Coming Up

**Wednesday, May 31**
PTA General Meeting
6:30 - 8 p.m.
Childcare and ASL Interpreters Provided

**Thursday, June 1**
Learning Showcase
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
ASL Interpreters Provided

**Tuesday, June 6**
Talent Show 6 - 7 p.m.
ASL Interpreters Provided

**Wednesday, June 7**
Talent Show 6 - 7 p.m.
ASL Interpreters Provided

**Saturday, June 10**
Brent Participation in Family Pride Parade
Meeting time sent via email to all registered participants

**Wednesday, June 14**
Last Day of School
12:15 p.m. Dismissal
Report Cards distributed

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**Brent Remembers**

The Friday before Memorial Day weekend is National Poppy Day. After World War I, poppies became the symbol of those that had fallen in battle. The American Legion, the world’s largest veterans service organization, worked with Congress to officially designate the day as one to remember the fallen and support those who returned.

Denise Krepp, veteran and mother of a Brent student, spoke with third grade students last week about National Poppy Day. Ms. Krepp asked students to raise their hands if someone in their family had served in the military. Over 75% of THE children raised their hands and each shared information about their family member’s service in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard.

Ms. Krepp also read the poem “In Flanders Fields” and answered student’s questions about it.

Students received crepe paper poppies. The flowers were made by veterans across the United States and distributed by the American Legion.
Legion Auxiliary as part of their fundraising efforts. Funds raised by poppies distributed in Washington DC will support the DC Veterans Art Festival.

**Brent’s Got Pride! 50 Marchers and Growing**

Brent now has over 50 students, families and teachers representing our school in the Capital Pride Parade on Saturday, June 10th.

Join us! RSVP using the following link:

Gathering time and location will be announced via email the week prior to the parade.

**Volunteer Your Vehicle!**

Drive in style and represent Brent Elementary in this year’s Pride Parade. We need a vehicle to drive behind our walkers on the day of the parade, Saturday, June 10, 2017. Keep in mind that parade vehicles are often decorated with rainbow detailing and messages of pride and acceptance. If you’re interested in volunteering your vehicle, contact Mr. Berg at jon.berg@dc.gov

**Additional summer playdate for rising kindergarteners**

There will be informal playdates for rising preschoolers (PK3 and PK4) and kindergarteners this summer. These playdates (one for rising preschoolers and two for rising kindergarteners) will give new and returning students and their families an opportunity to meet/catch up over the summer. Siblings, grandparents, house guests, etc. all welcome. Bring bathing suits and towels for the kids. Locations and times are:

- **Incoming preschoolers:**
  Sunday, July 30, 3:30-5:30 pm at the Canal Park fountains on the Il Parco restaurant side (Please note that this is not the Yards Park fountains or the Canal Park wading pools)

- **Incoming kindergarteners:**
  Sunday, July 2, 3:30-5:30 pm at the Canal Park fountains on the Il Parco restaurant side (Please note that this is not the Yards Park fountains or the Canal Park wading pools)

- **Saturday, August 5, 3:30-5:30 pm**
  at the Canal Park fountains on the Il Parco restaurant side (Please note that this is not the Yards Park fountains or the Canal Park wading pools)

**Digital Citizenship Information**

In today’s world students’ exposure to and use of technology is increasing rapidly. Even the youngest children use digital tools to learn and play.

Digital media provides amazing opportunities for students to create, explore, learn and connect. In order to take full advantage of these opportunities, however, children must know how to avoid the risks that are involved with the use of technology, and how to navigate in the digital world safely, responsibly, and respectfully.

This school year Kindergarten through 2nd grade students are learning about internet safety, information literacy, creative credit and copyright, online communication and relationship, digital footprints, privacy and security during library time with lessons from the Common Sense Digital Citizenship Curriculum.

Common Sense takes a whole-community approach to digital citizenship by supporting parents in raising good digital citizens. Attached is a Family Media Agreement to discuss and complete with your child(ren). Further parent resources can be found at www.commonsense.org.

**Photos: Brent’s annual Mercado**