Coming Up

**Wednesday, December 11**
Open House at Jefferson Academy
801 7th Street SW
6 - 7 p.m.

**Brent PTA Board Meeting**
6 - 7:30 p.m.
Library

**Saturday, December 14**
Ed Fest - Stadium Armory
11 - 3 p.m.
Brent Booth #1217

**Monday, December 16 - March 2**
Myschooldc Lottery Opens
More information in 12/17 Tues News

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

**Friday, December 20**
Spirit Day and Club Day
Uniform-Free Day

Last Day to collect Lost and Found Items before items are donated

**Monday - December 23 - Wednesday, January 1**
Winter Break
No School for students and staff

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**Brent PTA’s Christmas Tree and Holiday Sale a Tremendous Success**
On behalf of the 2019 Brent Christmas Tree and Holiday Sale co-chairs, we want to thank the Brent community for another successful and fun Christmas Tree and Holiday Sale! First and foremost, while we have not finished tabulating expenses, we are hopeful that we will be able to add in the neighborhood of $50,000 to the Brent PTA coffers. Equally important, we once again were successful in opening the Brent gates to the community and welcoming in our neighbors to our festive holiday fun. From our perspective, the great thing about the Holiday Sale is that it is a community event and involves the entire neighborhood. And it takes an entire community to pull it off! We had approximately 100 volunteers contribute to the effort: delivering flyers, unload-
ing trees, setting up the sale, working the sale, delivering trees, cleaning up, and many other big and small jobs. We could not have done it without any of them and we send our deepest gratitude! See photos on front page.

Sincerely,

Josh Drobnyk, John Fleming, Alyson Lewis, Amias Geherty, Craig Heilman, Theo LeCompte and Mary Claire York (the 2019 Christmas Tree and Holiday Sale Co-Chairs.)

DCPS Proposed Three-Year Calendar

Based on stakeholder feedback, DCPS has shifted to a three-year calendar planning process. The hope is that this will better serve the needs of students, staff and families. DCPS will continue to set the last Monday in August as the first day of school for students for the next three consecutive school years (August 31, 2020, August 29, 2021 and August 28, 2022 respectively). Based on this start date, we have developed proposals for the 2020-23 school calendars and invite public feedback.

Find the calendar at https://dcps.dc.gov/page/dcps-calendars. There is an opportunity to provide feedback via a short survey. The final three-year calendar will be released on February of 2020.

Winter Enrichment Now Open

Available to all Brent Elementary students!

Visit either innovationlearning.com or brentenrollement.org to view the Winter Enrichment catalog. To register for any of these enrichments please call 1-866-239-3661 or go to www.innovationlearning.com/brent-elementary/ and click on the “New Families” button if this is your first time with us and you haven’t previously registered for our before and after school programs. This will send you to our registration page. You will see a blue bar at the bottom of the page that indicates “Enrichment Registration - Brent Elementary” click the green button underneath that says “Click to View Offerings,” clicking on this button will show you all the enrichments offered at Brent ES this Winter! Registration for Winter Enrichment classes ends on January 1, 2020.

Innovation Learning Updates from Site Coordinator Nia Holmes

I would like to provide a few updates regarding aftercare. First, please look out for Innovation Learning’s Weekly Newsletter which will keep you abreast of all that is happening in aftercare. Just like the TuesNews our newsletter is distributed on Tuesdays as well. Next, the catalog for Winter Enrichments has been released, so you are now able to register for classes! You can find the Innovation Learning Catalog on both the Innovation Learning and Brent’s websites. Finally, if your child is registered to attend aftercare but you have made other arrangements for care, please call, text or email Nia Holmes at (720) 594-8987 or brent@innovationlearning.com to let us know that they will not be attending aftercare that day.

Below: Flyer from one of the many Innovation Learning Winter enrichment vendors.
Brent’s Lost and Found
Winter weather is causing Brent’s lost and found to overflow! Two additional racks have been added and are also full. Please stop by the lost and found outside the library and retrieve any lost coats, jackets, sweaters and lunch boxes. Items not retrieved by Friday, December 20 will be donated. See photo above.

Front Office Volunteers Needed
Beginning in January 2020 the front office needs volunteers! The amazing Isabella LeBon who is currently serving in two critical roles: Brent operations support in the main office and kindergarten interventionist will begin student teaching at Brent in January. We are looking for parent volunteers to support administrative duties in Brent’s main office one or two mornings a week. DCPS volunteer clearance is required. If you are interested or if you have any questions, please contact Denise Diggs at denise.diggs@k12.dc.gov.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A
JEFFERSON ACADEMY
OPEN HOUSE

Jefferson Academy will be hosting a New Family Open House. Come join us to tour our classrooms, and learn more about our:

• Academic Goals
• School Culture
• Extra-curricular Activities
• Instructional Program

Important Dates and Times
Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2019 – 6:00pm – 7:00pm
Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2020 – 6:00pm – 7:00pm
Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2020 – 6:00pm – 7:00pm

801 7th Street SW Washington, DC 20024
*Check out our calendar for school announcements and events
Twitter@JATrojans
www.Facebook.com/JATrojans

Brent’s 4th and 5th grade classes will have shadow days in January.

Please R.S.V.P with name to melissa.winters@k12.dc.gov space is limited!
The Brent’s PTA Christmas and Holiday Sale this past weekend was spectacular. Beautiful weather, a visit from Santa, trees and holiday greenery launched us all into the holiday season.

As my son Jonah happily toddled around (after obsessing over the tree netting and before a full face lick from a friendly dog), I got to see so many members of our community, particularly students who’ve been promoted or moved on and their families—still lending their time and energy to support our wonderful school. And it reminded me that the sense of belonging we all work to foster exists well beyond a family’s last official day of enrollment.

From taking time off work, sacrificing time with family and marshaling an army of over 100 volunteers, the co-chairs of the event, Josh Drobnyk, John Fleming, Alyson Lewis, Amias Geherty, Craig Heilman, Theo LeCompte and Mary Claire York worked tirelessly to create a terrific community event and important fundraiser to Brent. This group and the all the volunteers deserve both a huge congratulations and a heartfelt thank you.

The Tree Sale is an annual marker of winter’s arrival and a shift in weather. We at Brent believe in outdoor play and movement. As a reminder to families, we will go outside if the “feels like” temperature is above 15 degrees or 95 degrees and below using the AccuWeather App. We will also go outside in light precipitation and snow. Extreme ice, blizzards, pouring rain and thunderstorms will keep us indoors. We will make decisions one hour in advance of the event (so we might have indoor arrival on a chilly morning but go outside for recess after it has warmed) and teachers will have discretion over class recesses or outdoor activities. Please make sure that your child is properly dressed for the weather. During recess children need to have a coat, covered legs and any other clothing (hats, gloves, etc.) that will keep them warm and dry for their 30 minute recess period. Reinforce that coats are not optional. They are to be brought down from classes and worn during the whole recess period. Winter also brings the possibility of snow days! For more information about DCPS delays, cancellations and early dismissals, visit dcps.dc.gov.

Brent does not communicate delays, cancellations and early dismissals as the most timely information can be garnered from the DCPS website, social media and local news sources. In partnership,

Norah Lycknell

Brent’s Honors Choir Welcomes Our Nation’s Veterans

Last Friday, the Brent Honors Choir had the opportunity to welcome our nation’s veterans commemorating the anniversary of Pearl Harbor to the DC by performing when they arrived on an Honors Flight from Georgia. The Honor Flight Network is a non-profit organization created to honor America’s veterans for their sacrifices. Thanks to all Brent’s Honors Choirs and their families who provided these veterans with a warm and special welcome. See photo below.