Coming Up

**Tuesday, June 12**
5th Grade Clap Out
3 p.m.

**Wednesday, June 13**
5th Grade Promotion
1:15 – 3:15 p.m.

**Thursday, June 14**
Field Day
Students should wear athletic attire than can get wet

**Friday, June 15**
Last Day of School
12:15 p.m. dismissal
Springboard Programming

**Friday, August 17**
Brent Back to School Open House
3 – 4:30 p.m.

**Monday, August 20**
K – 5th First Day of School

**Monday, August 20 – Wednesday, August 22**
PS3 & PK4 Home Visits

**Thursday, August 23**
PS3 & PK4 First Day of School for students with last names beginning A – L

**Friday, August 24**
PS3 & PK4 First Day of School for students with last names beginning M – Z

Photos: 3rd Grade Boat trip on the Anacostia

**5th Grade Clap-Out – Today 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 we will start a Clap Out tradition for our fifth graders, honoring a grade-level community that has spent as many as seven 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 August 9.

For Learning Showcase Night, first graders tackled the question of “How can I help my community?” and each class picked a different approach
The Strong Wolves chose to help their community by supporting homeless and hungry families in Washington DC by fundraising for DC Central Kitchen. The Strong Wolves shared their writing skills and demonstrated their creativity and teamwork with handmade books and bookmarks, and gave those as thank you gifts for donations. Thank you to everyone who gave — the Strong Wolves raised $114.45!

Last week, Erica from DC Central Kitchen came to the classroom to accept our donation. She also shared how this money will impact families in our community. See photo.

DC Public Library Summer Reading Program
The Summer Reading Program of the Public Library has 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 will be organizing 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. Dates are being decided, so stay tuned for e-mail updates over the summer.

Mr. Henry’s Fundraiser
A special “thank you” is in order for Mr. Henry’s for hosting the Brent happy hour fundraiser last week. Parents and teachers socialized and had fun during the fundraiser and Mr. Henry’s presented Brent with a check for $222. The next time you’re at Mr. Henry’s, please express your appreciation for their support of our school! A special thanks to Kelly Vielmo for organizing.

Gracias from Ms. Marchese
Thank you from the bottom of my heart to all the parents, teachers, and community for an amazing 2018 Mercado! Your help made for the best Mercado yet! It was wonderful to see children bravely use their Spanish as well as show interest in cultural practices of different places. Children also worked so hard finishing their crafts. Well done! Love, Ms Marchese
Brent 4th Grade Wins Washington Nationals Pitch, Hit & Run Competition and Could Advance to the MLB All-Star Game for Finals; Brent well-represented on Little League All-Star Team to make Run at City Title

Brent 4th Grader Tate Meier competed in the third round of the National Pitch Hit & Run Competition on Sunday, held at Nationals Park. After winning his age group of players from DC, Virginia and Maryland, Tate was recognized on the field before the Nats game Sunday afternoon. If his overall score is high enough, he will be one of three baseball players nationwide to advance to the National finals during the Major League Baseball All-Star Game in July.

Tate will also be continuing to play baseball this summer with four other Brent students; Ian Catanzano, Logan Higginbotham, Charlie Vazquez and Jethro Ward join Tate as Brent representatives of the Capitol Hill Little League tournament team. The five will join with former Brent student Corina Bellermann as they aim to bring home a city championship. Games start June 23 and run through July 3, as they play teams from Northwest, Banneker, and Anacostia. See photos.

Perfect Attendance 2017-2018
This year, Brent had a record 19 students with perfect attendance for the school year. This means that these students attended school every day and had fewer than 5 late arrivals. These students will be presented with medals on the last day of school to commemorate their accomplishment. Well done.

Ana Caspari
August Dobes
Armoni Evans
Grace Felix
Susan Gerety
Grant Heilman-Dahl
Frank Hutto IV
Shannon Kirrane
Samuel Menorca
Colin Michaud
Raine Montgomery-Vielmo
Ravyn Montgomery-Vielmo
Alyssa O’Keefe
Madeline Paxson
Marco Pinson
Beckett Prelogar
Kinley Slakey
Zaida Slakey
Jaiden Staton

Principal Update: Looking Ahead
The last week of school is still a week for purposeful learning but often learning of a different kind. The last week includes celebrations, reflections and the rituals of saying goodbye. Class routines and lessons are carefully designed to both look ahead to the next school year and properly conclude this year. On time and daily attendance remains critical for our students this week.

For families, make sure you develop your own end of school year rituals. Collect classwork, art projects and other schoolwork and sort through for those special pieces to keep. Begin to create a summer reading list for your child’s independent reading time and books for your family to explore together. Develop a summer journal for your child to write about travels, camp adventures and fun with family and friends. Make a plan to keep math skills sharp through daily practice of math facts and skills.

The administrative and leadership staff will be working at Brent during summer to plan for the 2018-2019 school year. Please remember to check the website for summer updates as well as email communications.