Coming Up

**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.
Library

**Friday, December 20**
Club Day & PJ 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

**Wednesday, January 8**
Jefferson Open House
6 - 7 p.m.

LSAT Meeting
6 - 7:30 p.m.
Brent Library

**Wednesday, January 16**
PTA Board Meeting
6 - 7:30 p.m.

**Monday, January 20**
Brent Closed
MLK Day

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**The MySchoolDC Lottery Window is Now Open**
The MySchoolDC lottery window is now open. For elementary and middle schools, the window closes March 2, 2020. Brent participates in the DCPS early childhood and out-of-boundary lottery system to allocate available preschool and Pre-Kindergarten spots as well as for new out-of-boundary students.

**For Families with New Incoming PS3 and PK4 Students**
For families with new incoming PS3 and PK4 students, you must submit an application at myschooldc.org for a spot at Brent for SY20-21. If you are applying with sibling preference, have your older’s child’s school identification number handy in order to complete the application. Finally, since all sibling preferences must be approved by the main office for that sibling preferences to be granted, please email Denise Diggs at denise.diggs@k12.dc.gov indicating that you are submitting a lottery application for a sibling. This is a good check to ensure that all lottery applicants eligible for sibling preference have correctly received it.
New In-boundary families K - 5th

New In-boundary families with students in K - 5th should call Brent’s main office at 202-698-3363 to schedule an appointment for a tour. Enrollment for the next school year begins after March 27, 2020.

Current Brent Students

Current Brent students do not need to apply in the lottery in order to re-enroll on Brent for SY20-21. More information about re-enrollment will be sent home in March.

Book Fair A Success – Thanks to All

Thank you to all volunteers and shoppers for a successful book fair. Almost $1,800 were raised for the library. Happy reading!

Brent Elementary Track Team Competes at City-Wide Meet

On Wednesday, December 4th, Brent Elementary students competed at the District of Columbia Interscholastic Athletics Association (DCIAA) Elementary and Middle School Developmental Meet held at the Prince George’s Sports & Learning Complex.

Students from across the city competed in a variety of track and field events. Congratulations to first place winners: Dylan Higginbotham (4th grade), winner of the Boys 55-meter dash with a time of 8.63; Symbal Logan (4th grade), winner of the Girls 800 Meter Run with a time of 3:26.63; and Kian Ash (4th grade), winner of the 1600 Meter Run with a time of 6:22.68.

All of Brent’s runners pushed themselves to run their fastest and to step outside their comfort zones. Symbul (4th grade) said it best, “Everyone is trying their hardest.” It was great to see all of their hard work pay off, and we can’t wait to push for personal bests at our next meet.

A huge congratulations to the entire team (see list below) for their training and stellar performances in the following track and field events. The next meet will be held Thursday, January 9th and the Championships will be held Wednesday, January 15th.

Graham Allread (Grade 4): Boys 400 Dash, Boys 200 Dash
Reid Allread (Grade 4): Boys 400 Dash, Boys 800, Boys 4x200 Relay
Kian Ash (Grade 4) Boys 1600, Boys 55 Dash, Boys 4x200 Relay
Peyton Chada (Grade 4): Girls 1600, Girls 800, Girls 4x200 Relay
Grant Christian (Grade 4): Boys 55 Dash; Boys 800, Boys 4x200 Relay
Symbul Logan (Grade 4) 55 Dash; Girls 800

Dylan Higginbotham (Grade 4): Boys 55 Dash; Boys 400 Dash; Boys 4x200 Relay
Khloe Kelly-Bell (Grade 4) Girls 55 Dash; Girls 400 Dash, Girls 4x200 Relay
Stella Leavitt (Grade 5): Girls 400 Dash, Girls 200 Dash
Symbul Logan Girls (Grade 4) 55 Dash; Girls 800
Xavier Master (Grade 5): Boys 400 Dash, Boys 200 Dash,
Samuel Menorca (Grade 4): Boys 1600, Boys 200 Dash
Isaiah Parker (Grade 4): Boys 55 Dash; Boys 200 Dash
Nora Paxson (Grade 4) Girls 55 Dash, Girls 200 Dash, Girls 4x200 Relay
Gabriela Sutherland (Grade 5): Girls 400 Dash, Girls 200 Dash, Girls 4x200 Relay
Natalie Wilson (Grade 4): Girls 1600, Girls 800

Capitol Hill Arts Workshop

2019-2020 Youth Arts Program
Confidence • Creativity • Community
Grades PreK – 8

Students explore artistic processes and techniques that develop skill and expression in ceramics, photography, dance, visual arts, theater and music.

• Fall, Winter and Spring sessions
  Monday – Thursday 3:30 – 6:30 pm
  Wednesday early dismissal activities 1:30 – 3:30 pm
  Saturday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
• Van service available from select area schools
• School break and Summer camps
• Private music lessons
• Special events, performances and workshops
• Multi-child and multi-day discounts
• Sliding scale enrollment and payment plans available
• Inclusive environment and small class sizes cater to all abilities and backgrounds
• Classes taught by professional artists

CHAW Representatives will be at Brent Tuesday after school to answer questions about their programs.
**Last Call for Lost and Found Items**

Last Call for 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.

Save the Date for our 1st Brent Book Club Meeting

Join us Feb 6th at 7:30pm for our inaugural Brent Book Club meeting. We will be reading *The Dutch House*, by Ann Patchett. All Brent members are welcome to participate but space is limited so secure your spot by emailing brentbookclub@gmail.com. A special thank you to the Gorman family for hosting our first gathering.

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**Hello DC Area Parents! - Free Conversation**

District of Columbia Public Schools is hosting Melissa Kilbride, a licensed clinical social worker, for a FREE Conversation is the New “Talk” workshop next week. This will be held at Central Office in NoMa at 1200 First Street NE, Conference Room 975 from 5-7pm next Wednesday, December 18th. Registration is free, but please send an email to melissakilbride@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

**Brent Annual Fund Campaign Only**

14 Days Left

$78,340 Raised to Date 66% toward goal of $120,000 36% family participation

Calling all Brent Bears! The year is winding down and the Annual Fund will be coming to a close soon. We are $41,000 away from hitting our target with only 36% of families participating so far. We are aiming for 100% of families to give so anything you can do will continue to support and fuel all the great work and experiences our children benefit from every day at Brent. The libraries in our classrooms, music, instruments, science and art, recess coaches, several smart boards, our beloved Atelier and so much more is afforded only because of the Annual Fund. Consider what might happen if we aren’t able to reach our goal? Please take a moment and give whatever you can today! Donate today at:  

Whether it’s $50 or $1500, or a small recurring gift, every donation counts. Make your donation today to go in for the 2019 tax year! Thank You!
Mid-Term Progress Reports
Mid-Term Progress Reports will go home with students this Tuesday, December 17th along with Tues News. Teachers provide Mid-Term Progress Reports for any student at risk of receiving a 1 or 2 in Reading, Writing, and/or Math; they are designed to give families the opportunity to understand and support specific skill gaps. In some cases, even when a student is meeting the expected pace of growth they might still receive a report to acknowledge that they have not yet met the grade-level standard. To align to the second trimester calendar, 1st-5th grade special subject Mid-Term Progress Reports will go home after Winter Break.

Club and PJ Day on Friday, December 20th
We will have our first Club Day this Friday, the first of multiple sessions across the year. Club Days foster a sense of belonging for our students as they explore areas of interest with a set of peers and adults outside of their regular classroom. All students filled out a club survey and were matched with one of their top choices.

To add a little coziness to the day, and as part of a Brent tradition on the last day before the Winter Holiday, students are invited to wear their PJs to school. Don’t forget layers and proper footwear as we will still have outdoor recess weather permitting. Students who choose not to participate in PJ day are expected to wear their regular uniform.

Parent Teacher Conference Sign Ups
Parent Teacher Conference Sign Ups will be posted by grade level teachers on Thursday, November 19th. Please look for an email from your child’s teacher with the sign up link and the exact time sign ups will go live.

Principal’s Corner
Dear Brent Families,
It’s hard to believe that we are wrapping up our last week of school in 2019. When we return in January we will not only be in a new year but a new decade!

2019 has been a phenomenal year at Brent. We’ve carried on longstanding community traditions such as the Tree Sale, Gala or Banner Parade; we’ve refined practices around intervention/enrichment, special subjects and instructional planning for individual students; and we’ve found possibilities for growth through listening sessions and an enormous investment in faculty professional development. We’ve seen significant growth in PARCC Scores and our DC School STAR Rating, but far more importantly we’ve deepened our intentionality and our commitment to growth in all spaces and for all students.

Come hear more about our story of growth – where we have been and where we are going – at the annual State of the School meeting on January 29, 2020 from 6:00-7:30pm.

Have a safe and joyous Winter Break and a very Happy New Year!

Sincerely,
Norah Lycknell