

THE TUES. NEWS

1-9-2018

BRENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MUSEUM MAGNET PROGRAM

Coming Up

**Monday, December 11 -
Thursday, March 1**

Myschool DC Lottery Window for
PS - 8th

Wednesday, January 10

LSAT Meeting
6:30 – 8 p.m.

Monday, January 15

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
School closed

Wednesday, January 17

PTA Executive Board Meeting
6:30 – 8 p.m.

Wednesday, January 19

Professional Development Day /
Records Day
No school for students

Wednesday, January 24

PTA General Meeting – State of
the School Address,
Principal Lycknell
6:30 – 8 p.m.
ASL Interpreter Provided
Childcare Provided

Wednesday, January 31

Diversity Working Group
6:30 – 8 p.m.



Urgent: Parent Advocacy Needed – Direct Bus Route to Jefferson Academy

DDOT has proposed a major change for the Navy Yard Metro Circulator Route that will benefit Capitol Hill / Capitol Quarter students who are or are planning to attend Jefferson Academy.

The new route would run from Eastern market (no longer going to Union Station) and then extend to the Wharf, and going right by Jefferson. This is really great news, but it's not a sure thing. In DDOT's proposal for the new route, they never mention Jefferson or the needs of students.

DDOT is asking for public comment on this proposal and it will be important that they understand that one of the benefits of this new route will be helping kids to get safely to school. If they are not aware of this they might alter the route and we could lose the benefit.

WHAT TO DO: Contact DDOT right away.

HOW:

1. Leave a comment on their website (<http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/4053923/DDOT-DC-Circulator-Service-Changes-Comment-Form>) designed to take comments on the proposed plan.

2. send an email to their comment in box dccirculator@dc.gov

If you send an email, cc three members of the Council. Our Ward 6 Council member who has been a champion for Jefferson (callen@dccouncil.us), Phil Mendelson, the council chair who has also been very helpful to Jefferson (pmendelson@dccouncil.us) and Mary Cheh, the Chair of the transportation committee (mcheh@dccouncil.us)

Main points to make:

1. I support the proposed change to the Navy Yard Circulator route, specifically extending the route to go to Jefferson Academy.
2. Circulator can be an important transportation resource for middle school kids on Capitol Hill and Capitol Quarter, but only with the Navy Yard route extension that has been proposed.
3. Please make sure any final plan will serve Capitol Hill and Capitol Quarter kids and their ability to take a bus to their by-right middle school.

Here is a link (<http://www.dccirculator.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/2017-Circulator-TDP-Update-for-public-comment.pdf>) to the full plan. (Starts on page 50)

Here is the link (<http://www.dccirculator.com/service-changes-2018/>) to their info page with all the key dates, contact info., links etc.

For questions or more information about this critical issue, please contact Ivan Frishberg at ivanfrishberg@gmail.com.

Three Million Minute Reading Challenge

The district-wide Three Million Minute Reading Challenge runs from January 8 to April 30, 2018. ALL students are asked to participate by logging into <https://brentes.beanstack.org> with their student ID as the username and their birthdate (MMDDYY) as the password. Student ID numbers were sent home with the Tues News on December 12, 2017. Please be sure to register for the program and to log all independent reading. Time spent reading to a student counts as well. Please note that all minutes logged this week do not only count toward the district wide challenge but also toward Brent's winter break reading challenge, which ends on January 15. Hence it is not too late to complete the winter reading challenge. Please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Bettina (bettina.schewe@dc.gov) with any questions or concerns. Let's show DCPS that Brent Bears are readers!

Brent to Host January 16 2018 CHPSPO Meeting

On January 16, 2018, Brent will host the January meeting of Capitol Hill Public Schools Parent Organization (CHPSPO). This organization brings together parent leaders from elementary, middle and high schools in Capitol Hill. These meetings are open to the public so Brent parents are welcome to participate. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m.



MARCH FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

The March for Racial Justice is a proud participant in the 12th annual MLK Peacewalk/Parade on Monday, January 15th and we want you to walk with us!

10am: meet #M4RJ organizers at the United Black Fund Building, 2500 MLK Avenue SE, Washington, DC.

Brent Participation in the DC MLK Walk for Justice Parade

Brent has been invited to participate in the DC MLK Walk for Justice Parade. The March for Racial Justice is a proud participant in the 12th annual MLK Peacewalk/Parade on Monday, January 15th and we want you to walk with us! The MLK Peacewalk/Parade is a grassroots, community-based event which has grown as the racial and economic divide in our country has grown. The need for all of us to come together and celebrate the positive impact of Dr. King's work is as significant now as it was a generation ago.

10am: meet M4RJ organizers at the United Black Fund Building, 2500 MLK Avenue SE (directly across the street from the Anacostia Metro Station/Limited Street Parking Only). Look for the M4RJ Banner.

Peacewalk Begins: 10:40am
Parade Begins: 12pm
Parade Ends: 2pm

If there are enough interested families, Brent will have a group march in the parade. If you are interested please contact Danielle Webster at danielle@websterious.com.



Principal Update

Dear Brent Community,

After the fits and starts of our short week back from winter break – and a surprise snow day – Brent has settled into its reassuring routine of teaching, learning and growth. Even just after two weeks away, our students seem taller, more confident and ready to take on the challenges of the New Year!

Our first annual State of the School address will be held on January 24th and we hope you will mark your calendars to attend this important conversation. The State of the School is designed to revisit our school goals and the progress we have made in reaching them, tell the stories that bring these goals to life, and open the space for questions and comments to drive the evolution of our narrative. We will also turn our attention to the vision that will drive our planning for the coming school year, from population growth to our budget priorities.

In next week's TuesNews, I will more precisely outline the State of the School Agenda; until then, I invite you to share the topics that would compel you to attend by sending a quick email or catching me in person. By offering your ideas you also provide us with the opportunity to make this evening as purposeful and engaging as we intend it to be.

Sincerely,

Norah Lycknell

GenFest 1 – January 20, 2018 at the Hill Center 2:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Capitol Hill Village is hosting its first GenFest on January 20 – an intergenerational festival to celebrate community with young and old. The half-day event will feature community art, games, storytelling and more. Activities include puzzles and game playing from Labyrinth Games, a goofy photo booth to get your picture in time. Have a try at Ukulele playing and join a sing-along. Meet with neighbors and friends to create a life. Plus, Brent's librarian, Ms. Bettina, will lead a conversation among old and young about the past and future. She will use timelines from 1922 to 2017 and objects from 1920s through the present to get people talking. And meet Maury Elementary School's 5th Grade artists and Capitol Hill Village's models and artists alike at the opening exhibit of the Maury CHV Portraiture Project. Volunteers needed, especially youngsters and men. Contact the Capitol Hill Village at 202-543-1778 or email at info@capitolhillvillage.org.

School Store Update

An order to restock athletic pants, our adorable Brent Bears and a few other items that were depleted was placed last week and is expected by the end of January. If you placed an order at the end of 2017 or in the new year, please be patient while we wait for new stock. If you have any questions, please email brentbearsstore@gmail.com.

Volunteer Clearance Fair at Brent – Background Check at TB Test

Parents who are looking to volunteer at the School and are facing the issue of starting the process

of getting the new clearance from DCPS can begin with a TB screening that is being offered at the school itself on January 16, 2018. As part of the announced process DCPS is requiring all individuals who want to volunteer at schools to undergo a background check in which individuals will need to have a completed TB test and online background application completed. While CVS minute clinics are a quick provider, Everybody Wins!DC will be working with Farragut Medical on the following times and dates for a fee as well to provide a test and result locally. You can come with cash or check only in the amount of \$50 made payable to Farragut Medical and they will provide a receipt. No credit cards sorry. Skin Injections - Tuesday, January 16 11:30-1:30 p.m. Test readings - January 18, 12:30-2:00 p.m.