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Calendar

Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Tests for Gr. 2-5; May 3-19

Mon May 16, 2016

- 3:05pm Gr 5 Orch. rehearsal
- 6pm Girl Scouts – Gr. 3

Tue May 17, 2016

- Orchestra Lessons
- 9:30am 3rd Gr. Trolley Tour
- 5:30pm BFO Exec. Board Mtg.
- 6pm BFO General Meeting
- 6:30pm Gr 5 Orchestra Concert at GWMS
- 6:45pm Gr 5 Camp Wapsie Parent Meeting, Library

Thu May 19, 2016

- 7:30am Bryant Choir
- Band Lessons & Ensemble
- 6pm Bryant Skate Party
- 6pm Girl Scouts – Troop 7345

Fri May 20, 2016

- 1:15pm District-Wide Battle of the Books, Bryant Gym. All are welcome!
- Band Lessons

Mon May 23, 2016

- 3:05pm Orchestra Rehearsal
- 6pm Girl Scouts – Kdgn.

Tue May 24, 2016

- Orchestra Lessons
- 3pm Preschool Parent Event for current Bryant Preschoolers and their parents/guardians.

Thu May 26, 2016

- 7:30am Bryant Choir
- Band Lessons & Ensemble
- 6pm Girl Scouts – Gr. 5

Fri May 27, 2016

- School Spirit Day! Wear Bryant apparel or our school colors; blue and yellow.

MAY 17 - BFO MEETING 6PM

Our final BFO meeting for the year will held on Tuesday, May 17, in the Bryant Library. All are welcome!

MAY 17 - ORCHESTRA CONCERT

Join us for a concert featuring 5th grade students from Bryant, Irving, and Lincoln, and the Washington Middle School Orchestras! Everyone is welcome to attend.

- Tuesday, May 17, 2016, in the Washington Middle School Auditorium
- Students are asked to arrive at 5:15pm and report to the Orchestra Room
- The concert begins at 6:30pm

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MAY 19 – FINAL SKATE PARTY

Bulldogs, let's bring it together one last time for the 2015-2016 school year. Gather all your friends and family to celebrate the close of a great year on Thursday, May 19, from 6-8pm at Skate Country - 5630 Saratoga Road. **100% of admissions from tonight's event will come back to benefit Bryant.** Admission is \$4.00 and skate rental is \$1.50 for quads and \$2.50 for in-lines. ~Jackie Ansel, BFO Skate Party Chair

MAY 20 – DISTRICT BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Many fifth graders at Bryant and throughout the city have been busy with an optional activity called Battle of the Books. We are so proud of the hard work and extra time that Bryant students put into reading books and supporting one another.

We invite you to come and enjoy the District Battle of the Books on Friday, May 20, at 1:15 am in the Bryant gym. Please park legally and enter through the Mt. Loretta doors. You will see teams of 5th graders compete against one another to demonstrate their knowledge of the books that they have read by answering questions posed by our moderator, Mrs. Bev Graves. As audience members we need your help to cheer on the student participants as they do their best to demonstrate these learning targets:

1. I can work as a team to answer questions about various titles of books.
2. I can share my expertise about the books I read with the team.
3. I can communicate with the judges clearly by speaking and writing.

~Mrs. Hermsen & Mrs. Marting

MAY 24 – PRESCHOOL PARENT EVENT

Mrs. Peggy Gaul, Bryant's preschool teacher, is hosting an event for all parents and guardians of current Bryant preschoolers. We hope you will come with your little one to enjoy first-hand a sampling of what a typical day looks like in preschool. You will also leave with ideas for how to support your child's learning in fun and easy ways across the summer.

CLASSROOM REQUESTS FOR NEXT YEAR

A number of factors are taken into account as I determine classroom rosters for next year. Teachers provide input based on the academic, emotional, and social needs of the child with the goal being to create balanced classrooms at each grade level. This means that the classes in a grade level are about the same in terms of the number of students, their gender, academic strengths and needs and social/emotional strengths and needs. Most parents/guardians opt NOT to make specific requests regarding their child's placement. However, if you wish to do so, direct it to me in writing and include a rationale for your request. All written requests will be carefully considered, but they are not guaranteed. All requests will remain confidential. Please submit requests to me by Monday, May 16.

~ Vicki Sullivan, Principal

JUNE 2 - YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks will be distributed to students on Thursday, June 2.

JUNE 3 - FUN DAY

We hope you had an opportunity to view the School Messenger email you received yesterday about Fun Day. It includes details about the day. Please know that we are still in need of some volunteers. A BIG thank you to those who have already signed up to lend a hand.

We'd also like to encourage parents/guardians to drop in and cheer on your child and his/her classmates during any of the times listed below:

- Opening 9:10-9:30
- Preschool -2nd Graders' Station Time 9:30-11:30
- Lunch in Homerooms 11:20-12
- 3rd – 5th Graders' Station Time 12:00-2:00
- Closing Assembly 2:15-3:00

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at jennamathew.1978@gmail.com or 563-564-9138
~Jenna Mathew, BFO Exec. Board Member and Fun Day Co-Chair

JUNE 3 - MUSICAL NOTES & FUN DAY

Calling all acoustic guitar players! On Friday, June 3, at the end of Fun Day, the entire student body, staff and parents will be gathering in the gym for the closing ceremony. I could use a few able bodied guitar players to help me balance out that large crowd. If you're interested, please contact me at ksellers@dbqschools.org or 552-3433. I'd really appreciate your help!
~Mrs. Sellers, Vocal Music Teacher

JUNE 6 - CELEBRATION OF GRATITUDE & FAREWELL

We will hold a celebration of gratitude at 8:30am in the Bryant Gym on the last day of school, Monday, June 6. The purpose of our final all-school gathering is to say thank you and good-bye to students and staff members who will not be returning next year. All are welcome!

JUNE 6 - FLY UP!

We will hold Fly Up again this spring. Homeroom assignments will be shared with students on the last day of school, Monday, June 6. Students will "Fly Up" to spend about 45 minutes meeting with their new classmates and teacher.

MEASURES OF ACADEMIC PROGRESS (MAP)

Homeroom	Reading	Math
2M	5/11	5/17
2SS	5/10	5/18
2LS	5/12	5/19
3D	5/10	5/12
3N	5/9	5/11
4M	5/12	5/19
4S	5/9	5/18
5J	5/5	5/17
5R	5/3	5/11

We are wrapping up MAP tests next week for all 2nd-5th grade students. You can see your child's testing dates in the table on the left. One way we use MAP results is as an indicator for the degree to which our teaching aligns with what students need in both reading and math. You can support your child by ensuring that he or she gets plenty of rest and a healthy breakfast – the same thing they need to succeed every day in school! A written report with students' MAP scores will be sent home with progress reports on June 6.

SUMMER FUN ~ SKATE PASSES

Thank you to Jackie Ansel for chairing skate parties this year! Now that it's spring she is selling skate passes. If you would like to purchase a pass, please contact Jackie Ansel at jax1014@aol.com or 563-599-4347. A Skate County skate pass costs \$7 for 15 punches; \$5 will go back to Bryant! Each pass is good for 15 admissions.