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Dear Brent Bears Families,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 Brent Elementary school year! We hope this letter finds you and your families well.

The Brent Parent Teacher Association is excited to welcome you to a year of **Connection & Community**. As we continue to safely manage the impacts of the pandemic and get closer to 'business as usual' operations, we are excited to capitalize on the myriad of opportunities there are for Brent Bears to build connections and strengthen our community.

One of the best ways to forge connections is through our community events. We will share a calendar featuring many events including summer playdates, the Welcome Back Fall Picnic, community service opportunities, community meetings, Multicultural night and much more!

Come out to connect with new families, or families you haven't seen in a while. Bringing families together outside of school is a key way of fostering connections across the entire Brent community.

In order to cultivate stronger community bonds at Brent, your active participation is critical. **If you have ever thought about getting more involved with the school, this is the year to do it** -- we sincerely hope you'll lean into this. Volunteering is an amazing way to meet new families and participate in activities that add so much value to our school and children's lives. Time commitments can range and we would love to speak with you to find a role that fits your interests. Please consider donating your time, talent or treasure and volunteer for one of the following committees:

- **Room Parents:** Be the connection between the PTA and your child's class
- **Welcome Back Fall Picnic:** Help us plan the kickoff event of the year and bring the whole Brent family together for a fun afternoon.
- **School Store and Uniform Swap:** Help our Brent Bears show their Bear Pride by operating the school store and the uniform swap!
- **Community Service Activities:** Let's get our Brent Bears out for service days!
- **Yearbook and Picture Day committees:** Capture priceless moments for our children to look back on.
- **Fundraising committees:** The PTA funds nearly 100% of Brent's non-personnel expenses. Help us reach our fundraising goals by pitching in to organize the Holiday Tree Sale, Annual Fund, Spring Gala, or local Sponsorships.

At Brent, all parents and guardians are automatically members of the PTA membership body, where input, experiences, and ideas are welcome. Please reach out to see how you can join in making our community - and our school - stronger than ever!

We look forward to seeing all of you soon. Please check out our brand new website for up to date information, follow us on Instagram (@BrentElementaryPTA), and look out for more communication from us as the school year gets underway!

Best,

The Brent PTA Board

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