Coming Up

**Wednesday, March 4**
LSAT Meeting  
6 - 7:30 p.m.  
Library

**Friday, March 6**
Principal’s Coffee  
8:45 - 9:45 a.m.

**Wednesday, March 11**
PTA Board Meeting  
6 - 7:30 p.m.

**Friday, March 13**
Club Day #4  
Uniform Free Day

**Monday, March 16**
Trimester 2 Learning Showcases  
1st - 5th

**Tuesday, March 17**
Ward 6 Middle School Discussion  
Jefferson Academy  
6 - 7 p.m. RSVP below  

Trimester Music Concert  
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Hoisl, Berg, Maschari, Arbuckle, and the Brent Honors Choir. Students should wear white top, black bottom

**3rd Grade Field Experience to the Library of Congress**
The third grade visited the Library of Congress where they learned about its fascinating history, extensive collection of books and artifacts, and reveled in the power of their imaginations by using the beauty of the Jefferson Building. A huge thank you to Michelle Light, Maddie’s mom, for helping organize this wonderful opportunity. See photos.
It’s Read Across America Month
Throughout March, Brent Bears will honor Read Across America by celebrating a nation of diverse readers, characters, and authors. We encourage families to participate at home by reading books that celebrate the diverse cultures and landscapes of our great nation. Pack your bags and take your family on a road trip across the nation by reading some of these picture books; each one is set in one of the fifty states and the nation’s capital. Meet John Lewis in Alabama, Raye Montague in Arkansas, and Fannie Lou Hamer in Mississippi; tour the Grand Canyon in Arizona, dig up dinosaurs in South Dakota, and chase horseshoe crabs in Delaware; stand up for women’s rights, animal rights, and workers’ rights; and explore segregation, conservation, and invention. We hope you enjoy sharing these rich, diverse American stories with your family.
Brent’s Spring Musical – The Lion King Jr.
Cast members and stage crew are working hard and having a blast memorizing lines, practicing dance steps and building props. Mark your calendar for two performances – Thursday, April 2 and Friday, April 3 at Jefferson Academy. Both performances start at 6 p.m.

March Principal’s Coffee
Come to the March 6th Principal’s Coffee between 8:45-9:45 in the main office. Our primary points of discussion will be Brent’s 2020-2021 Budget and Brent’s modernization but, as always, we will spend time on the topics brought by those who attend.

School Year 2020-2023 Calendars
Final DCPS SY2020-23 calendars are now available on the DCPS website. Please visit https://dcps.dc.gov/page/dcps-calendars to review the calendars. The first day of school next year will be Monday, August 31, 2020.

Coronavirus Update
Please review the attached letter regarding DC government preparation, monitoring and response to the Coronavirus. The District Government will continue to share updates around coronavirus on the DC Health website, dchealth.dc.gov/coronavirus.

Innovation Learning Newsletter
Please check your email for the Innovation Learning Weekly Newsletter this Friday March 6, 2020.

Brent CommUNITY Game Night - a real Winner!
Thank you to all the friends and families that came out Sunday for our first ever CommUNITY game night! We had a packed house with every table occupied with adults and kids playing games for all ages! Pie in the Face, Monopoly, Hungry Hungry Hippo, Connect Four were some of the favorites! With the intent to bring people together that may not know one another, or give folks an opportunity to get to know some faces better, we can say that overall it was a success!!!

Thanks to your PTA donations pizza and snacks were provided, and the awesome connection to the American Legion, as well as to the people of the Brent community that came out and donated their old and used games. We collected about 25 games so far for Partners for Kids in Care, a DC-based organization that provides much needed items to children and youth in foster care so that they can have the necessary enriching experiences they need in life. The donation bin will stay up this week in the front office if you would still like to donate, you have time to do so!

Stay tuned for more CommUNITY events like this one. If you have ideas for future events like this please contact Tara Goldenberg or Kiana Moore. We would love to hear from you. See photos.
Reading Spotlight for Women’s History Month 2020

Around America to Win the Vote: Two Suffragists, a Kitten, and 10,000 Miles by Mara Rockliff (40 pages) In April 1916, Nell Richardson and Alice Burke set out from New York City, embarking on a ten thousand mile journey. They took with them a teeny typewriter, a tiny sewing machine, a wee black kitten, and a message for Americans all across the country: Votes for Women!

Marching with Aunt Susan: Susan B. Anthony and the Fight for Women’s Suffrage by Claire Rudolph Murphy (36 pages) All Bessie wants is to go hiking with her father and brothers. But it’s 1896, and girls don’t get to hike. They can’t vote either, which Bessie discovers when Susan B. Anthony comes to town to help lead the campaign for women’s suffrage. Stirred to action, Bessie joins the movement and discovers that small efforts can result in small changes—and maybe even big ones.

Elizabeth Started All the Trouble by Doreen Rappaport (40 pages) She couldn’t go to college. She couldn’t become a politician. She couldn’t even vote. But Elizabeth Cady Stanton didn’t let that stop her. She called on women across the nation to stand together and demand to be treated as equal to men—and that included the right to vote.

Ballots for Belva: The True Story of a Woman’s Race for Presidency by Sudipta Bardhan-Quallen (32 pages) In 1884, when men were the only people allowed to vote in national elections, Belva Lockwood took a bold but legal step: She ran for president! Though her campaign was difficult, Belva never wavered in her commitment to equality, earning the respect of many fellow citizens.

Ida B. Wells: Let the Truth Be Told by Walter Dean Myers (40 pages) This picture book biography introduces the extraordinary Ida B. Wells, an activist, educator, writer, journalist, and suffragette. Wells used fierce determination and the power of the pen to educate the world about the unequal treatment of blacks in the United States.

Bold & Brave: Ten Heroes Who Won Women the Right to Vote by Kirsten Gillibrand (40 pages) From well-known figures, such as Susan B. Anthony and Sojourner Truth to lesser known women such as Alice Paul and Mary Church Terrell, these are heroes who dreamed big and never gave up.

Grace for President by Kelly DiPucchio (40 pages) When Grace’s teacher reveals that the United States has never had a female president, Grace decides to be the first. And she immediately starts off her political career as a candidate in the school’s mock election.

Vote 4 Amelia by Marissa Moss (80 pages) Amelia’s best friend Carly decides to run for student body president and Amelia joins the election fever as a candidate for secretary. Running for office is fun until someone starts taking down Carly’s campaign signs and Carly’s main opponent begins spreading lies about her around the school. Can Amelia save her friend’s reputation and the election?

The Hope Chest by Karen Schwabach (288 pages) Eleven-year-old Violet has one goal in mind when she runs away from home: to find her sister, Chloe. Chloe’s moved to Tennessee, where she’s fighting for women’s right to vote. This depiction of the very end of the women’s suffrage battle in America is a historical fiction for young readers. Each of these books is in the Brent library or DC public library collections.
Tues News Spotlight
Spring Gala Committee

For over ten years, a key community building and fundraising event for Brent Elementary has been the Spring Gala. Tues News spotlighted some of the volunteers who are working many hours to pull together a terrific event for the community. The Spring Gala Committee Leads responded to questions (bold) to tell us about the upcoming event.

The Spring Gala is a such a terrific event. Amazing dishes from local restaurants, a DJ and dance floor, incredible silent auction items and kids’ art work! Tell us about this year’s Gala!

Gala 2020 is going to be extra fun! We have some of everyone’s favorite restaurants like Aqua al 2 back, and some exciting new ones like All Purpose. You can bid on a weekend on the Eastern Shore or a week in Italy. We have an electric scooter, gift certificates for summer camps, and everything in between. And you won’t leave thirsty.

We know it takes an army to put this event together. Tell us about some of the key work that has been done?

Parent volunteers from each class lead the charge for putting together class baskets. Tell about some of the baskets in the silent auction?

The baskets are a huge aspect of this fundraiser, and we love that families chip in to put together so many unique and creative packages. It’s the Stone Soup of the Gala!

We are already fighting over the “Beauty and the Brunch” and “Barre Now, Wine Later” baskets. And there are enough DCPS days off that you will love the “Rainy Day Survival” and “Game Night”
If a family is unable to make the event, how can they still support the event?

You can buy an on-line bidding ticket for $5. Share virtual bidding with friends and family. Encourage your Brent acquaintances to attend. Contribute to your classroom basket. Volunteer the week of the gala for tasks that take place prior to the actual event. Ask your favorite business or family member to sponsor the event or donate an item. Bid on your child’s Class Art & Class Basket. Make a donation on the Gala Website: http://brentgala2020.givesmart.com. There’s so much you can do!

Principal’s Corner

Dear Brent Community,

Along with a greeting, share and activity facilitated by our first graders, the Brent community launched Read Across America month during an All School Morning Meeting on Monday.

The National Education Association created the Read Across America initiative in 1997. Perhaps the most well-known component is Read Across America Day held on the closest day to Dr Seuss’ March 2nd birthday. Schools often celebrate with read alouds, Cat in the Hat costumes, and lessons taught in rhyme. This limited celebration means that a single and somewhat controver-
Get excited! Here’s a “taste” of what’s to come in this year’s auction...

**Tuckernuck Shopping Party**
$25 gift card, Tuckernuck Exclusive earrings, and a private shopping party. Host a shopping party with your friends and we will provide light bites and wine along with on-hand stylist for personal styling attention.

**Invisalign Package**
An Invisalign Treatment Plan Consultation Package. This package includes a one-on-one consultation with Dr. Minovi, along with the creation of a 3D animated treatment plan. You will then go over the plan in detail including length of treatment and number of aligners.

**5 Weeks at Pocono Springs Camp**
Located in the beautiful Pocono Mountains, just 75 miles from New York City and 100 miles from Philadelphia. The camp offers a unique concept in the world of overnight summer camps: a traditional co-ed camp experience in a 5-week program.

**Delaware Beach House Week Rental**
Located in Broadkill Beach, DE - this home is directly on the beach. 4 Bedrooms /2.5 bathrooms, Available in May.

**Washington Nationals Tickets**
Go see the World Series Champions! With more than one set to bid on, have a fun day watching your favorite team.

**Infrared Sauna Session**
This infrared sauna promotes therapeutic qualities, such as increasing blood flow, removing toxins, and helps the body’s natural anti-inflammatory response.

**White Hot Summer Rooftop Party**
Toast to the end of summer and the beginning of a new school year with B’rent friends! Enjoy drinks and refreshments with a beautiful rooftop view on Barrack’s Row in your best while outfit.

**Pirate Cruise**
FOUR tickets on board a Family Fun Treasure Hunt Cruise!

**Kendra Scott Earrings**
Looking to turn heads? Try these stunning Gold statement earrings. With a modern disc shape that allows the shell to take center stage, the Diane Gold Statement Earrings in Ivory Mother-of-Pearl are guaranteed to be rotating through every outfit you wear.

For a more extensive preview of items, visit [http://brentgala2020.givesmart.com](http://brentgala2020.givesmart.com)

**Be sure to buy your gala tickets before the auction opens next week so you can start bidding! New items still being added**
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THANK YOU TO OUR RESTAURANTS...

enjoy small plates from local eateries at the Brent Spring Gala March 14 @ AJAX DC!
March 2, 2020

To Students and Families:

At DC Public Schools (DCPS), we are committed to ensuring the well-being of our students. Communicating home about issues that impact school communities is important to fostering strong partnerships with families, and I would like to provide an important update around coronavirus (also known as COVID-19).

On Friday, Mayor Bowser signed a Mayor’s Order to establish DC Health and the DC Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency as the lead agencies directing the District’s preparation, monitoring, and response. As of Sunday, March 1, DC Health reports there are no confirmed cases of coronavirus in Washington, DC. But as with any public health concern, we need to be prepared and informed.

Prevention is our priority at this time, especially during cold and flu season. Common coronaviruses can cause symptoms similar to a common cold, such as fever, cough, sore throat, and feeling unwell. The symptoms that are currently being seen with the current coronavirus infection are fever and respiratory symptoms such as cough and shortness of breath. DC Health continues to recommend the same precautions that help to prevent the spread of those common illnesses:

- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. An alcohol-based hand sanitizer can be used if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when feeling sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in a trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

We are ensuring that all school bathrooms are stocked with soap and schools have hand sanitizer, as well as maintaining custodial protocols for cleaning and disinfecting. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has a helpful handwashing resource page with activities for families and videos in English and Spanish.

We are monitoring the situation and working closely with DC Health and other District agencies on emergency preparedness procedures, as well as following guidance from the CDC regarding planning for a coronavirus outbreak. As the situation evolves, we will consider alternative learning environments to ensure the safety of our students, staff, and families, while minimizing disruption to the school year. We are also considering alternative plans for students scheduled to take international trips this spring and summer.

The District Government will continue to share critical updates around coronavirus on the DC Health website, dchealth.dc.gov/coronavirus. Please be assured that the health and safety of our students and staff is always paramount. If you have any further questions, please email chancellor@k12.dc.gov.

Sincerely,

Lewis D. Ferebee, Ed.D.
Chancellor