



Albert S. Brandeis Elementary

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October 2017

September was a very busy month at Brandeis. We are thrilled at how our school year has started and so proud of how our students are already learning and growing. We have new safety patrol members taking leadership roles in the hallways, students finding their love of art, engineering, and language with our new special area offerings and spaces, and an exciting array of after school options that ensures that our students are learning and connecting even after school ends.

Every day here at Brandeis there is something to do after school, STEAMPunks students are designing video games, Drama Club is introducing our kids to the basics of acting, Future City students are becoming urban planners, Mad Science is keeping students thinking and experimenting, our Quick Recall team is practicing to dominate academic competition AGAIN this year, and our gym is always bustling with our athletes in basketball, cheerleading, and soccer.

We are also thankful for the many special guests and events we have had this month. Mr. Duane Abel, a cartoonist, who shared with our students the power of imagination and hard work. A visit from the Smile Academy was a huge success, over 90 of our students being seen and over \$6,000 in dental work being done for free. Finally, our WatchDogs group and Ms. Link welcomed a HUGE group at our first Donuts with Dad event. It was incredible to see so many smiling faces ready and willing to help out here at Brandeis.

With such an amazing start to the year, we can't wait to see all the great things October will bring us.

OCTOBER DATES

6-10th– No school for students

10th– Parent/Teacher Conference Day

11th– Basketball and Mad Science

12th– Basketball, Quick Recall, Lego Robotics

13th– Chess Club

16th– Future City, Drama Club

17th– Debate, Cheerleading, Kick-Fit Soccer

17th– End of First Grading Period

18th– Basketball, Mad Science, STEAMPunks

19th– Lego Robotics, Quick Recall, Basketball

20th– Father-Daughter Dance

26th– Report Card Distribution

Brandeis FYIs

Showcase of Schools

The JCPS Showcase of Schools is on Saturday, October 28th. If your child is transitioning to middle school next year, please try to attend. It is a great opportunity to find out what all the schools have to offer. If you know of a family interested in attending Brandeis next year, please encourage them to visit our booth at the Showcase or to visit our website and schedule a tour. If you are a current parent who will be applying to Brandeis for a kindergarten child, we will offer a “Brandeis parent” tour in December. Please just watch the daily emails for additional information.

Brandeis Online

Be sure to follow Brandeis on Twitter to see all of the great things that we are doing in the building- @BrandeisBears

We also have a new website check it out at <http://schools.jefferson.kyschools.us/Elementary/brandeis/>

Brandeis PTA

Our PTA supports Brandeis and our kids throughout the year in a multitude of ways. If you aren't already involved, please check out their website to see how you can help- <http://brandeispta.com/>

FRC News

If anyone is in need of food for the weekends, please contact Ms. Link to apply for Blessing in a Backpack.

Morning Drop Off

The car rider lane starts moving at 8:30. Students cannot be dropped off before 8:30am, there is no supervision for students before that time. CEP is available for parents dropping students off before that time, please see the YMCA CEP website. Breakfast is served from 8:30am-9:00am every day and all students have access to free breakfast at Brandeis this year. At 8:55 students will begin transitioning to classrooms.

Transportation Changes

All transportation changes must be sent in with your child or emailed using the attached transportation form. All transportation change forms must be in by 2:00 pm each day. If your child is a member of an afterschool club – the parent only completes the transportation change form if the child will not be staying after school. If you have questions, contact Mrs. Stauble Theresa.stauble@jefferson.kyschools.us or Mr. Bruce Bell. Bruce.bell2@jefferson.kyschools.us.

Afternoon Pick Up

Students will begin being dismissed at 3:45 each day. Busses are dismissed first, then car riders, walkers, and pups, and finally our back busses and after school activities. If you are a PUP parent, please be sure to check in as you enter the gym and please wait inside the gym for your student. We need to keep the hallways clear during dismissal, so please be sure to stay in our parent designated areas.

Car riders will be brought out to their cars. Please be sure that students can enter the car on the sidewalk side of the vehicle. Please do not have students circle around to the driver's side as cars are passing. We want to ensure that our students and their families are safe.

Visiting our building

We always welcome parents at Brandeis. We do require that all parents and visitors sign in at the lobby computer and wear a name tag if they are going to go anywhere in the building. In order to go to a classroom to speak with a teacher, an appointment must be established, or parents need to check in with Ms. Teresa to determine if the teacher is available. Please be prepared to show a photo id if asked and wear your name badge whenever you are in the building.