Coming Up

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

Thursday, February 7
Spirit Day
Think Ahead Thursday

Friday, February 8
Report Cards sent home - K - 5th

Friday, February 8
UNITY Family Dance
6:30 - 8 p.m.

Sunday, February 10
LSAT Meeting
4 - 6 p.m.
Meeting closed to LSAT members only due to personnel discussions

Wednesday, February 13
PTA Board / LSAT Joint Budget Meeting
Closed meeting - PTA Board members and LSAT members only

Monday, February 18
Presidents’ Day
Brent Closed

Tuesday, February 19 - 22
Mid-Winter Break
No school for students or teachers
Brent Main Office open

CommUNITY Dance This Friday at Brent

The Diversity Working Group sponsors this annual community event in honor of Black History Month and as a celebration of UNITY within the Brent community. Faculty, staff and family members of all ages are invited to socialize, make crafts, enjoy refreshments and dance to high-energy music in the Brent multipurpose room. Think block party, not prom. Come join friends and family as everyone gathers together for a great evening. The DJ will be spinning fast songs only, appropriate for all ages. Students may not arrive unattended and, as with all evening events at Brent, student supervision is the parent’s responsibility. Please help make the event a success! Use the link below to contribute your time and/or food. https://tinyurl.com/familydancevolunteer

Questions, please email Danielle@websterious.com

Calling all Brent Bears to the

CommUNITY

Dance

Comming

Friday, Feb. 8th, 6-7:30pm
dancing, food, crafts, & fun @ Brent’s multipurpose room
questions? contact Danielle@websterious.com
Brent Parent Listening Sessions to be piloted this spring

Brent is piloting listening sessions with parents and guardians this spring to better understand their experiences at the school. This program is based on the success of listening sessions that faculty members held with students last year. Those sessions helped Brent faculty and administrators better understand the student experience and shape a number of new initiatives at the school.

Parent listening sessions will consist of 1-1.5 hour sessions of 8-10 parents facilitated by trained parents and faculty members. Information received will be anonymized and aggregated before it is shared with school leadership groups and administration. Initial listening sessions will be conducted in the coming months with three affinity groups: military families living on base at Joint Base Anacostia Bolling, families of new Brent kindergartners, and families of new Brent 2nd-5th graders. Brent will attempt to include at least 80% of the families in each group in the listening sessions.

For more information, please contact Sarah Carr at sarah@sdcarr.com

Black History Month Living Wax Museum Informational Meeting

Do you love going to museums? Have you ever wished you could be a part of a museum exhibit?

Come out to our 2nd informational meeting on how you can be in Brent’s first Black History Wax museum on Friday, February 8 at 8 a.m. in room 304. You will have the opportunity to become a famous inventor or adventurer from history by researching and transforming yourself into that person. If you can’t make it but would still like to be a part of the museum, please email Dayon Hairston at dayon.hairson@dc.gov or Jasmine Leary at jasmine.leary@dc.gov.

Brent Teachers Visit Jefferson Academy

Members of the 4th/5th grade math team and Instructional Coach Whitney Paxson visited Jefferson Academy last week to see 6th grade math classes in action. It was a great opportunity to see the evolution of math instruction from the elementary to middle school setting as well as make connections with teachers at Jefferson. The team observed teachers’ emphasis on connecting lesson components to current and future math concepts, student agency in keeping a crisp flow to the lesson, and a concerted focus on performance data including specific feedback on student next steps. Brent teachers were glad to see many former Brent bears and look forward to future visits and collaboration with the Jefferson team.

Registration Open for Girls on the Run Spring Season!

Registration is now open for the Girls on the Run spring season. Girls on the Run is open for 3rd–5th grade girls who want to become more active and learn more about the 5Cs: Confidence, Competence, Caring, Connection and Character. Practices start March 11th and will be held on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. The Girls on the Run culminating 5K will be held on June 2nd at Freedom Plaza. This season all runners must be able to commit to attending both practices weekly. Questions: Email Coach Patterson at chloe.patterson@dc.gov.

Registration link: https://www.raceplanner.com/register/index?SE5RJVBAAKW553C

3rd Graders Visit the Capitol

To support third grade’s study of Washington D.C. and government, third grade legislators visited the U.S. Capitol. In class, students have been learning about the history, architecture, and significance of the Capitol building and how many features of the Capitol building reflect American history. A huge thank you to Diane and Doug Menorca for setting up our Capitol tour and a visit to the House of Representatives Gallery. Also, another huge thank you to all of our wonderful chaperones who joined us on our trip!
Principal’s Corner

This month is Black History Month! The celebration of Black History Month during the month of February began in 1926, initiated by Carter G. Woodson to combat the dearth of information and in recognition of the accomplishments and contributions of African Americans to the United States. In 1976, President Gerald Ford proclaimed February as Black History Month and called upon the public to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.” Today, Black History Month is also a platform for dialogue about race, race relations, and equality in our country.

At Brent, Black History Month reinforces our mission and values related to respect, empathy, and inclusiveness. This month provides rich opportunities for teaching and reflection by our students and staff. Brent’s Diversity Working Group has partnered with Brent students in Rising Tides to select the theme: “Inventors and Adventurers: Black people whose exploration and innovation have changed our world” for the month. Centered on that theme, Brent will have a school wide real aloud and students will be treated to a performance of Into the Great Unknown: African American Adventurers & Explorers by Discovery Theater, Smithsonian’s theater for young audiences.

If you would like to explore more background about Black History Month, please visit:


https://www.loc.gov/law/help/commemorative-observations/african-american.php

https://asalh.org/

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Photos: 4th Graders Visit National Women in the Arts Museum