Coming Up

**Wednesday, May 29 – June 13**
Yearbook Sales

**Wednesday, June 12**
Field Day & Spirit Day – Workout Gear
5th Grade Clap-out 3 p.m.

**Thursday, June 13**
5th Grade Promotion
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

**Friday, June 14**
Last Day of School
Report Cards and Yearbooks
Distributed

**Friday, August 23**
Brent Back to School Open House
3 – 4 p.m.

**Monday, August 26**
K – 5th First Day of School

**Monday, August 26 – Wednesday, August 28**
PS3 & PK4 Home Visits

**Thursday, August 29**
PS3 & PK4 First Day of School for students with last names beginning A – L

**Friday, August 30**
PS3 & PK4 First Day of School for students with last names beginning M – Z

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**Last Call - Don’t Miss Out!**
**Buy a Brent Yearbook Today**
The yearbook is filled with over 35 pages of color photos including student and teacher portraits, photos of student performances, extracurricular activities, field trips, the school dance, and many more! The yearbook is only $25!


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**ALL Library Books MUST Be Returned**
Please be sure to return all still outstanding library books. If you have any questions or lost a book, please contact Ms. Bettina at bettina.schewe@dc.gov.

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**Brent Families March in Support of LGBTQ Pride**
Brent made a strong showing in support of love, equality and LGBTQ pride in Saturday’s Capital Pride Parade. Over 70 signed up to march with educators and families from D.C. Public Schools.

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across the city. The positive energy and roaring cheers of the crowds that lined the route showed that many of our neighbors know the value of creating loving and inclusive schools. We look forward to marching again next year and hope you will join us. To those who marched this year - THANK YOU! See photo.

DC Public Library Summer Reading Program
The Summer Reading Program of the DC Public Library started on June 1. This year students are challenged to read every day for at least 20 minutes. Please go to https://www.dclibrary.org/summerchallenge for more information and to sign up. Happy Reading!

Summer Playdates for New and Returning PK and K Families
The PTA has organized playdates for new and returning PK and K students and their families over the summer. These playdates are a great way to meet new friends and reconnect with old friends. The dates are: Saturday, July 20, 10-noon and Sunday, August 18 from 3 - 5 p.m. Both playdates will be held at Yards Park!

5th Grade Clap-Out – Wednesday at 3 p.m.
Each fall and in what has become a Brent annual tradition, we celebrate newly-formed class communities with the Banner Parade. This Spring Brent continues our Clap Out tradition for our fifth graders, honoring a grade-level community that has spent as many as eight years at Brent. Classes will line up in the hallways, facing the center of the hall and against the wall, ready to cheer, clap and give high fives to our fifth graders as they walk through the Brent halls. Fifth graders will begin from their classrooms, loop past third grade classrooms, walk to the fourth grade classrooms and down the front stairs. They will then head to the second floor for first, K and then second grade before going down the back stairs. They will loop past all K and PK classrooms before heading out to the playground where their families are welcome to greet them. The Clap Out will take place on June 12th, the last full day of school before promotion. Posters and signs bearing well wishes are welcome.

Brent’s Summer Hours
Brent’s front office will be open during the summer from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Please note, the front office will be closed for the 4th of July and for the afternoon of July 31.

Teacher Appreciation Thanks
The PTA has heard from many, many teachers and staff about how appreciated they felt during Teacher Appreciation Week. Thank you, parents, for making that happen with flowers, notes, snacks, and more. A special thanks goes out from the PTA to the room parents for keeping everyone informed about the week’s activities and to Ana Townsend who has shared her floral arranging talents year after year to make the faculty vases gorgeous. The week wouldn’t have been possible without the hard work of its chair, Gina Eppolito. Gina has put her heart into Teacher Appreciation Week for many years and the PTA is incredibly grateful.

Committee Chairs and Composting!
As your family heads off for summer, keep in mind all the wonderful school committees and activities planned for next year. From the welcoming events for new families over the summer to the Field Experience and Teacher Appreciation committees to our Annual Fund, Holiday Sale, and Gala fundraising committees, Brent has so many ways for parents to get involved. Thank you to those listed below who have agreed to be committee chairs - please feel free to reach out to them with ideas or questions and to volunteer!

We still need a few more chairs/co-chairs. Next year Brent will be introducing composting to the school and we need a Green Team Committee to help make the transition a success. Please reach out to Nazanin Ash nazanin.samari.ash@gmail.com or Genevieve Taft-Vazquez sgtaft@gmail.com to express interest. See you in the fall!
Committee Chairs/Leads
Family Picnic
Raf/Diana Rubin
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Annual Fund
Tara Goldenberg
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Piper Campbell
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Holiday Sale
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Wellness
Lindsay Bernard

Carolyn Gorman
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Green Team (looking for new chair)

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**Principal’s Corner Looking Ahead**

As we bring the SY18-19 to a close, our students are still engaged in purposeful learning through instructional time, celebrations, reflections and the rituals of saying goodbye. Faculty are completing end of year assessments including individual reading evaluations, math fluency tests and writing on demand. On-time daily school attendance is critical to ensure students properly conclude the school year. To support children’s academic growth over the summer, it is highly recommended that parents:

- Develop a summer reading plan and summer reading list to ensure reading skills continue to develop over the summer.
- Build a math review weekly schedule for children to continue to build math fluency.
- Create a summer journal for your child to write about travels, camp adventures and fun with family and friends.

The administrative and leadership staff will be working at Brent during summer to plan for the 2019-2020 school year. Please remember to check the website for summer updates as well as email communications.

Finally, it is with a deep sense of gratitude that we send this final Tues News of the school year. We wish everyone a summer filled with joy and relaxation. For those who are being promoted to the next phase of their academic career or moving on for other reasons, we send you with our best wishes, hopes and dreams. For those returning in August, we can’t wait to see you again.

Best,
Norah Lycknell
Principal

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**4th Graders Visit Mt. Vernon**

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Brent End of Year Learning Showcases - 1st Grade, Atelier, Music, Art and Science
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