

# THE TUES. NEWS

4-24-2018

BRENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
MUSEUM MAGNET PROGRAM

## Coming Up

**Monday, April 2 - Tuesday, May 1, 2018**

Enrollment Packets Due

**Wednesday, April 25**

PTA General Meeting  
6:30 – 8 p.m.

**Friday, April 27**

Professional Development Day  
No School for Students  
Springboard Programming Available

**PARCC Testing Schedule**

April 30 - May 4 = 5th grade

May 7 - May 11 = 4th grade

May 14 - May 18 = 3rd grade

**Thursday, May 24**

Parent-Teacher Conference Day  
No school for students

**Friday, May 25**

Professional Development Day  
No school for students  
No Springboard programming

**Monday, May 28**

Memorial Day  
Brent Closed



## Enrollment Forms Due May 1!

Please complete and return the enrollment forms sent home in a bright green folder at the beginning of April. Brent needs all returning families to complete these forms and present residency verification documents. The front office will be reaching out to families who do not complete the re-enrollment process by May 1 via phone calls, emails and potentially home visits. So please get those forms in this week. If you have any questions, please contact Denise Diggs at [denise.diggs@dc.gov](mailto:denise.diggs@dc.gov).

*Photos: Brent observes Earth Day.*

## School Year 2017-2018 Calendar: Snow-Day Changes

DCPS had two snow days this year. As a result, we need to extend the school year by two days. This

means we will have the following changes to the calendar:

- Wednesday, June 13, 2018 will become a full instructional day.
- Thursday, June 14, 2018 will become a full instructional day.
- Friday, June 15, 2018 will become a half-day for students with dismissal at 12:15 PM. This is the last day of the school year. Teachers will work in the afternoon for recordskeeping.

### **PTA General Meeting on Wednesday**

The Brent PTA will be holding its next PTA General meeting on Wednesday, April 25th, at 6:30pm in the multi-purpose room. The agenda includes the proposed 2018-19 PTA budget, information about the coming changes to the PTA's by-laws, and a question and answer period. There will also be a discussion about the modernization process. As always, free childcare is provided and the meeting will be streamed on Brent's Facebook page, where recordings of the previous General Meetings are also available.

### **Reminder - PARCC Testing April 30 – May 18 On-time Arrival Required**

3rd, 4th, and 5th graders at Brent will participate in PARCC testing between April 30 and May 18. PARCC is the statewide assessment that is used to measure student-, school-, and system-level progress. The schedule this year:

#### PARCC Testing Schedule

April 30 - May 4 = 5th grade  
May 7 - May 11 = 4th grade  
May 14 - May 18 = 3rd grade

(Note: Students who test in small

groups may have slightly different schedules.) Testing takes place in the morning and is generally concluded by lunchtime each day. We are asking that 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade families support this process in two main ways: First, please help your child to feel calm and well-rested by making sure that they have had plenty of sleep. Second, please be sure to arrive at school on time. Students who arrive after administration has begun will not be permitted to join their classes and will have to make up their tests. Since testing starts right away in the morning, it is best that everyone be present at the start of the day. Questions can be directed to Sara Ewbank, Test Coordinator, at [sara.ewbank@dc.gov](mailto:sara.ewbank@dc.gov).

### **Auction Items Still Available**

Last chance! There are still auction items available this week only. Head to the auction site for banners, art, seats at spirit parties and more!

<http://501auctions.com/brentgala/category/category/66112?si=q4K4Uj>

Please read next week's Tues News for a summary of the very successful Spring Gala - congratulations to all who put on the amazing event!

### **Help with Mercado!**

Greetings Brent community! The Mercado is fast approaching (Thursday, June 7) and students will soon be hard at work on crafts. Ms. Marchese is in need of newspaper which should be cut up in approximately 1x1 inch square pieces. If you are able to provide this, please drop it off in her 2nd floor office or her main office mail box by Thursday, April 26. In addition, if you are able to work on

additional "piñata layers" - applying additional layers of paper maché to piñatas that have already been started by students (can be done at home or at school), please contact Ms. Marchese @[jennifer-annettem@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer-annettem@gmail.com). ¡Gracias!

### **Health Alerts**

Please see attached fact sheets on Strep Throat and Hand, Foot, & Mouth Disease. If your child has recently been diagnosed with these or any other illnesses, please alert the school nurse, Nurse Lee at [jlee6@childrensnational.org](mailto:jlee6@childrensnational.org).

### **Community Members in Need**

As we all know, from time to time members in our community need our support through challenges and struggles. Our custodial foreperson, Mary Young, has been diagnosed with cancer and will officially retire from Brent with almost 30 years of service in June. Ms. Young has been out due to aggressive treatment of her condition.

Ms. Shirley, Brent's crossing guard, is supporting her daughter who was recently gravely injured in an automobile accident.

While separate communications will detail additional efforts to support Ms. Young and Ms. Shirley, we are asking for our students and families to write cards and notes of support and caring to these two staff members. Cards and notes can be brought to the front office and we will deliver them.