

# The Brent Beat

Newsletter for the Families of Brent Elementary

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## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

### 2018-19 School Year:

**Feb. 6 – World Culture Night Planning Meeting 4:30**

**Elementary PTA at Brent 7:00 p.m.**

**Feb. 7 – Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Feb. 12 - Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Feb. 15 – No School! Conference Release Day**

**Feb. 18- No School! President’s Day**

**Feb. 21 – World Culture Night 6:30 p.m.**

**Feb. 22 – Box Tops for Education Collection**

## News and Notes

### World Culture Night



Join Brent Elementary in celebrating the world. Finneytown families and community members come to Brent to share their heritage. Learn about other cultures. Taste food from other countries. Watch



students perform native dances. See people in ethnic attire. World Culture Night is February 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 6:30 p.m.

**There is a planning meeting scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. in the media center. If you would like to help, join us.**

## **When Should My Child Stay Home?**

**DO NOT send your child to school if ANY of these signs or symptoms has occurred in the previous 24 hours:**

- Vomiting, nausea, and abdominal pain
- Elevated temperature (100° or higher)
- Repeated diarrhea
- Acute cold with thick nasal drainage, sore throat or persistent cough
- Red or inflamed eyes, or discharge from eyes
- Unusual lethargic behavior
- Frequent asthma attacks that are not responsive to normal medication

There will be times when it is difficult to tell when your child is too ill to go to school. Like adults, children have very different tolerances to discomfort or illness. Even the common cold affects everyone differently. If your child is coughing continuously, he or she will not be able to concentrate and will disrupt others in the classroom. A day of rest at home combined with lots of fluid speeds their recovery.

If you decide to send your child to school when he or she is on the “borderline” of being ill, it is a good idea to call your school nurse. BE SURE to let the school know where you can be contacted in case your child’s condition worsens.

**If your child is diagnosed with:**

1. Strep throat – Individuals must have 24 hours of antibiotics and be fever-free before returning to school
2. Pink eye (conjunctivitis) – Individuals must have 24 hours of antibiotic eye drops and be without symptoms before returning

**If your child is sent home from school due to an illness, the guidelines listed above must be followed.**

## **2-hour delay arrival**

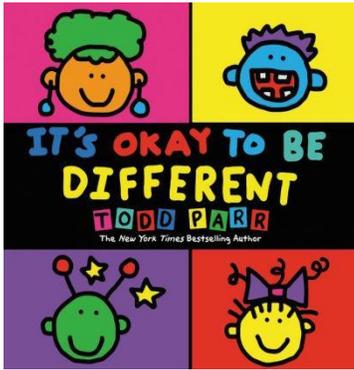
On a 2-hour delay school begins at 10:30 a.m. Students may begin entering the building at 10:10 a.m. The driveway to the school needs to be clear for the buses to enter. To alleviate the traffic back up, please park your car on the playground and walk your child to the sidewalk. A staff member will be positioned at the east playground entrance directing you to park.

## Box Tops for Education Collection

The next collection of Box Tops for Education is February 22<sup>nd</sup>. The money raised from these box tops are used by the PTA to fund activities and events at Brent. Please save your box tops and send them to school on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## Counselor's Corner

February is all about DIVERSITY!



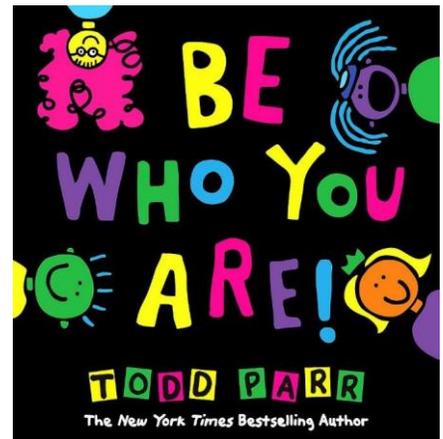
Finneytown is a unique community with many diverse backgrounds.

Throughout

February Brent will be celebrating our diverse students and cultures. Each classroom will be reading "It's Okay to be Different" by Todd Parr with a fun activity. Several students presented the book and sample student drawings

at the January board meeting. This was also a showcase for World Culture Night that is coming up soon!

On Feb. 8th we will have an assembly about diversity incorporating the Todd Parr book, *Be Who You Are*. Students are also making Todd Parr characters in art class. We are looking forward to celebrating one another and our diverse community!



## DID YOU KNOW

Every third month during the presentation before the school our students with "Goin' on a was World Culture Night. Two Todd Parr book, *It's Okay to be* parents who take part. April is board.



school year, Brent students and staff make a board. So far this year, Brent showcased "Bear Hunt" in October and in January our theme students and three staff members shared the *Different*. Thank you to the students and the next month where Brent will be at the

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

February is an opportunity to honor our presidents and to celebrate our variety. Ohio has been the birthplace



for seven U.S. presidents – Ulysses S. Grant, Rutherford B. Hayes. James A. Garfield, Benjamin Harrison, William McKinley, William Howard Taft and Warren G. Harding. Benjamin Harrison's grandfather, William Henry Harrison was also a president. The later Harrison spent his adult life in North Bend, Ohio and is often claimed as the eighth president from Ohio. The history of

our presidents can be fascinating. They have helped to shape who we are as a nation. The variety of cultures in Finneytown help to create a wonderful community. The beauty of Brent is that we gather from many different backgrounds to become on family centered on the educational success of every child that walks through our doors.

Sincerely,

*Lana B. Gerber*

Principal

*If you have questions or concerns regarding your child's education, please feel free to contact your child's teacher or myself. We are here to serve you and your child(ren)!*

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THINK, GROW, LIVE #TGL

### **MISSION**

*To foster academic and social growth for each student in a safe, supportive school environment.*

### **VISION**

Be a learning community that inspires our students and staff to think critically, grow intellectually, and live with integrity.