Coming Up

**Monday, December 11 - Thursday, March 1**
Myschool DC Lottery Window for PS - 8th

**Wednesday, January 31**
Diversity Working Group
6:30 – 8 p.m.

**Thursday, February 1**
Publishing Night
ASL Interpreters Provided

**Friday, February 2**
Report Cards Distributed

**Monday, February 5**
Open House for Prospective Families
9 - 10 a.m.

**Wednesday, February 7**
LSAT Meeting
6:30 - 8 p.m.

**Tuesday, February 13**
Principal’s Coffee
8:30 -10:30
(please note date change)

**Friday, April 20**
Brent’s Gala Taste of the Hill
Tickets go on sale February 1

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**Brent Spelling Bee Winners!**

Brent held its third annual Schoolwide Spelling Bee on Friday. Students from grades 3-5 were eligible to participate. Interested students have been meeting for the past few weeks to prepare. This year there were 17 contestants who competed through 10 rounds of words. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners were: Nicolas D’Alessandro (4th grade), Noa Smudde (4th grade), and Nadia Wheelock (5th grade), respectively. These three students will be our school representatives to the Clusterwide Bee. Jackson Gayl (5th grade) will serve as an alternate. The Cluster Spelling Bee will be held at 9 a.m. on February 7th at Langley Elementary School. We wish all of our spellers luck as they move to the next level of competition. Go Brent Bears! See photos.
Publishing Night – This Thursday, February 1

Please come to celebrate our community of writers at Publishing Night this Thursday, February 1, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Each student in every K-5 classroom will be showcasing a recently-written published piece from their writing unit of study. Families are encouraged to read their own children’s writing, and then read as many additional pieces as possible! This event provides a great way to both celebrate the work of individual writers and check out the writing curriculum across the entire school! There will be no formal start, so students and parents should walk directly to their classrooms upon arrival and stick together throughout the event. We look forward to seeing you there! ASL Interpreters will be provided for this event.

Planning for Brent’s Spring Fundraiser is Underway!

Save the date for the Brent Spring Gala: Taste of the Hill on Friday, April 20th, 7:30pm. We are excited to announce our new, FUN location: AJAX DC: 1011 4th St NW. Familiar with the Longview Gallery? This is their new “industrial chic” event space located in the heart of Mt Vernon Triangle (just a few blocks from last year’s gala). The Gala Committee is seeking new team members, especially parents of children in ECE, Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades. Most of the work is done on your own time, and only lasts 13 weeks. You can also help by buying tickets and inviting neighbors and friends to join you, soliciting donations and sponsorships, and organizing class baskets. Auction Site for tickets, donations, and sponsorships will be live on February 1st.

Second Graders Perform Poetry

Last Friday, second graders engaged in poetry performances—an activity which combined poetry with theatre. Students worked in collaborative groups to practice reciting a Shel Silverstein poem fluently while creating props and moves to go along with their poems. After days of practice and preparation, groups performed for their classmates on Friday. See photos

The PTA Field Trip Committee needs your help

Field experiences are a critical part of the learning and growth process at Brent. A strong field experience program promotes hands-on/minds-on learning. Each year the teachers plan 3 to 5 such experiences per grade. The PTA Field Trip Committee’s goal is to help our teachers strengthen the overall Brent field trip experience. We would like to get your input on field trip ideas that coordinate with the Brent’s academic program as well as any contact info for potential trips across all grades. Please review the attached flyer.

Brent State of School Presentation

Thank you to all who attended the Brent State of the School Presentation. The presentation reflected our past, present and future, and gave the Brent Community a comprehensive overview of Brent’s themes, school plan, student culture, faculty development and academic
progress. If you missed the event, please visit Brent’s website for a link to the presentation as well as a link to the streaming of the meeting. If you have any feedback to provide to Principal Lycknell on this event, please email her at norah.lycknell@dc.gov.

Annual Fund Tax Donations
Tax Donation Receipts for PTA Annual Fund are available for pick up in the school office until the end of February. If you gave online, you can use the paypal receipt and the tax ID is on the Brent website or pick up your receipt in the office. Questions? Email brentannualfund@gmail.com.

Student Store In Stock
All items are back in stock at the Student Store including Brent Bears and athletic pants. All orders were filled on Friday and should be coming home with your children this week. Any questions, email brentbearsstore@gmail.com! all ASL and Equality shirts are being delivered this week.

DPR Opens 2018 Summer Camp Registration
Registration for 2018 summer camp season at DC Department of Parks and Rec will begin on Monday, February 5, 2018 with a rolling registration, in which a limited number of programs will open for registration each day over a one-week period. Following rolling registration, DPR summer camps remain open until full capacity is reached and/or the first day of the summer camp session.

The 2018 summer camp season takes place June 18 – August 17, 2018. Most camps are offered 9 a.m.-5 p.m. each day, but hours vary by program. DPR provides a wide variety of summer camp experiences for youth ages 3 – 17 and has been doing so for more than 30 years. On average, over 5,000 children participate in DPR’s camps each summer.

2018 Summer Camp Dates:
Session 1: June 18 – 29, 2018
Session 2: July 2 – 13, 2018 (Holiday Observed July 4; No Camp)
Session 3: July 16 – 27, 2018
Session 4: July 30 – August 10, 2018
Session 5: August 13 – 17, 2018 (one week)

DPR’s rolling registration begins Monday, February 5, 2018 – Friday, February 9, 2018 and will open each day at 12 p.m. for DC residents only.

Rolling Registration Schedule:
Monday, February 5: Discovery Camp (ages 6-10)
Tuesday, February 6: Little Explorers Camp (ages 3-5)
Wednesday, February 7: REC Camp (ages 6-13); Jelleff Summer Camp (ages 6-12)
Thursday, February 8: Sports Camps (ages 5-13); Aqua Day Camp (ages 6-13)
Friday, February 9: Enrichment Camp (ages 3-12); Specialty Camps (ages 4-13)

(In the event of inclement weather, and DC Government is closed, the rolling registration schedule will shift accordingly. In that event, please check DPR’s web site for updates.)

Before and After Care is offered at an additional charge. Before and After Care registration will open on Monday, March 5, 2018 at 10 a.m. and will NOT be included in the rolling registration period.

DPR also offers Reduced Rates for 2018 Summer Camps for those eligible.

Non-DC residents may register for DPR Summer Camps beginning Monday, March 5, 2018.

In an effort to increase the opportunities for children and families to utilize DPR’s Summer Camps, DPR will offer a waitlist option for the first time this year. Please visit DPR’s web site to learn about the new waitlist policies.

Applicants should be aware DPR has a new registration system and your old account may not work. Applicants should CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT before registration begins on February 5th.

For more information about Summer Camp 2018 season please visit our website https://dpr.dc.gov/service/summer-camps or contact the DPR Summer Camp office at (202) 671-0372 or DPR.Camps@dc.gov.