

THE TUES. NEWS

5-21-2019

BRENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Coming Up

Tuesday, May 21

W6 Parents Meeting
6:30 - 8 p.m.
Library

Wednesday, May 22

PTA General Meeting
6:30 - 8 p.m.
ASL Interpreters
Childcare provided

Thursday, May 23

Bridge to Kindergarten
8 - 9 a.m.
Cafeteria

Monday, May 27

Memorial Day
Brent Closed

Tuesday, May 28

Conference Day - no school for students

Parenting Workshop
Tackling Technology
8 - 9 a.m.
Brent Cafeteria

Conference Grade Level Schedule
Grade Levels Session 1
9 - 10:05 a.m.

Grade Levels Session 2
5 - 6:05 p.m.



Wednesday, May 29

KG - 2nd Talent Show
6:00 - 6:45 p.m.
ASL interpreters provided

Thursday, May 30

New Incoming K Meet and Greet
9 - 10 a.m.

3rd - 5th Talent Show

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
ASL interpreters provided

Photos: Scenes from 2nd grade Civil Rights Plays

PTA Voice Vote Wednesday, May 22 at the PTA General Meeting + Other Ways to Get Involved at Brent

A huge thanks to all who have volunteered to serve on the PTA Board for the 19-20 school year. Come meet the candidates and vote in our new slate of officers

this Wednesday, May 22nd at the PTA General Meeting. Also on the agenda is consideration of the 2019-2020 budget and an opportunity to discuss communication engagement and homework.

And thank you to those who joined the PTA happy hour to recruit additional committee leads for next year. Some of the amazing leads will be staying on for next year while other committees need additional leadership. There are so many ways to help shape your child's experience at Brent. Express your interest through the google form: <https://forms.gle/te328E7BqJZxCrs48> or to any PTA Board member.

We would also love to thank our nominating committee members: Laura Martinez, Adi Segal, Dunnzy Levin, Stacy Miller, and Principal Lycknell. They helped recruit a tremendous slate of candidates for both the PTA Board and our PTA committees. We're privileged to serve in such a wonderful, diverse community of parents and caregivers eager to engage in their children's school community.

Calling All Overdue Library Books: Please help your children find and return ALL OVERDUE library books by May 31st!

Please check your children's backpacks for lists with outstanding items. If a book cannot be found, please notify Ms. Bettina (bettina.schewe@dc.gov). Accounting for all outstanding books is crucial to the process of completing an accurate end-of-year inventory.

Please note that check-out will continue until May 31, but only in cases where outstanding books are returned.

Book Fair is Coming

The Buy-One-Get-One-Free (BOGO) Book Fair will be held from Friday, May 31st to Thursday, June 6. This is a great opportunity to stock up on summer reading material.

If you can help with set-up on Thursday, May 30th, right after school at 3:15 p.m., please contact Ms. Bettina (bettina.schewe@dc.gov). Thank you for your support.

More Than 50 Marchers Already Signed Up for Pride Parade!

More than 50 marchers have already signed up to represent Brent Elementary and D.C. Public Schools in this year's Capital Pride Parade! There is still time to sign-up to join us on Saturday, June 8, 2019: <http://bit.ly/BrentFamilyPride2019>

All registrants will receive a logistics email before the parade with any updates.

Bridge to Kindergarten Event This Thursday from 8 - 9 a.m.

Summer is on its way! Have you ever wondered how to jazz up your summer break with more numbers and words? Join us on May 23rd in the multipurpose room at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast and games you can make and take home! This parent only event is open to rising Kindergarten parents. We hope to see you there!

Brent Yearbook Sales Start May 28th

We are pleased to announce Brent's inaugural yearbook for SY18-19 is arriving soon! This bound yearbook captures class pictures, special events and hundreds of candid photos from this amazing school year. Samples will be

available to look at next week with distribution on the last week of school. The cost for the yearbook is \$25. You can pre-order and pay at bit.ly/BrentYearbook.

Vases Needed for Teacher Appreciation Week

Next week is Teacher Appreciation Week at Brent. In preparation, the PTA is asking families to bring any medium-sized vases that they no longer need and leave them in a collection box in the front hallway. Thanks to all who are willing to donate a vase!

New Parent Representatives for the Brent Local School Advisory Team (LSAT)

We are pleased to announce three new parent representatives for the Brent LSAT – Laura Green, Josie Malone, and Gretchen Anne Phillips. They will be starting two-year terms on the LSAT this July. They join current LSAT parent representatives Dunnzy Kaufman, Jean Blackerby Strich, and Matthew Wheelock who will be starting the second year of their two-year terms in July. Brent parents Sarah Carr, Brian Kirrane, and Kim Barry Taylor will be finishing up their terms as LSAT parent representatives at the end of June. Below are the parent representatives statements for the new parent representatives so that you can get to know them better.

Laura Green

My name is Laura Green, and I have been part of the Brent community for the last five and a half years. My son, a third grader, has attended Brent since PreK3. I've been interested in education since long before becoming a parent. I covered K-12 schools as a reporter in three states for more than a

decade. I saw the results of high stakes testing driving decisions both big and small. I feel fortunate that my son attends a school where data are important but where decisions are made based on multiple factors — numbers and human interaction. I want to work to continue to make Brent a place where all students feel a sense of belonging and all students can succeed. In my work life, I am the social media manager at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Josie Malone

My name is Josie Malone, and I am the mother of Jack, a rising PK4 student at Brent, and his baby sister Nora, who will be entering PK3 at Brent in 2021. As such, I'm relatively new to the Brent community, and plan to remain invested for many years in the future.

Although I'm new-ish to Brent, I have a good deal of experience and perspective on education and DCPS. I've worked in DCPS for the past 12 years, first as a middle and high school teacher, and currently as a Central Office content lead supporting teachers and school leaders in implementing curriculum and professional development. I previously served on an LSAT in DCPS for many years in a teacher capacity. Given my professional experience, I have a range of experience with different schools that I will bring to the table in addition to representing Brent parents on the LSAT.

Gretchen Anne Phillips

I am the parent of Naveen (1st grade) and Aria (PK4) and have a baby who will be in the Brent Class of 2030! I briefly served on the



ASL Showcase with Ms. T

May 29th & 30th

5:30-6:00 PM

May 29th

K-2ND

May 30th

3rd-5th

LSAT in 2013/14 as the community representative, however I was unable to complete my term due to our move to the Philippines. We finally returned for the 2018-19 school year and I am excited to reengage in whatever way I can best contribute to our school. I take a fact based and collaborative approach to the issues and would be excited to invest time working with DCPS, the school leadership, teachers, and our community to help our our school and students achieve their full potential.

Principal's Corner

Dear Brent Families,

Our May 28th Reflect and Step Up Conference Day is just one week away!

Schedule Reminder

Tackling Technology Parent Workshop: 8:00-9:00 a.m. in the multipurpose room

Session 1: 9:00-10:05 a.m. (9:00-9:30 a.m. current grade, 9:35-10:05 a.m. next year's grade)

Session 2: 5:00-6:05 p.m. (5:00-5:30 p.m. current grade, 5:35-6:05 p.m. next year's grade)

Locations

Parents will remain in the same room for the full session. Teachers will move. Please meet in the room assigned to your current grade level.

PK3/PK4: 108 (exception: PK3 parents will move to room 110 for part 2 of each session)

K: 118

1: 202

2: 210

3: 210

4: 303

5: 306

Question Collection Links

We want your questions to guide our Reflect and Step Up Conferences. Use these links to contribute (all links are for current grade levels):

PK3: <https://tinyurl.com/yyewym7s>

PK4: <https://tinyurl.com/y6gytsqv>

K: <https://tinyurl.com/yytpbazb>

1: <https://tinyurl.com/yxap4gyh>

2: <https://tinyurl.com/y24kdha7>

3: <https://tinyurl.com/yyo7lchn>

4: <https://tinyurl.com/y6er4xwm>

5: <https://tinyurl.com/y5nomezv>

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

Norah Lycknell
Principal

Brent Teacher Appreciation Week - May 28-31

Show Your Love!

Tuesday May 28 is the start of Teacher Appreciation Week.

It's a chance to help your kids show their teachers why they are loved.

Thanks to PTA and generous donations from Local establishments (TBD), we have a nice week planned.

All Week Long - Wall of Love

All week long, we will have butcher-block paper along the front hallway wall where kids and parents can write notes about or to their teachers, support staff and front office staff.

There will be post it notes, markers & chalk set up in the hallway.

Tuesday (Parent Teacher-Conference Day)

Lunch will be provided for all staff in the cafeteria

Wednesday - Flower Power Day

Please send your child to school with a flower (or more) for their teacher.

Room parents will bring a medium size vase in for their classroom with a few flowers from their child to start the bouquet, throughout the week please remind the class to bring in a flower or two to add to the bouquet.

Additional vases with some flowers will be placed in Specials rooms and other staff desks so feel free to add a flower where you wish.

Thursday - Healthy Snack Day

Please have your child bring in a piece of fruit, a granola bar, a bottle smoothie or just some type of healthy snack to give to their teacher. Just one of those items, additional healthy snacks will be left in the lounge for other staff members as well

Friday - Write a Note Day

Please send your child to school with a note for their teacher.

Nothing fancy is needed – the words are the precious part. Suggestions include:

- *"I love (fill in teacher's name) because she (fill in example of something the child liked or appreciated). Happy Teacher Appreciation Week!"*
- *"My favorite thing about (teacher's name) is when (fill in example of something the child liked)."*
- *"The best thing that happened all year was when (an example of something that happened in class)."*
- *Or make up a note of your own.*

This is *also* the day that parents and kids can write notes of specific appreciation to special teachers, Principal Lycknell, Ms. Katie, Ms. Casula, Ms. Diggs, the custodians, nurse, the cafeteria staff and other teachers & staff who positively impact their school days.

This is also the day your class can present their teacher with a special gift from the class fund or a collection

Bagels, coffee, tea & fruit in front office