Coming Up

Tuesday, January 21
MLK Poster Making
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Room 213

Wednesday, January 22
Diversity Working Group Meeting
6 - 7:30 p.m.
Library

Thursday, January 23
Innovation Learning Parent Advisory Meeting
email Nia Holmes at brent@innovationlearning.com to participate.
6 - 7 p.m.
Library

Eastern High School Open House
6 – 7 p.m.
1700 East Capitol Street NE

Friday, January 24
Kindness Challenge Spirit Day
Shine Bright with Kindness
Uniform-Free Day

Monday, January 27 and Tuesday, January 28
Records Day and Professional Development Day - No School for Students
Innovation Learning Programming
Register at innovationlearning.com

Coming Up. Cont.

Wednesday, January 29
State of our School SY19-20 Community Meeting
6 - 7:30 p.m.
Childcare and ASL Interpreters Provided

Thursday, January 30
J.O Wilson Summer Camp Fair
6 – 8 p.m.
660 K ST. NE

Brent Elementary State of our School Community Meeting -
Wednesday, January 29, 2020, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
Come to our annual State of the School Community Meeting on January 29th from 6:00 p.m. -7:30pm. Principal Lycknell and representatives from DCPS and the Department of General Services (DGS) will provide information and next steps about
Brent’s modernization and expansion. Childcare and ASL Interpreters will be provided.

January is the last month of the Annual Fund drive—please give today!

With our Annual Fund Drive coming to an end, we are about $20,000 short of our fundraising goal of $120,000. This funding shortfall will matter for what we offer to our students and teachers: The Annual Fund is the largest fundraiser of the year, contributing a full half of Brent’s non-DCPS operational budget. A $20,000 gap will mean fewer books for classroom libraries, fewer professional development opportunities for our teachers, and gaps in support we can offer to our students, including for recess coaching and Brent’s unique curricular offerings. If you’d like to know more about what the annual fund supports, see the 12 Days of Giving series on the Annual Fund found on Brent’s website or linked to the Tues News email.

Thank you so much to all who have given. Nearly 150 families at Brent have contributed to the Annual Fund, half of all families at the school. To those who have not, please take this opportunity to show your support for Brent, and help us close the funding and participation gap. Please visit http://bit.ly/BrentFund to make your donation today, or, if you prefer, use the below QR code—just snap a picture with your phone and follow the notifications to a secure payment link.

Brent Elementary – January 21 – 24

Spirit Day This Friday, January 24 SHINE BRIGHT WITH KINDNESS

Students are encouraged to wear their best neon colors.

Great Kindness Challenge: January 21-24

This week Brent Bears are participating in the Great Kindness Challenge, a week focused on promoting kindness in our school community and beyond. Students have each received a checklist of kind deeds and are goal setting each day to try and achieve as many as they can! Be sure to check in with your child each evening to ask them about the kind things they are doing for others, as well as all of the kindness they are witnessing around them. Also, don’t miss our “Kindness Matters” bulletin board outside the cafeteria, where we’ll be documenting all of the kind things we see around the school this week!

To celebrate all of our kindness, we will have a spirit day this Friday, January 24th. The theme is “Shine Bright with Kindness” and students are encouraged to wear their best neon colors!

Poster Party Tuesday, January 21th

The Brent Diversity Working Group is hosting a Poster Party honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., on Tuesday, January 21th at 3:30 p.m. in room 213. Join us to make the posters that will decorate the walls during our UNITY dance on February 7th.

Thank you,

Your Brent PTA Board

Nazanin Ash, mom to Kian (4th), Aila (3rd), Soriaiya and Leila (PK-4) and Kaivon (Brent alumni); co-president

Neeraj Bhat, dad to Naveen (2nd), Aria (K) and Jaiden (future Brent student); co-treasurer

Ben Champa, dad to Penelope (4th) and Nate (2nd); past president

Cortney Dell, mom to Quinn (1st), Grant (4th) and Merritt (Brent alumni); community liaison

Tara Goldenberg, mom to Luca (1st); co-vice president

Carol Harlow, mom to Chase, (4th); co-treasurer

Margaux Manley Lima, parent to Marina (PK-4) and Catalina (K); community liaison

Keri Maruska, parent to Adam (PK-4), Elena (2nd), Sofia (4th); co-secretary

Kiana Moore, parent to Elliott (4th) and Olivia (2nd); co-vice president

Charrise Robinson, parent to Savannah (3rd); co-secretary

Thanks to the 68 family members who have submitted feedback through the DCPS Panorama Survey. If you have not yet participated, please do! It’s very brief; it takes about 5 minutes.

Impact Aid Surveys (due 1/23)

Each year, DCPS asks families to complete Impact Aid surveys so DCPS can provide data to the U.S. Department of Education to receive funds from the Impact Aid program. Please complete the attached survey and return to your child’s classroom teacher by Thursday, January 23, 2020.

Brent 5th Grade Students Visit Jefferson Academy

Last week, our 5th grade students visited Jefferson Academy. The 5th grade team summed up the experience as phenomenal. Mr. Dohmann, the principal, had Brent’s 5th graders engaged and excited from start of the event. The students learned a ton about what middle school looks like, what the academic expectations are, and what awesome opportunities are available to them at Jefferson. On the walk back to the metro, 5th grade staff overheard students saying things like, “I wasn’t really excited about Jefferson, but now I really want to go. They have so many cool opportunities!” See photos on front page.

HEY STUDENTS!

Can you cook?

Calling “FUTURE CHEFS” for Sodexo Magic’s Culinary Competition! 3rd – 5th Graders can Participate in the Future Chefs: Your Favorite Lunch Meal Reimagined Competition.

The Future Chefs: Your Favorite Lunch Meal Reimagined, sponsored by Sodexo Magic, Brent’s meal provider, is a culinary competition that encourages students to learn about good nutrition by creating healthy and delicious lunches. Two years ago, a Brent student was a DC finalist and last year a DC student was in the top five nationally!

Entry forms are attached to the Tues News for 3rd - 5th graders and available in the main office.

Brent’s Annual State of our School Community Meeting

Wednesday, January 29, 2020
6 - 7:30 p.m.
Come learn about and discuss Brent’s modernization and expansion plans.

Childcare, pizza and veggies for the kids. ASL interpreters will be provided.

Upcoming Ward 6 Community Event

Welcoming for all?: Getting to Inclusive Schools Through Policy & Practice

Thursday, January 23, 2020
6 – 8 p.m.
Van Ness Elementary School
1150 5th Street Southeast
Washington, DC 20003

Registration is limited and required, as the event is filling up fast. Childcare is available:
Brent Family CommUNITY Dance Coming Soon
The Brent Family CommUNITY Dance on Friday, February 7 from 6-7:30. Help the Diversity Working Group ring in Black History Month with our annual celebration of the Brent community. We will have dancing, food and crafts centered around the theme of voting. We need many volunteers to make this all ages, all school-event a success. Mark your calendar and sign up to volunteer at https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/16doaK9SbyfwopD9A9F4czeMyP5sjtT89uOgSUJnCA-tU/edit?ts=5e20925c#gid=0. Contact Danielle Drissel at danielle@websterial.com with any questions.

I scream, You scream, We all scream for (Brent Flavored?) ICECREAM…
Calling all Brent chefs and scientists…..
And anyone else who loves ice cream
Brent has the opportunity to create a new flavor of ice cream to be served at Ice Cream Jubilee. In addition to bragging rights, we could earn money for Brent’s Annual Fund. This is how it would work:
1. Think of a delicious new flavor ice cream, something YOU would want to eat
2. Come up with a great name and/or connect the flavor to BRENT (e.g., Bears like honey)
3. Email your idea to Annual Fund Co-Chair Piper Campbell (piper@pipercampbell.com) NLT January 31
4. A Brent ice cream committee will select one idea to submit to Ice Cream Jubilee
5. Ice Cream Jubilee will collect submissions from neighborhood schools (ending February 10)
6. Ice Cream Jubilee will ask the public to vote on their favorite flavors online by February 19.
7. The winning 4 flavors will be made and served at Ice Cream Jubilee from March 1 to March 20, and the public would be asked to vote again.
8. The school with the winning flavor will receive a $250 donation from Ice Cream Jubilee.

PUT ON YOUR CREATIVE CAPS and go crazy. Remember – Ice Cream Jubilee serves fun flavors like “Marion Berry!” For more details or questions, please email piper@pipercampbell.com or ask “Maya’s Mom”

DCPS Multilingual Education Fair DC, January 25 from 10 – 3 p.m.
DCPS is excited to host the 2020 Multilingual Education Fair of DC at Roosevelt High School on Saturday, January 25 from 10am – 3pm. This event is organized by the DC Language Immersion Project and is a free event for families, students, and educators. The fair will include more than 150 exhibitors in over 18 languages and a fun program of performances, workshops, and panel discussions. Please see postcard attached to Tues News.
Dear Brent Families,

Whether in classroom emails or earlier in this Tues News edition, you’ve likely heard about our upcoming State of the School meeting on January 29th (6:00-7:30) and have already marked your calendar to attend. You’ve also likely heard that this year’s State of the School will focus on Brent’s modernization. But what does that mean for the evening’s agenda? And what discussions and opportunities for engagement will follow it?

The State of the School meeting will be organized into four parts:

Welcome and Overview:
The Parent Leadership Group (composed of the Parent Chairs of LSAT, PTA, DWG and SIT) and I will describe our collective goals and actions for this school year, the progress we have made, and the targeted work that remains.

The Story of Our Modernization To Now:
I will tell the story of how we have arrived at this point in our Brent modernization conversation and planning in order to inform our community about our context, goals, strategies, and the rationale for the decisions the Brent School Improvement Team (SIT) and I have historically made.

DCPS, Department of General Services (DGS), and Architect Presentation:
This team will address how the modernization process works for all DCPS schools (from planning to community engagement), will introduce the architects assigned to the Brent project, and will share initial concept designs that reflect the recent feasibility study.

Setting the Stage for Action:
In partnership with the SIT, I will describe our next steps as advocates for the Brent community our modernization/expansion.

The State of the School meeting is designed as a presentation and a way to provide access to a shared set of information. Clearly, though, when we are talking about something as important as a modernization/expansion, space for discussion is necessary.

So, we have scheduled these opportunities for discussion and reflection in the weeks immediately following the State of the School:

1. Buy Your Tickets!
   - [https://BrentGala2020.givesmart.com](https://BrentGala2020.givesmart.com)
   - Buy Virtual Tickets for grandparents and friends to bid!
   - No Brent parent will be excluded from the Gala due to ticket pricing. If you would like to attend the event, please contact Denise Diggs

2. Solicit Sponsorships
   - We NEED sponsors...packages range from $250-$5000
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   - ASK your company, dentist, orthodontist, realtor, attorney

3. Solicit Auction Items that Sell!
   - Travel/Vacation Homes, Tickets, Unique Experiences, Tours, Events
   - Think about resources available to you
   - Get Creative * Get Bold * Get to Asking
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**Principal’s Corner**

**Taste of the Hill**

[Image of event poster]

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January 31st: Principal’s Coffee  
(8:45-10:00am)

February 4th: DCPS/DGS Feedback Survey Published in Tues News

February 26th: February Community Meeting (6:00-7:30pm, Modernization/Expansion Q&A)

In the longer term and in partnership with DCPS and DGS, the Brent SIT will publish meeting notes and will hold quarterly community meetings through construction and completion of the Brent modernization/expansion project.

We are on the precipice of a needed, important and exciting journey that will positively impact our community now and long into the future. We want our community members to act as learners, participants and critical partners as we shape this future – and that starts at the State of the School.

Sincerely,

Norah Lycknell

Dear Parent/Guardian,

At Google, we believe in the power of imagination and how it can change the world. This year’s Doodle for Google theme is “I show kindness by...” and invites your children to open up their creative hearts and show us all the ways they find to be kind. Starting a community garden? Standing up for a friend being bullied? Doing chores around the home? It’s up to your students how they interpret the theme, where they take it artistically, and what materials they use to create their unique doodle.

The contest opens January 6, 2020 and goes through March 13, 2020. 54 students will be named winners from their state/territory. Five finalists will be flown to Google’s Mountain View headquarters, where four will win a $5,000 scholarship and one winning student will receive:

- A $30,000 college scholarship
- A $50,000 Google for Education technology package for their school
- Their artwork will be placed on the Google homepage for a day

We can’t wait to see how this year’s young artist’s show kindness.

Let’s doodle!

The Doodle for Google Team

How to Enter

1. Download the entry form at doodle4google.com.

2. Have students create their Doodle using any material they want (paint, pencils, crayons, markers, chalk, pastels, charcoal, cray-pas, collage, and digital graphics). Students can draw their Doodle on the entry form, a separate sheet of paper, or a computer. If they do not draw on the entry form, make sure the completed artwork is attached to the front of the form with clear glue or tape.

3. Have students write their 50-word descriptive statement on their entry form.

4. Make sure you sign your student’s form.

5. Submit your students’ completed entry forms digitally (preferred) or by mail.

For Digital Entries: Visit doodle4google.com to upload multiple entries at once (.jpg or .png).

For Mail-in Entries: Mailed submissions must be postmarked by March 13, 2020. Use the postmarked return envelope in your kit (or any standard-sized envelope) and address it to:

Google LLC
Doodle for Google
Spear Tower
1 Market Street Ste 400
San Francisco, CA 94105-9868