Coming Up

**Wednesday, September 21**
Brent Picture Day
Uniform Free Day

LSAT Meeting
6:30 - 8 p.m.

**Saturday, September 25**
Brent Diversity Night at the Museum - National Museum of African American History & Culture (NMAAHC)
8:30 p.m.
All tickets have been assigned.

**Friday, September 30**
Professional Development Day
No School for Students
Springboard Services Provided

**Wednesday, October 5**
Brent Diversity Working Group Meeting
6:30 p.m.

**Friday, October 7**
Brent Class Banner Parade
2:45 p.m.

**Monday, October 10**
Columbus Day
Brent Closed

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**Picture Day – Tomorrow, Wednesday, September 21**
Brent Picture Day is tomorrow, Wednesday September 21. Review your picture day flyer distributed last Tuesday, complete the picture order envelope, and return it to your child’s teacher. Students do not have to wear Brent uniforms on that day and are encouraged to look their best. Sunshine is forecasted for tomorrow so pictures will be taken outside.

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**Kindersaurus at the Library of Congress**
Last Friday Ms. Santora’s Kindergarten class attended story time with Dr. Hayden, who was sworn in as the Librarian of Congress just two days before. Dr. Hayden read and discussed with the children “Click, Clack, Surprise!”, the newest addition to the series by Doreen Cronin and Betsy Lewin, who will be presenting at the National Book Festival this Saturday. In turn Ms. Santora and her stu-
students taught Dr. Hayden the song Funga Alafia. At the end of the event each child received a copy of “Click, Clack, Surprise!”.

Hispanic Heritage Month

It is Hispanic Heritage Month! Between September 15 and October 15, many Latin American countries celebrate Independence Day. In the United States, Latinos celebrate for one month to observe all Hispanic culture. Over the next weeks, students at Brent will be talking about Hispanic Heritage Month and Hispanic culture. ECE, Kindergarten, 1st grade, and 2nd grade will be doing a craft while 3rd grade, 4th grade, and 5th grade will spend some time discussing and reading about different countries in Latin America. Be sure to be on the lookout around the city to see Hispanic festivities!

First Graders with their 5th Grade Buddy Class

Ms. Yokum’s first grade class (D.C. Fishies) visited with their 5th grade buddy class. The 5th graders created math games that would benefit the first graders. Each buddy group worked with different math manipulatives and had different challenging problems! It was a great way to review/extend math skills! See photo.

National Book Festival

The National Book Festival will be held this Saturday, Sept. 24, from 9:00 am to 10:00 pm at the Washington Convention Center. More than thirty children and teen book authors will make presentations and be available for book signings. The Book Festival also offers lots of family friendly activities. For details please visit www.loc.gov/bookfest.

Second Grade Teachers will be at the National Book Festival

The Second Grade Teachers invite you to join them at the National Book Festival this Saturday, September 24 at the Washington Convention Center. Mr. Berg, Ms. Kadash and Ms. Swissman are excited to attend two sessions in particular: a talk with author Doreen Cronin (Click, Clack Moo: Cows That Type, Duck for President) at 10:40 a.m. and another with Caldecott Medal and Coretta Scott King Award winner Jerry Pinkney (The Patchwork Quilt, John Henry) at 1:20 p.m.

Brent’s Facebook Page

In addition to Brent’s website, Brent has a facebook page. Like Brent’s page and see updates on PTA events, classroom activities, field trips and even lunch menus. Also, follow Brent on twitter, @BrentElementary and visit Brent’s website at www.brentelementary.org.

Important - DCPS Tardy Policy

DC Public Schools is committed to ensuring that all of our students have the tools they need to succeed academically. In order for these tools to be effective, regular and timely school attendance is imperative. To improve the attendance of all our students, DCPS has supplemented existing attendance policies to include the Out-of-Boundary Attendance Policy.

The policy states that out-of-boundary students in kindergarten through 12th grade with more than 10 unexcused absences or 20 unexcused tardies can be asked to return to their neighborhood schools at the end of the school year provided the out-of-boundary school has implemented existing DCPS attendance policies and interventions. Attendance interventions are stipulated in Chapter 25 in the DC Municipal Regulations and can be found in the “Importance of Regular Attendance” section of the DCPS website.

Brent will be notifying all families this week whose students have accumulated five or more unexcused tardies. Families with ten or more unexcused tardies will need to meet with Brent’s attendance team to develop a plan to improve on time arrival. If you have any questions, please contact Denise Diggs at denise.diggs@dc.gov.