

THE TUES. NEWS

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BRENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
MUSEUM MAGNET PROGRAM

Coming Up

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

Myschool DC Lottery Window for
PS - 8th

Wednesday, February 7

LSAT Meeting
6:30 - 8 p.m.

Please note: this week's LSAT meeting is postponed until the 2018-2019 budget is released. Because of personnel confidentiality, LSAT budget meetings will include only elected LSAT members.

Tuesday, February 13

Principal's Coffee
8:30 - 10:30 (please note date change meant to accommodate families who were unable to attend Friday coffees)

Wednesday, February 14

PTA Board Meeting
6:30 - 8 p.m.

Friday, February 23

Brent's The Unity Family Dance
6:30 - 8 p.m.

Friday, April 20

Brent's Gala Taste of the Hill
Tickets go on sale February 1



Congratulations to Brent's All City Choir Representatives

Congrats to Brent's All-City Choir representatives for getting a chance to perform at DCPS's Standing Ovation Ceremony at The Wharf on Thursday February 8, 2018! Brent was only one of five elementary schools chosen to sing for the finale at this event. Those students are Jack Braunstein, Ingrid Dirren, Armoni Evans, Jamison Ford, Camille Crawford Galvani, Clara Merrick, Claire Norris, Noa Smudde, and Sienna Wanagas. They will be joined on stage by the Washington Chorus as well as the music teachers of

Photos: Brent's publishing night!

each of the five elementary schools (including Mr. Krohn).

The Girls on the Run Spring season is almost here!

Girls on the Run is open to all 3rd-5th grade girls. Registration is now open and you can register here: <https://www.raceplanner.com/register/index/FNCWR5FAC5OM-NQT>.

The Spring 2018 Season starts the week of March 12th. The Brent team practices Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:45. The Spring 5K will be on Sunday,

June 3rd at Freedom Plaza! If you have any questions or need help registering, please email Coach Patterson (patterson.chloe@gmail.com). Looking forward to a fantastic season!

Coach Patterson, Coach Kadash, and Coach Kelly

Brent Celebrates Black History Month

February is Black History Month! At Brent, we join our colleagues in DCPS, the Mayor's office, the federal government, and educational institutions across this nation and others, in celebrating and honoring the centrality of Black history to the history of DC, America, and the world. As Mayor Bowser put it last Thursday, "The District's history is black history, and while we celebrate this history all year round, February gives us a special opportunity to collectively recognize the many people, events, and movements that have shaped our history and inspired millions."

In keeping with the tradition of establishing annual themes to focus our study of Black History, Brent's Diversity Working Group has proposed the theme "Black Women Writers: An exploration of Black history and life through literature and poetry." We are very excited to explore rich, thoughtful texts for all ages - poetry, fiction, biography, and non-fiction - with students and our community and to celebrate the enormous contribution that Black women have made in the world of literature.

Additionally, adults in the Brent community - faculty and parents - are invited to participate as readers by first reading independently, then meeting together to discuss, one of two adult books this month. There are both non-fiction and a fiction option and the criteria for

participating in the discussion will be that one is an adult member of the Brent community and has read the text. More specific directions for participation will be found in the google form. We look forward to getting together as a community of readers!

Non-fiction Option 1: *We Should All Be Feminists* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adiche

Non-fiction Option 2: *The New Jim Crow, introduction through ch3*, by Michelle Alexander

Fiction Option: *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas*

The sign up link for participating is here: <https://goo.gl/forms/Z1gk-M3sJfT7VGGjI3>

* Please be aware that *The Hate U Give* contains very strong language and violence and may not be suitable for sensitive readers.

Brent Family Event: The UNITY Family Dance

Brent will be hosting its third Family Dance on Friday, February 23, 2018 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.! This event is being planned by the Diversity Working Group in honor of Black History Month and as a celebration of UNITY within the Brent community. Family members of all ages are invited to come enjoy mingling, high-energy music and dancing, and refreshments in the Brent cafeteria. So, mark your calendar and get everyone together to come have a great time. Admission is free. Note: Students may not be unattended at this event, and as with other evening events, student supervision is their parent's responsibility. Want to volunteer? Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/familydancevolunteer>

Play Ball! Registration Now Open for Spring 2018 Capitol Hill Little League Season

Registration is now open for Capitol Hill Little League's spring season. Register online on our website (<http://chlldc.org>). For 2018, CHLL will offer baseball divisions from t-ball to kid-pitch (boys and girls league ages 5-16), and softball divisions (girls 7-14). Any child who lives or goes to school within CHLL boundaries is eligible to play. Player scholarships are available. Registration closes March 1 for all players and all baseball and softball divisions (except for the for Baseball Majors, which is primarily ages 11-12, that closes a week earlier, February 22). See you at the workouts in the coming weeks, and on CHLL Opening Day on Saturday, April 14!

3rd - 5th Grade Families - Student Survey Notification and Withdrawal Forms

Attached to Tues News for 3rd - 5th grade families is a Student Survey Notification and Withdrawal Form. Every Spring, 3rd - 5th grade students are asked to complete a student survey for DC Public Schools. The results of this critical survey drives both day to day instruction and operations and long term strategic initiatives. The survey is confidential and your child's privacy will be protected. If you do not want your child to complete the survey, you must complete the attached form and return it to Brent by Friday, February 16.