

THE TUES. NEWS

5-29-2018

BRENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
MUSEUM MAGNET PROGRAM

Coming Up

Wednesday, May 30
New ECE Meet and Greet
9 -10 a.m.

Diversity Working Group Meeting
6:30 - 8 p.m.

Thursday, May 31
Learning Showcase
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
ASL Interpreters Provided

Friday, June 1
Final Principal Coffee
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

June 4 - 7
Buy One Get One Free Book Fair

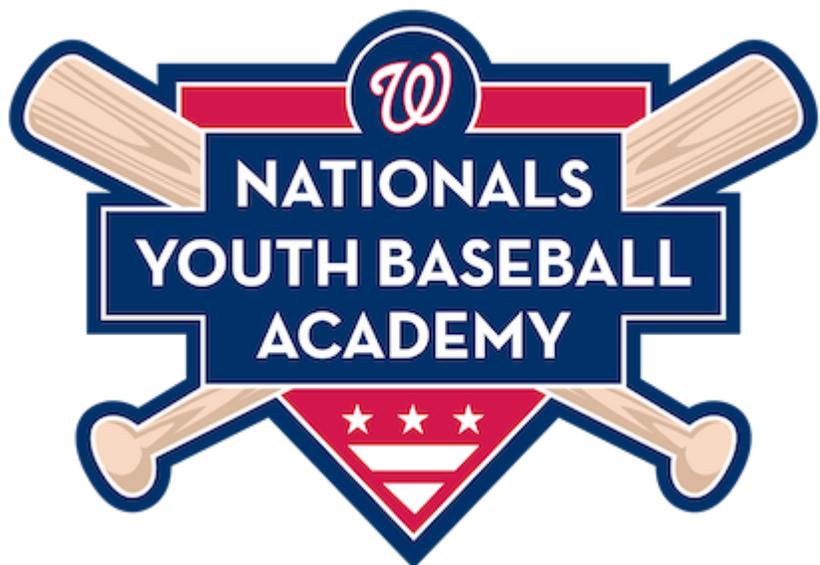
Monday, June 4
Bridge to Kindergarten Evening
6:30-7:15 pm

Tuesday, June 5
Club Day (School Day)

K - 2nd Talent Show
6 - 7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 6
New Incoming Kindergarten Play-
date
9 - 10 a.m.

Mr. Henry's Fundraiser
5 - 7 p.m.
Adults only event!



Coming Up cont.

Thursday, June 7
Mercado (school day)

3rd - 5th
Talent Show
6 - 7 p.m.

Saturday, June 9
DC Pride Parade
See attached flyer details

Brent Students Receive Invite to Participate in Washington National's Youth Baseball Academy

Brent students have been invited to participate in the Washington National's Youth Baseball Academy. This is an amazing opportunity for boys and girls to try out baseball and be coached by experts! The program squarely focuses on providing the various resources necessary to offer youth ages 6 – 12 the opportunity for a positive youth baseball/softball experience. The academy values effort over outcomes, like hustle and being a good teammate.

The director of the league indicated that all participants who register will also receive a baseball glove. Please see attached flyer for more information. Please register at washintonnationalsya.league-apps.com. Any questions, please contact Denise Diggs at denise.diggs@dc.gov.

Mercado Coming June 7

It's almost that time of year again. The Mercado will happen on Thursday, June 7th. Why do we do the Mercado? To celebrate culture by learning about a major staple of many societies: open markets. In many countries, people use materials that are easily available to them to make artistic pieces. These pieces express their ceremonial rituals or have a practical use. Crafts that students have been busy working on represent these pieces and traditions seen in Spanish-speaking countries.

Thanks to all of those who signed up to volunteer the day of the Mercado. We are still looking for volunteers to work the tables where students "buy" crafts as well as volunteers to help serve snacks. Spanish speakers at all levels are welcome. If you would like to participate in this fun event, please do not let your language skills deter you. Sign up at:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NF5Y91cy4EHXK4S5Kc6z4ebCyOP9fiGzH4hHVLXbNrs/edit?usp=sharing> to volunteer

In an effort to make it an authentic experience, we are hoping that students will use their Spanish when "purchasing" items. Though we have been practicing these Spanish conversation phrases in class, please also practice these basic terms at home to use in the

Mercado: ¿Donde esta...? (Where is...?), yo quiero (I want), me gustaría (I would like), ¿Cuanto cuesta? (How much?) por favor (please), gracias (thank you), muchas gracias (thank you very much), de nada (you're welcome). Also if kids would like to get the price down and try to bargain- they can use these phrases: ¡Es demasiado!(That's too much!) ¿Que tal si te doy... (How about I give you...).

I very much look forward to this year's event as it will be the best one yet! Please contact jenniferannettem@gmail.com for any questions you may have. ¡Muchas Gracias

Easy PTA Fundraiser

Need some new home goods? Raise money for the PTA by shopping at www.boonsupply.com and look for the Brent PTA fundraiser. 50% of your purchase will go to support the work of the PTA.

Join the Local School Advisory Team for SY2018-2019

Now is the time to consider joining the Local School Advisory Team (LSAT). I don't do budgets and numbers, you say? That's fine because neither do we :).

As a member of the LSAT, you provide advice and guidance to Principal Lycknell regarding the budget, curriculum, program design, and community impacts. Ok, so we do weigh in on the budget, but it's more about helping shape the school vision that the budget supports than it is about the numbers themselves.

Some of the topics we've discussed this year:

- How can we get more adults in the classrooms, more effectively?

- What should our special subjects look like?

- Are we effectively using our Parent-Teacher conferences?

- How can we best manage our population growth?

If these topics are interesting to you and you want to be a part of the conversation in a formal way, consider running for a spot on the LSAT. Please email a candidate statement to Christina Muedeking at Christina.Muedeking@gmail.com. Candidate statements are due by Tuesday, May 29th. The election will be held next week and we are looking to fill THREE parent seats.

If you want to learn more, just ask any current or former member of the LSAT. We'd all be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for your consideration!

Brian Kirrane
Chair, LSAT
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Brent Bears Successfully Contributed to DCPS-Wide 3 Million Minute Reading Challenge

Thank you to all students who read and logged their reading time for the 3 Million Minute Challenge. We read so much that our school library won over fifty new books as a reward. Way to go Brent Bears!

BOGO Book Fair Is Coming Next Week

The Buy-One-Get-One-Free (BOGO) Book Fair will be held from June 4 to June 8. This is a great opportunity to stock up on reading material for the summer. The fair will be open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 to

8:30 am and from 3:30 to 6:00 pm. The last opportunity to take advantage of the buy one get one free sale will be Friday morning from 8:00 - 8:30 pm.

If you can help with set-up on Thursday, May 31 or clean-up on June 8 right after school, please contact Ms. Bettina in the library or by e-mail at bettina.schewe@dc.gov.

Diverse Books Reading List

In celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, please consider reading:

Hush! A Thai Lullaby by Minfong Ho (32 pages)

A lullaby which asks animals such as a lizard, monkey, and water-buffalo to be quiet and not disturb the sleeping baby.

Same, Same but Different by Jenny Sue Kostecki-Shaw (40 pages)

Pen pals Elliot and Kailash discover that even though they live in different countries--America and India--they both love to climb trees, have pets, and ride a school bus.

Grandfather's Journey by Allen Say (32 pages)

A Japanese American man recounts his grandfather's journey to America and the feelings of being torn by a love for two different countries.

The Last Princess: The Story of Princess Kaiulani of Hawaii by Fay Stanley (40 pages)

Biography recounts the story of Hawaii's last heir to the throne, but did not take the throne because the monarchy was abolished.

In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson by Bette Bao Lord (176 pages)

Novel about a young girl from

China finding a home in America through the love of baseball

Inside Out & Back Again by Thanhha Lai (262 pages)

Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama.

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin (278 pages)

An adventurous girl, from a poor village, buys a magical goldfish, and then joins a dragon who cannot fly on a quest to find the Old Man of the Moon in hopes of bringing life to Fruitless Mountain and freshness to Jade River.

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

Girls on the Run Updates

-The Girls on the Run team will be hosting a lemonade stand to benefit the Humane Rescue Alliance at our final practice, Wednesday May 30th at 3:45. Please be sure to stop by X park to support the runners and their cause!

-The Girls on the Run 5K is on Sunday June 3rd at Freedom Plaza. We would love to have more buddy runners join our team as we celebrate a fantastic season. There is also a Kids Dash for other Brent Bears interested in running. Register here: <https://www.raceplanner.com/register/index/QJXD0DKX3K4IXAZ?sid=9b51766cf9534e05815f766b3811f775>.

Looking Ahead

This week we continue our Looking Ahead TuesNews series with an important end of the year family check-list:

Optional Parent Survey Regarding Class Placement

As Brent staff create learning communities for next year, parent feedback for this process is through the optional parent survey, which closes on Wednesday, May 30. Please click on the link below to complete the survey:

<https://goo.gl/forms/AKofSGAr-jm3nw8Wz2>.

Please read last week's Looking Ahead for more information about our class list process.

Learning Showcase – This Thursday, May 31 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Please join us at the last Learning Showcase this Thursday, May 31 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. This event culminates our students' in-depth study of a particular subject and their work toward explaining their thinking and understanding. Students serve as docents for the community and are excited to show their learning processes and products.

Final Principal Coffee – this Friday from 8:30 -9:30 a.m.

The final Principal coffee of the year is this Friday from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Discussion topics will include, reflections on this year's successes, challenges and goals and structures that will guide our community's growth in the coming years.

While the last few weeks of school are a busy time for all, please remember to reach out to me or any members of our faculty with any questions or needs.

Best,

Norah Lycknell
Principal