Coming Up

**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.

**Monday, March 25 - Friday, March 29**
Brent School Spirit Week!

**Wednesday, March 27**
PTA General Meeting
6:30 - 8 p.m.
ASL Interpreters provided
Childcare provided

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

Parent Panorama Survey Deadline

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

***FLASH SALE***
One day savings on Gala Tickets — Thursday, March 21st - 2 for $180!
Last chance to save before Last Minute pricing begins. Only 11 days until the last large fundraiser of the year.

https://brentgala.givesmart.com

Enrollment Season Begins April 2, 2019
On Tuesday, April 2, re-enrollment materials will be distributed to students in PS3 - 4th grade. All returning families must submit the required enrollment forms

and present residency verification documents to the front office by Wednesday, May 1, 2019. Given the large number of families on the waiting list for a seat at Brent, it is important that current families complete this process by the deadline. Families of students who are not returning to Brent Elementary, should complete and submit a transfer form included in the enrollment packet. If you have any questions about the enrollment...
process, please contact Denise Diggs at denise.diggs@dc.gov.

**Early-Dismissal Reminder - Closing Circle Meetings from 3 – 3:15 p.m.**
As part of Responsive Classroom best practices, every class at Brent conducts an end of day meeting, called closing circle. Responsive Classroom describes closing circle as “The closing circle routine is a manageable way to peacefully wrap up the day and send students off feeling a sense of accomplishment and belonging. Like Morning Meeting at the beginning of the day, closing circle brings a sense of calm, safety, and community to students and teachers.”

Because Brent’s closing circle classroom meetings occur from 3 – 3:15 p.m., all early dismissals for medical or other appointments must occur before 3 p.m. After 3 p.m., families will be asked to wait until 3:15 p.m. for pick-up. Please note, early dismissals should occur rarely as it is critical that students complete the full instructional day which includes closing circle.

**Author Visits to Brent**
Mo O’Hara, author of the “My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish” and “My FANGtastically Evil Vampire Pet” series, visited Brent’s 2nd graders on March 6. Ms. O’Hara introduced the students to her work, explained vividly how she developed her book characters, invited students and teachers to act out ‘villains’ from her latest publication “Space Cat-astrophe,” and gave advice to the students on how to find an initial idea for a story of their own. Ms. O’Hara invited 2nd graders to share stories with her that they create. Thank you Ms. O’Hara for providing this wonderful and fun experience to our students.

**Panorama Survey - Accepting Responses Through March 29th**
Brent and DCPS want to hear from you about what’s working well and how we can continue to improve our school. The 2018-19 Panorama Survey will be administered from March 4 – March 29, 2019. You received a link directly from DCPS via email, and can also use this link: bit.ly/dcpsfamily. If you would prefer to fill out a hard copy, you may pick one up and drop it off in the main office.

The DCPS Panorama survey was designed to gather feedback on your child’s social emotional learning, in addition to your views on parent communication, engagement, and satisfaction with the school and district. Please note that your responses to this survey are both voluntary and confidential. If you have any questions, please reach out to sara.ewbank@dc.gov or support+dcps@panoramaed.com. Thank you for your participation in this important project!

**Scenes from Last Week’s Club Day**