Coming Up

Friday, August 19
Back to School Open House
3 - 4 p.m.
Class Lists Posted
ASL Interpreters Provided

Saturday, August 20
Brent Beautification Day
9 - noon

Monday, August 22
First Day of School for K-5th Students

Monday, August 22 - Wednesday August 24
ECE Home Visits

Thursday, August 25
ECE Start Day for Students with last name beginning with A - L

Friday, August 26
ECE Start Day for Students with last name beginning with M - Z

Remember visit www.brentelementary.org, like Brent on Facebook and follow Brent on Twitter @brentelementary for up to date information on Brent happenings!

Back to School Open House, Friday, August 19
Come to Brent’s Annual Back to School Open House on Friday, August 19 from 3-4. Students can tour their new classrooms, meet their new teachers, greet old friends and begin to make new ones. During the Open House, parents can submit health forms, drop off medications, purchase Brent tee-shirts, talk to SpringBoard After School staff and pay supply/field trip fees.

Photos: Brent students enjoy summer reading

Brent Beautification Day - Saturday August 20
Come join Brent families and help spread mulch, trim trees, do some power washing, repaint the blacktop markings, build a new recess equipment shed, repair the kickball field benches, and many other little things. Beautification Day begins at 9 a.m. until noon.
First Day of School
K-5th students will start school on Monday, August 22. Brent opens for breakfast and supervised playground play at 8 a.m. All students should arrive by 8:30 a.m. to ensure on-time start to their day. Preschool and prekindergarten (early childhood) children will again have a staggered start to the school year. Monday, August 22 - Wednesday, August 24 will be early childhood home visits. ECE students with last names beginning with A - L will start on Thursday, August 25 and ECE students with last name M-Z will start on Friday, August 26.

Summer Reading Heats Up
Brent students are reading up a storm this summer! We know that summer reading is critical to maintain reading levels; kids that don’t read consistently over summer lose about one month’s worth of learning before school starts back up. Not only does this waste learning time in the fall, it creates significant gaps between the kids that have read over summer and the kids that haven’t, since kids that read at their just-right level all summer long often come back to school ready to move up levels! Again this summer, students can log their reading on-line! There is a Brent Summer Reading Log, and it can be found at:

http://tinyurl.com/BrentReading

Each time your child finishes a book, he or she can enter the title and a little information about the book there. That way, we can track the reading that is taking place over the summer! It’s quick and easy, and you can log in anytime.

Brent Uniform Reminder
Brent is a uniform school! All students are expected to arrive each day in a uniform. The uniform consists of a hunter green or white collared shirt or blouse (not a regular T-Shirt*) and hunter green or khaki pants, shorts, skirts, skorts or jumpers. Shorts may not be more than three inches above the knee.

Brent Elementary School shirts (t-shirts, polo shirts and sweatshirts) are also appropriate with green or khaki bottoms. *Brent school T-shirts are permissible. Brent products can be purchased at the Brent Store

Children must wear their school uniform every day, unless otherwise notified.

What is Tues News?
Welcome to the summer edition of Tues News. Tues News is Brent’s weekly newsletter that is sent home to all families. The newsletter covers upcoming events, student and staff accomplishment and news from DCPS. Every Tuesday, check your child’s communication folder or Brent’s website under the Parent tab. If you have news or announcements, please email Denise Diggs at denise.diggs@dc.gov.

Springboard Before and After School Program
Brent’s comprehensive before and after school care program begins on the first day of school. Parents can visit http://www.springboard-kids.com/brent-elementary for more information and to enroll. The Springboard program features a healthy snack, homework support, outdoor and indoor playtime, guided reading, social circle games, and PE for students. Springboard electives will begin the week of Sept. 12. Watch for a catalog of course offerings this week. For questions about the program please email Vivian Hill-Lawson, Springboard’s site coordinator, at vhlawson@springboardschool.