Coming Up

**Tuesday, September 10**  
Picture-Day  
Uniform-Free Day

**Wednesday, September 11**  
PTA Board Meeting  
6 - 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday, September 14**  
DCPS Back to School Block Party  
Roosevelt High School  
4301 13th Street NW  
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Sunday, September 15**  
PTA Welcome Picnic  
11 – 2 p.m.  
X Park (Across from Brent)  
ASL Interpreters Provided

**Wednesday, September 18**  
Diversity Working Group Meeting  
6 - 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, September 25**  
PTA General Meeting  
6 - 7:30 p.m.  
Childcare provided  
ASL Interpreters Provided

**Wednesday, October 2**  
LSAT Meeting  
6 - 7:30 p.m.

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**This Sunday - The Brent PTA Family Welcome Picnic and Book Sale/Bake Sale!**

The Brent PTA Family Welcome Picnic is this Sunday, September 15 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at X Park. This is an annual event welcoming all Brent community families to the new school year. Enjoy live music, browse children’s books at our annual book sale and see how many baked goods your children can convince you to buy. For the kids, there will be bounce houses, face painting, crafts, and other activities. Wristbands are $15 per
family in advance (buy online now at brentelementary.org/picnic) and $20 day of (this cost is waived for families who qualify for free or reduced lunch). All proceeds benefit the Brent PTA. Grilled picnic items and drinks available for purchase or you’re welcome to bring your own picnic food.

We’re still looking for a few more volunteers to staff various picnic stations for a one-hour time slot and some more baked goods for the bake sale. Please sign-up at https://tinyurl.com/y2x2r8eg to volunteer or tell us what you plan to bring to the bake sale at https://tinyurl.com/y5o4tjum.

Many thanks to the Jeanne Phil & Meg Team/Compass for their generous sponsorship of the picnic. Please email diana.rubin@gmail.com with any questions.

Brent’s 12th annual Math Night is coming up next week!
On Thursday, September 19, come join us for a fun night of math games and pizza for all of our K-5 families. As we have done in year’s past, pizza will be served from 6:00-6:30 p.m. and then for the next hour, you are invited to walk around the cafeteria and classrooms on the first floor to join your child for math games led by Brent’s teachers. Please see the attached flyer for more information. Hope to see you there!

Brent Math Night Volunteers Needed!
Mr. Mangiaracina, the Brent science teacher, would love to get some help with Math Night on Thursday, September 19. It’s a very fun and educational event and a great way to learn math games you can play with your child at home. One of the volunteer activities is for the week before the event, and others involve helping out next Thursday for a short amount of time at the event. You can sign up at https://tinyurl.com/ybc7tj2b

Last week to bring in your children’s used books!
The Brent PTA’s annual sale of children’s used books is this Sunday, one of many great activities at the Brent Welcome Family Picnic. Please bring in any children’s books (new or used) that you would like to donate for the sale to the school this week. There are collection boxes by the front office and on the stage in the multipurpose room. And many thanks to all who have brought in books so far. It looks like we will have a great selection to sell again this year. If you have any questions, please contact co-coordinators Brittany Poley (brittany.poley@gmail.com), Sarah Carr (sarah@sdcarr.com), or Ellen Psychas (epsych@hotmail.com).

Join Brent’s Cross Country Team
Join the Brent Elementary Cross Country team! 4th and 5th grade students are invited to participate in cross country starting September 16th. Practices will be Monday and Wednesday from 3:30-4:15pm. Meets are typically during the school day. Email student’s name and homeroom to brent.cross.country@gmail.com for a registration packet. Students MUST have a physical from within the past year and a completed and signed health form to participate.

Breakfast and Lunch Menus
Breakfast and lunch menus can be accessed at the DCPS Food and Nutrition page found here - https://dcps.dc.gov/menus. PS3 – 2nd grade students receive the Early Childhood Lunch Menu while 3rd – 5th grade students receive the Elementary Lunch menu. Lunch accounts can be set up at myschoolbucks.com. Parents will need their child’s student ID to set-up an account. Families should email Denise Diggs at denise.diggs@k12.dc.gov if they don’t have their child’s ID or if they need support setting up an account. As a reminder, the application for Free and Reduced Lunch can be found here: https://dcps.dc.gov/node/1036942. Breakfast is free for all students.
After School Library Clubs
Ms. Bettina is offering two afternoon clubs starting the week of September 30:

**Library Lovers Club**
This club is geared toward 1st and 2nd graders who love story time. We will read and talk about books, do follow-up activities, and explore our school library catalog and resources that the Public Library system has to offer. Library Lovers Club will be held Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:15 pm.

**Book Lovers Club**
This club is geared toward 3rd through 5th graders who love to read. Participants will decide on the books that we will read and discuss, either together or in small groups. We will also take a closer look at the digital resources that our school library and the Public Library system have to offer. Book Lovers Club will be held Monday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:15 pm.

To sign up, please contact Ms. Bettina at bettina.scheewe@k12.dc.gov. The clubs will be filled on a first-come-first-serve basis. Thank you.

Lockdown Drill – This Friday at 9 a.m.
In accordance with DC code, DCPS schools are required to conduct two lockdown drills per year. Brent will hold its first lockdown this Friday at 9 a.m. We will announce the drill over Brent’s PA system. Teachers will check hallways and bathrooms and then secure their classrooms. Staff will then check to ensure that classroom doors are secure and all students are accounted for. Teachers will quietly read to students during the drill. The drill will last approximately five minutes.

Help us Maintain a Secure Building – Enter and Exit Through the Front Doors Only
Please remember to enter and exit through Brent’s front doors to help keep our building secure. Brent has a security guard stationed at the front door to check ID and monitor entrances and exits of the building. After school hours, children not enrolled in Innovation Learning or enrichment activities may only enter the building through the main door with a supervising adult.

Calling all families with Hispanic Heritage!!!
Be a part of our Hispanic Heritage Month bulletin board!
If your family has Hispanic heritage, please send a family photo with the following information:
- The names of your Brent students and grade levels
- Your family name (ex. The Sotto Family)
- The country/countries from which your family derives your Hispanic heritage from

In case of multiple students, please...
just send one photo per family. Submit family photos to your classroom teachers or leave at the main office to be put in Ms. Santos’ mailbox.

Please send photos by September 19, 2019 to be included in the bulletin board. Thank you!

Support Brent’s Brownie Troop’s Team for the Children’s Hospital Race for Every Child
The Brent Brownie troop is organizing a team for the Children’s Hospital Race for Every Child. We wanted to put the following in the Tues News to encourage Brent families to join our team:

Join the Brent Brownies on October 19 for the Children’s National Hospital Race for Every Child. So many of our families have benefitted from the amazing care at Children’s, so we are racing to ensure that every child can get care regardless of financial need. 5K run/walk starts at 8:45, Kids Dash (ages 3-10) starts at 10:15, with additional kids activities available starting at 8:00. Please wear a Brent t-shirt to the race so we can more easily find each other.

TO SIGN UP:

1. Go to RaceforEveryChild.org
2. Search for team BRENT BROWNIES
3. Click on “Join Our Team”
4. Complete registration form for each participant

Please contact Sarah Yerkes (syerkes@gmail.com) with any questions.

School Store Update
Available by Pre-Order ONLY: Brent Bear DC Flag Hooded Sweatshirts are hitting the blacktop this fall! Place your pre-order by 9/20 for October delivery. We are switching to a parent pick-up system for the store this year. Please plan to pick-up online orders at school events or from the front office. All store items are approved uniforms and available for purchase from the online store: https://brentholidaysale.com.

Join the Brent Directory – Make Contacting Other Parents (and having them contact you) a Snap!
AtoZ Connect is a free school directory service that allows parents to search for families by phone, address, or name. It is a great way for our Brent families to connect and maintain community. Please sign up at login.atozconnect.com. The Brent Operations team verifies that everyone who applies to join the Brent A-Z Directory is a Brent family so families can be assured their contact information is used.

Brent Store
NEW ITEM ALERT

Place your pre-order by 9/20 for a limited edition DC Flag Brent Bear Hooded Sweatshirt

Available ONLY by pre-order - don’t miss out! Will be delivered in October just in time for chilly mornings on the blacktop

Youth XS-L ($25)
Adult S-XL ($30)

Available for order at the Brent Online Store.
just by the community.

**Give Thanks and Give Back**
On behalf of the Brent PTA, we wanted to give a big shout out to parents and committees who stepped up to ensure a smooth transition back to school for teachers, families and students. Give these folks a big thank you if you see them, and we’ve provided contact info below if you’d like to help support their efforts:

**Appreciating our teachers**
A huge thank you to Francine Asche & Co who organized a welcome back lunch, lovely snacks, and coffee for our faculty throughout “week zero” as they prepared for school opening. It’s a thoughtful, beautiful way to welcome our faculty back to school. If you’d like to learn more about the Teacher Appreciation Committee and the ways they help show our faculty love throughout the year, please contact Francine at francine.asche@gmail.com.

**Getting Uniformed**
Thank you to Elizabeth Hanna and Katie Del Valle of the Brent Store and Kelly Vielmo and daughter Ravyn Montgomery-Vielmo who made used uniform shopping easy. Elizabeth and Katie inventoried all student store items, modernized inventory distribution, sourced new products (Brent hoodies!), and filled all back to school orders. Kelly and Ravyn, a third grader here at Brent, spent hours over the summer sorting and organizing clothes for our Used Uniform Program, a hugely popular program that’s made great use of the uniforms we all cycle through and that is much appreciated by families. Katie, Elizabeth and Kelly also set up the student store and used uniform bins for the Back to School Open House and plan “pop-up” events throughout the year—used uniforms will be available at every PTA General Meeting. If you’d like to help out with the Brent Store or the Used Uniform Program, please contact Elizabeth at elizabeth.hanna@gmail.com, Katie at kattedelvalle33@gmail.com, or Kelly at kvielmo@gmail.com.

**Welcoming New Families**
Thanks to Margaux Lima, Cortney Dell, and the Diversity Working Group for organizing summer class playdates, Popsicles in the Park (rain or shine!), and the Brent Buddies program to help welcome new families to our community. We’re looking for a few more families to buddy up with new Brent families—if you’d like to help the Brent Buddies program, please contact Margaux at Margauxmanleylima@gmail.com or Cortney at cortneydell@yahoo.com.

**Finding Great Adventures for our Kids**
Scarlett DeShaw and Rebecca
Kenemuth of the Field Experience Committee have been hard at work identifying great field experiences for our kids, drawing on the connections within the Brent Community and developing relationships with museums and learning opportunities across the city. Please reach out to Scarlett at scarlettdeshaw@gmail.com or Rebecca at rzonies@gmail.com if you’ve got ideas!

Principal Corner

Thank you all for your participation at Brent’s Back to School Night last week. I witnessed active and engaged families ready to learn about the new school year. I saw staff create and deliver thoughtful and informative presentations. After the event and during last Friday’s principal’s coffee I received both positive and constructive feedback from families. I appreciate families taking the time to share their experiences after key Brent events such as Back to School Night so that we can reflect and grow. Please visit www.brentelementary.org to view the Back to School night presentation.

As the Brent community is aware, along with our Brent values of Bravery, Empathy, Activity, and Responsibility, our five operating principles guide our work and our aspirations. Because this year will be focused on depth and growth, for the next five weeks, the Principal’s Corner will focus on each operating principle and this year’s goals around it.

For the next Principal Corner, we will focus on Operating Principle Number 1 – We will seek and leverage understanding about individual students in order to advance their learning – and our work this year around creating and communicating unit goal setting and individual student goals.

In partnership,
Norah Lycknell
Principal