Coming Up

April 2 - May 1
New Enrollment and Re-Enrollment
All packets due Wednesday, May 1

Tuesday, April 9
Math and Science Day

Wednesday, April 10 and Thursday, April 11
Brent’s Production of Alice in Wonderland, Jr.
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
ASL Interpreters Provided

Thursday, April 11
Spirit Day - Wear Purple for Month of the Military Child

Friday, April 12
Deadline: Lost & Found Retrieval
All remaining items donated during Spring Break

Monday, April 15 - 19
Spring Break
No school for students & teachers

PARCC Administration Dates
April 29th through May 3rd - 4th/5th ELA
May 6th through 10th - 4th/5th Math
May 13th through 21st - 3rd ELA and Math
May 20th and 21st - 5th Science

Brent’s Production of Alice in Wonderland, Jr. - It’s Showtime!!!!!
This week Brent is proud to present our production of Alice in Wonderland, Jr! Our cast and crew have been working diligently over the past few months to help make this a truly special production. Performances are this Wednesday (April 10) and Thursday (April 11) at 6:30 p.m. ASL interpreters will be provided. Concessions will also be available for sale (cash-only). See photos of rehearsals.

DCPS Attendance Reminder
There is still a lot of learning left for school year 18-19, and we need every child to attend school on time, every day. Whether the reason for the absence is excused or unexcused, students fall behind when they miss school and they are missed by school staff and their peers. So let’s support every Brent student in finishing the school year strong and ensure on-time arrival every day. Please contact Denise Diggs at denise.diggs@dc.gov or 202-698-3364 with any attendance questions.
Nats District-Wide Contest for National Anthem Performance

Has your 3rd - 5th-grade singer ever been to Nats park and heard the National Anthem sung? Has your young singer ever dreamed of the chance to sing the National Anthem for an audience of thousands? Now is the chance! Nats park is running a district-wide contest for groups of singers (up to 5 students) to sing the National Anthem for the May 24th evening game.

For 3rd - 5th grade musicians who are interested, Mr. Krohn will be holding a practice session on Friday, April 12 from 8:15 - 8:30 a.m. in the music room (#206) to help prepare the students. On April 23 from 8:00 - 8:45 a.m. in the music room, Mr. Krohn will be filming the groups that would like to audition for the chance to sing the National Anthem. Nats park will make the final decision who will sing for the May 24th game.

Talent Show Registration

The Talent Shows are coming up on May 29 and May 30 for talent-ed K-5th grade students who want to show off their skills! This year there will be two evening performances as well as a morning dress rehearsal. One performance will be on May 29 at 6:00 p.m. for our K-2nd grade participants and the other performance will be on May 30 at 6:00 p.m. for our 3rd - 5th grade participants. Registration forms are attached to this Tues News and auditions will be held the beginning of May.

ECE Visits Artechouse to Experience Peak Bloom Exhibit

On April 2nd, The Great White Polar Bears (ECE) and The Lightning Ladybugs (K) went on an atelier field experience to Artechouse to experience the In Peak Bloom exhibit. The exhibit celebrates the beauty and traditions of the cherry blossoms and is comprised of larger than life, interactive, digital artwork spanning four rooms in the gallery.

Throughout the year, the children have explored color, lines, shapes, and symmetry in the atelier and were challenged to apply this artistic vocabulary when viewing the art at the exhibit. Additionally, over the past couple of weeks, the children have been exploring cherry blossoms as excitement has been building in D.C. for peak bloom. They have been sharing their own experiences with ideas about cherry blossoms through the languages of painting, drawing, collage, sculpture, and music. Our trip to Artechouse inspired us to consider a new language to express our ideas, digital and projected art. See photos.

Last Call! Lost and Found - All Items to Be Donated During Spring Break

Please take a moment to check the Lost and Found for Winter gear your child may have misplaced by Friday, April 12. We will donate all left-over items without names during Spring Break. Also note, small items such as jewelry, watches, sunglasses, and the like are held by Mrs. Ferguson in the front office. Please see her if you are missing a small item.
Join the PTA Board Nominating Committee
It is time to plan for next year’s PTA Board! Please consider joining the PTA nominating committee or expressing interest in PTA Board positions. The role of the PTA is to build a community of parents, staff, and administration committed to ensuring that Brent Elementary is a high-achieving educational environment. The PTA also plays a critical role in funding Brent’s non-personnel budget needs. The nominating committee seeks three at-large members to help nominate at least two eligible people for each office to be filled and report its nominees to the general membership for election. If you are interested in joining the nominating committee, please email incoming PTA co-presidents Genevieve Taft (sgtaft@gmail.com) or Nazanin Ash (nazanin.samari.ash@gmail.com).

Beyond the nominating committee and PTA Board, there are always many other ways to volunteer. As we plan for next year, the PTA will be hosting an event in early May for current and future parent volunteers to learn more about committees and fundraising opportunities. Stay tuned for details!

Reading Spotlight for Month of the Military Child
April is the Month of the Military Child. In celebration, please consider reading:

*Hero Moms* by Melinda Hardin (24 pages) In this picture book children compare their moms in the military to superheroes while the watercolor illustrations depict each mother’s job in the armed forces.

*Night Catch* by Brenda Ehrman-traut (32 pages) When a soldier’s work takes him half-way around the world, he enlists the help of the North Star for a nightly game of catch with his son.

*My Soldier Dad* by Ross MacKenzie (40 pages) Told from a child’s perspective, this story illustrates the grand scale of the military, the broad scope of various missions and operations, and the importance of a family’s love and connectedness.

*Brave Like Me* by Barbara Kerley (48 pages) This photo essay about children of military and government personnel gives voice to the children’s emotions, as they express fear, resolve to stay positive and strong, and love through simple personal statements matched by crisp, compelling color photography of service members and their families.

*Piper Reed: Navy Brat* by Kimberly Willis Holt (160 pages) A spunky nine-year-old who has moved more times than she can count on one hand, Piper loves being part of a Navy family who has adventures wherever she goes, inspired by her active imagination, free-wheeling spirit, and a bit of sister magic.

*Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt (276 pages) A special teacher at her new school helps Ally, as she struggles with bullying, dyslexia and a dad deployed to the Middle East.

Each of these books is in the Brent Library or DC Public Library collections and can also be ordered from your local bookseller.