Coming Up

**Tuesday, February 11**
Report Card Distribution K - 5th

**Wednesday, February 12**
PTA Board Meeting
6 - 7:30 p.m.
Jefferson Academy Open House
801 7th Street SW
6 - 7 p.m.

**Friday, February 14**
Spirit and Club Day
No uniform day

**Monday, February 17 - 21**
February Break
No school for students and staff

**Tuesday, February 25**
Black Wax Museum
1 - 3:15 p.m.

**Wednesday, February 26**
Brent Community Meeting
6 - 7:30 p.m.
Childcare and ASL interpreters

**Sunday, March 1**
Family Game Night
4 - 6:30 p.m.
American Legion

**Monday, March 2**
Last day for MyschoolDC Lottery Applications PS3 - 8th

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**Term 2 Report Cards K - 5th**

Term 2 Report Cards will go home this Tuesday, February 11th. You should expect a letter, the report card, a grade-level template that allows families to check their child’s performance against the grade-level expectations, and a comments document. Because of our trimester system, grades 1-5 will not yet have science, music and art grades for this term.
Club Day #3 and Spirit Day This Friday
Brent’s 3rd Club Day of the year is Friday, February 14th. The day will begin with an all-school morning meeting led by our second grade students and faculty and clubs will meet together in the afternoon. This is a no uniform day. Community members are instead encouraged to “wear what you love.”

2nd Graders Wear “Poet’s Glasses,” Visit the Renwick Gallery
During the last week of January, second grade poets found inspiration and practiced seeing the world through “poet’s glasses” at the Renwick Gallery. While at the museum, students searched for details in works of art that others may miss. After observing a piece, groups worked together to brainstorm similes that they later combined to create shared poems. Through interactive discussions, our guides also helped students learn how the artist’s choice of materials helps to convey their message. See photos on front page.

Panorama Family Survey - 201 Responses Still Needed
Many thanks to the 135 community members who have already taken the Panorama Family Survey! If you are among the 201 who have not yet, it isn’t too late. Go to bit.ly/dcpsfamily before February 14th to complete it.

We value your feedback at Brent, but it may also be helpful to know that Brent’s results are aggregated with results from other Jefferson feeders, with Ward 6 schools, with Cluster IV schools, and with all DCPS elementaries to provide collective feedback to policy makers and stakeholders who make decisions on behalf of those groupings.

Valentine’s Day
A reminder that Brent’s Holiday policy means that we do not formally celebrate holidays including Valentine’s Day. Cards and candy are best exchanged outside of school, and any individual treats should be packed as part of lunch. We will still celebrate with Club Day and extra acts of kindness are a great way to honor the spirit of the holiday.

Brent Brownies Selling Girl Scout Cookies this Thursday
Calling all Thin Mint Lovers! The Brent Brownies will be selling cookies at Brent this Thursday, 2/13 after school from 3:30-6:30PM. Support our troop and pick up a box - we accept cash, check, credit cards and PayPal.

Brent Book Club!
Thanks to everyone who joined us for our inaugural Brent parent book club meeting last week — it was lots of fun! The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 5, at 7:30 pm, at the home of Emilie and Jake Sommer. The book to be discussed is Such a Fun Age by Kiley Reid. Drinks and snacks will be provided! Space is somewhat limited, so please RSVP to brentbookclub@gmail.com.

Cherry Blossom Festival Art Event
Brent students in grades K through 12 to participate in the Student Art Contest. This year, students will create artwork that tells their “Home is Where the Blossoms Are” story — what they look forward to when spring rolls around and what the cherry blossoms mean to their community — via symbols, murals, physical trees and icons, thinking of how to express their thoughts in the framework of
Our third place winner for Brent’s ice cream flavor was BEARs in the Woods: Lime Ice Cream (flavored with real lime juice) “spiced” with dark chocolate chips (made by pouring in dark chocolate while churning) and chunks of real candied lime peel. Never has nature tasted so good. The lime would make this flavor Brent green, said Ice Cream “Master” Eamon.

Brent Voted and a Brent Ice Cream Flavor has been Selected

We’ve got a bunch of winners: Brent families proposed 26 different ice cream flavors for the Ice Cream Jubilee Elementary School challenge. The community had the chance to vote on the Brent candidates during our Friday Dance. Nearly 100 people voted! The winning entry from Second Grader Nora Baker was Brent BEARy Mint — it was described on the ballot as “made with blueberries, strawberries and raspberries and mint.” We had a tie for second place between: - CinnaCub Cookie Party: Cinnamon Ice cream with cookie dough – proposed by 1st grader Calder Lovelace and his PreK brother Beckett. - Grizzly Growl Chocolate Combo: Chocolate and Mint chocolate chip ice creams swirled/mixed together and coated with an oreo cookie crumb crust was the innovation of Second grader Chloe Whitcomb Third place was BEARs in the Woods: Lime Ice Cream (flavored with real lime juice) “spiced” with dark chocolate chips (made by pouring in dark chocolate while churning) and chunks of real candied lime peel. Never has nature tasted so good. The lime would make this flavor Brent green, said Ice Cream “Master” Eamon.
Dear Families,

At Brent, we work to gather your input in a multiplicity of ways. Some of these are unique to Brent: Parent listening sessions and principal’s coffees are in-person forums of our own design for the exchange of feedback and ideas. Community meetings, whether live or via Facebook, and parent organization meetings are also meant to provide opportunities for dialogue and questions. Other methods we share with all schools across the district, and key among those is the Panorama Survey.

The Panorama Survey was designed to enable school systems to collect reliable feedback, gather data from a variety of stakeholders that illuminates students’ needs, and plan for interventions to improve targeted growth areas for schools. We join our DCPS colleagues across the city in engaging with Panorama by first asking parents, students, and teachers to fill it out, then analyzing the outcomes as a part of our annual planning.

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Like all surveys, the data that comes from Panorama is strongest and most valid when the greatest number of people provide responses. Last school year, 86 parents provided responses (26% of parents). This year we would like to increase that percentage dramatically in order to feel confident that the information we receive reflects the views of our entire community. We are asking you to please take the 15 or so minutes that the survey requires to provide your viewpoints and perspectives. You can do that at https://bit.ly/dcps-family or by picking up and dropping off a paper copy in the front office. Please only fill out the survey once; if you have more than one child at Brent, please consider your oldest child when asked.

Thank you in advance for contributing your voice in this way. As Brent and DCPS continue to grow, the information you provide helps to set and revise the course, and we appreciate your taking the time to make your views known.

All My Best,

Norah Lycknell