

The Brent Beat

Newsletter for the Families of Brent Elementary

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

2018-19 School Year:

Apr. 3 – Elementary PTA at Brent 7:00 p.m.

Apr. 10 – FaCE Meeting at Whitaker 4:15 p.m.

Apr. 12 – Five Little Monkeys Production

Apr. 19 – No School!

Apr. 22 – No School!

Apr. 25 – Makerspace at Whitaker 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

News and Notes

School Safety

As spring approaches our students are outside more for recess and activities. Keeping everyone safe is vital. This includes the use of outdoor playground equipment as well as who is coming and going from the building. Wearing shoes that stay in place as children run, play and climb on the equipment goes a long way in preventing injuries. Flipflops expose the

students to potential trip hazards. The playground area is limited to school personnel, students and registered visitors. If you need to pick up your child from school during the day, you must come to the main office and sign them out. Your child will meet you in the office area for dismissal. Photo identification is required to sign your child out. Only adults on your contact list will be able to sign out your child.

Five Little Monkeys

Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park is bringing the story of Five Little Monkeys to Brent on April 12th. This afternoon presentation will bring the books by Eileen Christelow to life. In this zany play, five silly simian siblings insist on doing things their own way, despite



their mama's warnings. Thanks to a grant from Playhouse in the Park and the PTA, Brent students are able to have this theater experience here at school. For more information including times and dates where the whole family can see the play, visit

<https://www.cincyplay.com/productions/five-little-monkeys>

Makerspace

Our Makerspace event that was cancelled earlier this year, has been rescheduled for April 25th beginning at 6:30 p.m. This is open to all Brent and Whitaker families. Come on out and experience activities that incorporate critical thinking, problem solving, creativity, engineering, art, technology, building, collaboration and the growth mindset. See you at Whitaker on April 25th from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Counselor's Corner

Spring is here! Throughout the month of April, counselor classroom lessons will focus on safe and healthy habits. Topics will include bullying, safety, nutrition, physical activity, and littering. Here is more information on things going on.

COCA Bullying: The Council on Child Abuse visited Brent classrooms on March 27th to help educate and prevent bullying behavior as well as teach children what can do if they feel bullied or see others being bullied. We are grateful for our partnership with COCA!

Fernside Cincinnati: Fernside grief groups will begin April 11th. Groups are for children experiencing loss of any kind including the absence of a loved one whether it be due to death, family kinship, foster care, distance, etc. If you have questions please contact me at any time. Permission slips must be signed for students to participate. Fernside is a great organization!

Groups: If your child is participating in a lunch group with me you will be receiving an update soon!

Staff Wellness Week: If you are interested in helping celebrate our wonderful teachers and staff please contact me about how you can help with staff wellness week. This is separate from PTA Teacher Appreciation Week. Staff Wellness Week incorporates chair massages, self-care assessments, essential oils, healthy snacks, and more.

Whitaker: If your child is going into 2nd grade next school year they will be moving on to Whitaker Elementary. We will have a field trip to visit in May and there is a parent transition dessert in May as well. More information to come! The transition may bring some anxieties in both students and parents so feel free to contact me at any time to discuss concerns. We are confident that they are in good hands!

Courtyard: Our courtyard is always in need of volunteers to help keep up on yard work. If interested please let me know!

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DID YOU KNOW

April is national math education month. Here is a link for some fun math activities you can do at home <http://www.math.com/parents/articles/funmath.html>

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the fourth quarter of the school year. The flowers are beginning to bloom. Leaves are returning to the trees. The weather is getting warmer and the daylight is longer. Learning is similar to all of these signs of spring. The nutrients of the soil, the sunshine, the rain and the warmer temperatures combine to bring the beauty of spring. Comparably, our children must use their previously acquired knowledge, skills and talents developed during the school year to blossom as new information continues to come their way.

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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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.