Coming Up

**Wednesday, November 29**
P'TA General Meeting
6:30 - 8 p.m.
Childcare provided
ASL Interpreters provided

**Friday, December 1**
Professional Development Day
No School for students

**Friday, December 1 - Sunday, December 3**
Brent Annual Holiday Sale
Friday: 4 - 7 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Saturday, December 2 - Friday, December 8**
Brent Book Fair
Library
Dec 2 - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Dec 4 - 8, 8 - 8:30 a.m., & 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Dec 6 - 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.

**Monday, December 4**
Open House - Prospective Families
9 - 10 a.m.

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

**Friday, December 8**
Parent Coffee with Principal Lycknell
8:30 - 10 a.m.

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The November PTA General Meeting is this Wednesday, November 29th

This Wednesday the PTA will be hosting the final PTA General meeting of the 2017 calendar year. As always, free childcare (including pizza) will be provided.

The agenda for this month’s meeting includes an update on Jefferson Academy from their Principal, Greg Dohmann, last minute information regarding this weekend’s Brent Holiday Sale, an update from Principal Lycknell, and an open question and answer session.

As a reminder, the meeting will be streamed live via Facebook Live on Brent’s Facebook page so you can participate and stay informed even if you cannot be there in person. The meetings are also archived on Brent’s FB page so you can stay up to date on the PTA events on your schedule.
On-Line Pre-Ordering: The online pre-ordering for the Brent Christmas Tree and Holiday Sale ends Today

Today is the last day to reserve your holiday trees, wreaths, garland, and other items. Pre-order NOW at www.brentholidaysale.com. After today there is no guarantee on your tree, wreath, or garland. The sale takes place:

- Friday, December 1st from 4 p.m.-7 p.m.
- Saturday, December 2nd from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Sunday, December 3rd from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Volunteering: Please sign up to help with the event if you haven’t already. Whether an hour or two here or there, it helps. It’s fun, it’s festive, and it’s free! Sign up is easy. Just email Alyson Lewis at: alysonandjeff@gmail.com Please let her know if you have a preference for day or time, or if you are flexible and can be scheduled at a time when the need is greatest.

Bake Sale Items: We will be having a bake sale again with all sorts of holiday themed treats. We ask if you can help out to prepare some items for sale. We are looking for individually wrapped for sale. Please let us know if your item does/does not contain nuts. Please email Lmedsker1@gmail.com or sign up at https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lFwhf4zQK6pwIIjrpmzHxQAvtq8ouBbKyCu3pQyUw/edit?usp=sharing.

Get your bake on! (Purchased goods are fine too)
Baked goods needed for the Brent Holiday Bake Sale this weekend. You can drop off Friday night (Dec 1) from 5-8 or Saturday morning (Dec 2). No rules or requirements other than items should be individually wrapped for sale. Please let us know if your item does/does not contain nuts. Please email Lmedsker1@gmail.com or sign up at https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lFwhf4zQK6pwIIjrpmzHxQAvtq8ouBbKyCu3pQyUw/edit?usp=sharing.

Book Fair Dec. 2 - Dec. 8
The fair will be open Monday through Friday from 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. and from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. On Wednesday, Dec. 6, it will close at 6:30 pm. Grand opening will be on Saturday, December 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., which coincides with the Christmas Tree Sale; this is a great opportunity to accomplish a good portion of the holiday shopping at Brent.

Please consider helping with the fair; volunteers are needed for set-up on Friday, December 1, at 1:00 p.m., for clean-up on Friday, December 8, at 4:30 p.m., and to sell books. If you can help, please contact Ms. Bettina at bettina.schewe@dc.gov or come to the library to let her know in person.

PTA ANNUAL FUND
One week left! The Annual Fund goals are to raise $120,000 and have 90% family participation by the end of November. So far, we’ve raised $84,927 and have 54% family participation. If you haven’t given yet, please donate today! Give online bit.ly/BrentFund or drop a check in the PTA box in the front office. See the attached flyer for more details on the drive.

Holiday Gift Giving to Brent Staff
As the holiday season gets into gear, here’s a quick reminder about gifts for faculty members.

As was discussed in the TuesNews about gifts for faculty members.

Place to keep in mind. In a partnership between the School Chapter Advisory Committee (an elected committee of faculty members invested in policies, procedures and contributions of those they represent) and Principal Lycknell, Brent is following the DC Government Code of Conduct, a set of District statutes and regulations that apply to all District government public officials and employees. The Code of Conduct limits what gifts DC employees can receive.

What this means for this holiday season is:

Each family can contribute no more than $10 to a holiday class gift for their child’s classroom teacher OR a family may choose to give its own $10 gift to the teacher during the holidays. In addition to the $10 gift described above, cards or homemade gifts (for example, cookies or holiday ornaments) can be given to a teacher under the DC ethics law.

Understanding how generous Brent parents are, Principal Lycknell is requesting that everyone understand and comply with the ethics law so that staff will not be put in the awkward position of needing to refuse a gift or to donate it.
Brent Students to Dance in Jazz Hip Hop Nutcracker

Eight of our students will dance in this year’s Jazz Hip Hop Nutcracker December 15-17. This is the 19th annual show, produced by Momentum Dance Theatre. The show is a contemporary interpretation of the classic Nutcracker, set to music from Duke Ellington’s Nutcracker Suite plus hip hop and contemporary and classic pop, funk, and salsa.

The students – fifth grader Ingrid Dirren, third graders Clara Merrick, Olive Wooding Adler, Elsie Murray, and Ava Martin, and first graders Beatrice Le Mon, Aila Ash, and Zoe Braunstein – practice weekly at Momentum’s studio on Barracks Row and have also performed in its spring performances of Alice in Wonderland. In the lead-up to this performance, they also practice on weekends. “We love to dance. It is so much fun. It helps you energize your body.” said Olive. Clara, who will be performing in the production for the fourth time, says, “I love being in the Jazz Hip Hop Nutcracker -- it gets better every year!”

Momentum’s artistic director, Roberta Rothstein, choreographs and directs the show, which includes professional dancers from New York and DC as well as students age 5 to 12 from around Capitol Hill.

All four performances this year are at Wilson High School in Northwest. For more information and tickets, see https://tinyurl.com/y92dhhnm or momentumdance-theatre.com.

Brent Bears Raise over $2,250 for SOME at Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot

A big congratulations is in order for the nearly 55 Brent friends (students, parents, relatives) who participated in the So Others Might Eat (SOME) Thanksgiving Day Trot for Hunger. The Brent Bears team raised over $2,250 to help DC’s poorest and hungriest residents gain access to food, medicine, and clothing. In its 4th years here at Brent, it has become a Thanksgiving tradition for many families! See photos.

Creative Corner

Introducing a new Amare S character, Ghost Boy.