year
Longer Thanksgiving and Winter Breaks. We want teachers and families to have sufficient time for restful holidays. In the past, we heard many community members advocate for vacation on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and the day after New Year's.

Non-instructional days clustered around the change of term. Teachers expressed that it's easier to conduct PD at the change of term. This is a natural pause in the

school year and a time of transition between instructional units. We will also place Parent-Teacher Conferences around the same time so parents can get a mid-semester update on their student's progress.

More 5-day weeks. Last year many parents expressed displeasure around the number of Fridays off.

Eliminated half-days for students. Two years ago, we heard that it was hard for parents to plan around student half-days, where students would attend from 8:30am-12:00pm. This year we fully eliminated all student half-days by tweaking our model for Professional Development.

Options for Spring Break. Community members can help us decide on the best time for Spring Break. We can fit either solutions into our instructional model and are eager for feedback. There are good arguments in favor of both dates. For example, an earlier break would be spaced perfectly between Winter Break and the end of school, while a later break would align with Passover, Holy Week, and Emancipation Day. Please visit <https://dcps.dc.gov/node/1312051> to provide feedback on the calendar.

Reminder: My School DC Lottery Ends March 1.

Reminder the My School DC lottery application process ends March 1. Families must use the application to apply to attend:
- PK3 or PK4 programs at any DCPS school, including family's in-boundary school - DCPS school outside a family's boundary or feeder pattern for any grade.

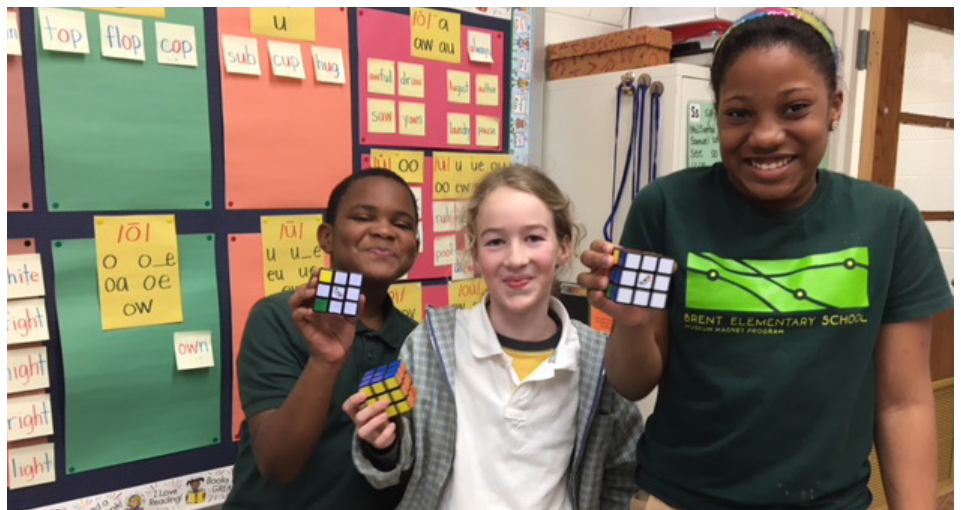


Renwick Educators Lead Lessons in Perspective-taking

Last week, museum educators from the Smithsonian American Art Museum/Renwick Gallery led Brent second graders in lessons on perspective-taking using an artwork called Notice-Autumn by Yuken Teruya. During their visit, students assumed the identity of aspects of the artwork to build an understanding of the message the artist was trying to convey about consumerism and the use of environmental resources. Second graders then took time to write poems, from the perspective of trees, with the goal of teaching others to be more mindful of the personal choices they make. See photo above.

Follow the Brent Gala on Instagram at "instabrentgala"

The gala is on April 20th. Early bird ticket prices until March 4th at brentelementary.org/gala. #brentgala



Rubik's Club Update

The Rubik's Club is in full swing! For the past 7 weeks, cubers Armoni Evans, Tayen Broemser and Andrew Wood from Ms. Wilson's class have been exploring their Rubik's cubes and learning the algorithms involved in solving each layer. Tayen was able to solve it after only 4 sessions! He is now working on speed solving with a record time of 1 minute and 48 seconds. Congratulations, Tayen!!!

Now that one member has mastered the cube, one slot is open to interested students. Please see Ms. Santos to get a permission slip. Rubik's Club meets every Thursday from 3:15 to 4:00 in room 315-B. See photo below.

Box Tops!

It's that time of year again. If you've been collecting box tops, now is the time to turn them in. Last year Brent collected a check for \$832.60. Not bad for cutting off those little squares of cardboard with the Box Tops logo. So put them in a baggie with your name and turn them in to the front office. Thank you.