Coming Up

**Wednesday, March 13**
PTA Board Meeting  
6:30 - 8 p.m.

**Friday, March 15**
Club Day #3  
1:40 – 2:25 p.m.

**Wednesday, March 20**
Diversity Working Group  
6:30 - 8 p.m.

**Thursday, March 21**
Brent 3rd Grade Writing Publishing Celebration  
6 – 6:30 p.m.

Jefferson Academy Open House  
6 - 7:30 p.m.

**Friday, March 29**
MySchoolDC Lottery Results Released

**Saturday, March 30**
Brent ES Annual Spring Gala Ajax DC  
7 - 11:30 p.m.  
Buy tickets today at https://BrentGala.givesmart.com

**Thursday, April 4 and Friday April 5**
Professional Development Days  
No School for Students  
Springboard Programming Available

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**Urgent – Nut-Free Reminder**
The Brent front office has been informed that after school students are being provided snacks by caregivers that contain peanut butter. As a reminder, Brent is a Nut-Free School. This includes both peanuts and tree nuts (such as almonds, walnuts, pecans, etc.). Brent has students who have severe, life-threatening allergies, which can be triggered simply by coming into contact with a surface that has nut residue on it, including keyboards or tabletops. Children and adults who are allergic to nuts can face a severe allergic reaction (known as anaphylaxis) from even the smallest exposure to peanuts (including peanut butter) or tree nuts, which can result in death.

All families and staff members must work to provide a nut-free zone within the school. Please keep Brent’s Nut-Free Policy in mind both when packing your child’s food for the day and when providing classroom snacks and help us to ensure that no foods containing peanuts, tree nuts or products made from them are...
brought into the classroom areas under any circumstances, both during regular school hours and for all school-related activities. Also, please ensure caregivers are informed of this policy.

Parent Survey - Please Complete
Dear Brent Families,

As a part of our Comprehensive School Plan and 2018-2019 Operating Principles, Brent sets goals and targets connected to academic growth, social emotional competencies and family engagement. One way we measure progress toward those goals is by examining the information provided us through the Panorama survey. You may have received a link to this survey in your email, and you can also access it by the URL below (in bold). The survey takes 10-15 minutes, and we would appreciate very much if you would fill it out based on your oldest or only child’s experience at Brent.

bit.ly/dcpsfamily

Thanks in advance,
Norah Lycknell

The Amazing Brent Spring Gala is Almost Here - Buy Your Spring Gala Tickets Today!
The Taste of the Hill Gala to benefit our school will be held on March 30th from 7-11:30 p.m. at AJAX DC. It’s a great night for a great cause with amazing bites and drinks from local Hill restaurants. Bid on your child’s class basket, a weekend getaway, or a fun experience with one of your kid’s favorite teachers!

Tickets can be purchased at https://BrentGala.givesmart.com or Text BrentGala to 52182. Please note that no Brent parent will be excluded from the Gala due to ticket pricing. If you would like to join the Brent community at this event, please contact Denise Diggs. If you have things to donate to the auction, please use the link above. See attached flyer for more information.

Women’s History Month 2019: Focus on Champions of Peace and Non-Violence Spotlight Reading
To celebrate visionary women for Women’s History Month, please consider reading:

Wangari’s Trees of Peace: A True Story from Africa by Jeanette Winter (32 pages): This true story of Wangari Maathai, environmentalist and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, is a shining example of how one woman’s passion, vision, and determination inspired great change.

Buffalo Bird Girl: A Hidatsa Story by S.D. Watson (50 pages): Traces the childhood, friendships and dangers experienced by Buffalo Bird Woman, a Hidatsa Indian born in 1839, whose community along the Missouri River in the Dakotas transitioned from hunting to agriculture.

The Youngest Marcher: The Story of Audrey Faye Hendricks, a Young Civil Rights Activist by Cynthia Levinson (40 pages):

Malala’s Magic Pencil by Malala Yousafzai (48 pages): As a child in Pakistan, Malala made a wish for a magic pencil. She would use it to make everyone happy, to erase the smell of garbage from her city, to sleep an extra hour in the morning. But as she grew older, Malala saw that there were more important things to wish for. She saw a world that needed fixing.
I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark by Debbie Levy (40 pages): Get to know celebrated Supreme Court justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg—in the first picture book about her life—as she proves that disagreeing does not make you disagreeable!

Susan B. Anthony by Alexandra Wallner (32 pages): A story of the woman whose passion for justice led to the passing of the Nineteenth Amendment, which gave women the right to vote.

Photos: Scenes from last week’s Atelier Learning Showcase.
Scenes from last week’s Specials Learning Showcase - 2nd Trimester
Nominate a great teacher for the 2020 DC Teacher of the Year! Nomination forms are due by Friday, March 15:

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