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CALENDAR

The Week Ahead

Thus Sep 8

- BFO Skate Party
6:00-8:00pm at Skate Country

Fri Sep 9

- Before School Program
Entry 8:00-8:15
- Late Arrival Entry 9:05

Tue Sep 13

- Open House
6pm -7-30pm

**Mark Your Calendar For
Upcoming Dates**

**BFO
Annual Walk About
October 8, 2016
10:30am- 1:00pm**

Watch for details to be sent home!

BRYANT FAMILIES,

I have had the opportunity to meet with members of the Bryant Family Organization (BFO) on a couple of different occasions. The BFO is currently planning their Annual Walk About fundraiser. Your child will be bringing home information about this event next week. This week, parents who attended the BFO meeting discussed the specifics about the Walk About possible targets for the funds that will be raised.

How exciting it is to have such a dedicated group of people helping to bring additional resources into the school for all children. Please consider how you might help to support this special event. Many hands make light work.

Watch your child's backpack for all of the details of the Walk About. It looks like a great event for all of our families!

Chris McCarron, Principal

Open House

On Tuesday, September 13th, the staff of Bryant will host Bryant's Fall Open House from 6:00 pm until 7:30 pm. This is a casual opportunity for your child to show you his/her classroom, to tour the building, and touch base with all of the support teachers in the building who also play a key role in the education of your child. This evening is truly an open house format. Feel free to come and go as you would like.

Our BFO will be selling the famous Betty Janes caramel apples during the open house. There will be a table set up in the hallway outside the office. Ms. McCarron will also be near the office to meet those of you whom she has not yet had the pleasure of meeting or saying hello to the families that she has already met. We look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday!



Dubuque Community School Fun Run

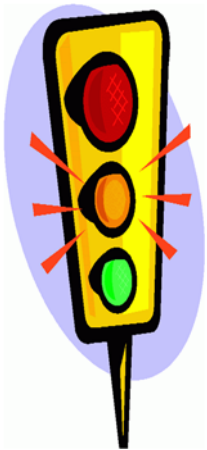


The Dubuque Community School District will be hosting its annual **FUN RUN** at Dalzell Field (Senior High School) on Saturday, September 17th. Come out and enjoy a morning of recreation by jogging or walking at Dalzell field. The purpose of the event is to promote lifelong wellness in our community. Participants may register and join in the fun, or they may cheer on their favorite runner/walker. An adult must accompany children to this event. The event is free for all participants and all ages are welcomed to attend!

Where- Dalzell Field

When- Saturday, September 17th

Time- Registration 9:30 and the Race Begins at 10:00 am



When Do Absences Become a Problem?

- **CHRONIC ABSENCE**
18 or more days
- **WARNING SIGNS**
10 to 17 days
- **GOOD ATTENDANCE**
9 or fewer absences

**SEPTEMBER
IS
ATTENDANCE
AWARENESS
MONTH**

Attending school regularly helps students feel better about school and about themselves. Start building this habit during the first weeks of school so your child grows accustomed to attending daily, being on time to school and staying focused on school work so they don't fall behind on daily school work.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two every few weeks
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help a student catch up.

Help Keep Arrival Time Safe

The BFO helps to secure volunteers to open car doors in the morning to help to allow a safe arrival of all of our students. In addition to helping to keep students safe, it provides parents with an efficient way to do the morning drop-off. If you are willing to volunteer for any morning, either on a regular basis or even for a few days throughout the year, please call school to express your interest. We will get you connected with Mrs. Ellis who is coordinating the morning arrival. A special thanks to Mrs. Ellis for working hard to see that very important responsibility is covered.



Literacy Screening

Beginning next week, students in kindergarten through fifth grade will be participating in Dubuque Community School Literacy Screening. Testers from the district will be in our school completing both individual and small group literacy screenings. In kindergarten, the students will be assessed on the FAST assessment and students in grades 1st through 5th, will be assessed on the DIBLES assessment. Once these assessments are completed, the teachers utilize the information that is gathered to help them to plan instruction appropriate to the individual needs of your child.

This is another great opportunity to encourage students to always do their best. Help your child to understand that the teachers can do a better job of making school exciting and challenging if all students give their best efforts to school work!

Ms. McCarron's Mail

Outside Ms. McCarron's office is a special board that is titled, "Ms. McCarron's Mail." Writing is such an important skill to practice, but often children do not understand the power of authentic writing. To help children to be motivated to write, to share ideas, and to get have the opportunity to connect with Ms. McCarron on an individual basis, Ms. McCarron invites all students to write her a letter and to drop it into her mailbox. Once Ms. McCarron receives a letter, she writes a return letter. Consider helping your child to write a letter or have your whole family draft a letter. The first student letters have arrived and kids are asking great questions, have shared what they did over the summer and what they love about Bryant. What a great way for Ms. McCarron to get to know the Bryant Bulldogs!

