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Calendar

Mon Oct 19

- 3-3:45 Orchestra Rehearsal

Tues Oct 20

- Orchestra Lessons
- 3pm Leisure Services Volleyball
- 5:30pm BFO Exec. Board Mtg.
- 6:00pm BFO General Mtg.

Thurs Oct 22

- 7:30am Choir
- 3:05pm Band Ensemble
- 3pm Leisure Services Volleyball

Fri Oct. 23

- Bryant School Spirit Day!
Wear Bryant apparel or our school colors – blue/yellow

Mon Oct 26

- 3-3:45 Orchestra Rehearsal

Tues Oct 27

- Orchestra Lessons

Wed Oct 28

- 3:10pm – 7:40pm PTC Conf.
- Fall Book Fair

Thurs Oct 29

- No School for Students
- 9:30am – 8pm PTC Conf.
- Fall Book Fair

Fri Oct 30

- No School for Students

Dear Bryant Families,

A big thank you to parent volunteer Todd Carr for chairing the Splash Bash at the Grand Harbor on Thursday. It was delightful to see the children enjoying themselves!

The Walk-A-Round Fundraiser Celebration was a great success. So many families and businesses made generous donations to support Bryant School. The event would not have been possible without the work of the BFO Executive Board so please join me in thanking; Marlee Tart, Austin Reed, Jenna Mathew, and Danielle Daughetee. I am also grateful for the volunteers who worked on Saturday to make sure we all enjoyed ourselves.

Teachers are busy preparing for conferences in a few weeks. Well over half of families have already scheduled a time. Please call our office at 552-3400 if you need help with this task.

Our school district has updated the health education curriculum to continue providing age-appropriate, research-based instruction in health, human growth and development, and human sexuality.

* September—Emotional Health/Feelings

This month's health topic focused on identifying and promoting positive health behaviors and responsible decision making.

* October—Relationships with Family/Friends

This month's health topic focuses on families—how they are different and alike, how they may change, and how family members and friends can help you stay healthy and safe. Children also discover the importance of showing respect, making wise decisions, and knowing how to resolve conflicts.

See page 3 for a listing of health topics for the rest of the year. If you have questions or concerns about any of this content. Please contact me at vsullivan@dbqschools.org or 552-3405 or our school counselor, Ms. Lisa Anderson, at landerson@dbqschools.org or 552.3406.

Proud to be a Bulldog! ~Vicki Sullivan

BOOK FAIR Oct. 28: 8am-8pm / Oct. 29: 10am-6pm

Students will have the opportunity to visit the fair in our gym with their class and make purchases on Wednesday, October 28th. Remember, the Book Fair benefits our school. 50% of our sales total is used to purchase new books for Bryant! Please note, checks will not be accepted. A special thank you to our book fair chairs; Allison Murray and Jen Wagner.



WALK-A-ROUND FUNDRAISER CELEBRATION

Thank you to our families and business partners for supporting Bryant students and teachers at our 3rd Annual Walk-A-Round event last Saturday. Also, thank you to these parents, middle school and high school alum, and teachers for volunteering last Saturday:

Tara Brock
Tonya Ahlers
Amy Daly
Ann Pelelo
Kristi Obbink
Julie Homb
Lacey Potter
Jeff Ahlers
Chad Hamilton

Scott Brock
Lisa Lefman
Brooke Ellis
Josh Pelelo
Allison Murray
Todd Carr
Cecily Sorensen
Beth Kilgore

Timothy Daley
Paige Abitz
Mary Mills
Thomas Pelelo
Chris Bode
Nicole Hall
Victoria Bode
Karmella Sellers

We will share the total amount of funds raised in a future newsletter. Go Bulldogs!

PARENT PATROL – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you spare 15 minutes of your time in the morning before school for our students? We are in need of volunteers to open car doors during arrival drop-off time. Friends, grandparents, aunts, uncles and parents would be great volunteers. (All volunteers must be approved from the Dubuque Community School District) No experience is necessary - we can train you! We could really use someone on the following days Monday, Tuesday, or Friday morning, but we will take whatever day you can help. Please contact Parent Patrol Officer Dave Ellis at 563-663-0019

PTS Conferences

- A BRIGHTLY colored letter was sent home on Oct. 7 with every student; it includes the information needed to schedule a conference.
- Through Oct. 25, parents/guardians can go online and schedule their time
- Conferences will be held after school on Wed., Oct. 28, & all day Thur., Oct. 29
- No school for students on Thur., Oct. 29 or Fri., Oct. 30
- If you do not have access to the internet or if you have questions about online scheduling please call the office at 552-3400 -we are happy to assist
- Conferences are a time for every student/parent/teacher team to celebrate the child's successes and strengths and plan for ways to support more learning
- We are looking forward to this opportunity to work with you on your child's behalf
- Please stop by the gym before or after your conference - the BFO is hosting a book fair in the gym



SPELLING BEE 2015

Do you love spelling? Do you love learning about words and other languages? Bryant School will once again participate in the Telegraph Herald-sponsored sectional spelling bee. Students who participate in these bees have the chance to represent this region at the Scripps National Spelling Bee held in Washington, D.C. Only the most PREPARED students will have this unique chance to visit our nation's capital with other word-loving students! If you want to get involved, let Mrs. Philippi know you are interested by sending an email to dphilippi@dbqschools.org or dropping a note in her mailbox in the office at Bryant.

Then, log on to <http://spellingbee.com/>

- * Choose For students & parents
- * Choose study tips
- * Choose Spell it

Words from various languages and words you should know are now available for you to study. A spelling test of selected words from these lists will be given on Tuesday, Dec. 6 with a back-up date of Thursday, Dec. 10 to determine which students will represent Bryant School at the Sectional spelling bee in January. If you want to participate but do not have internet access, please contact Mrs. Philippi at 590-8186. We can work it out!

MUSICAL NOTES by Karmella Sellers

Dates for musical programs for the 2015/16 school year have been set. These programs allow your children to share some of the skills they develop in music class, while allowing you to take a peek into the music classroom.

Fall Program

Tuesday, Nov. 3

Kindergarten, 2nd, 4th, and Choir students will perform

Dress Rehearsal 1:30pm

Evening Performance 6:30pm

Spring Program

Thursday, March 17

1st, 3rd, 5th, and Choir students will perform

Dress Rehearsal 1:30pm

Evening Performance 6:30pm



Dear Parent or Guardian of DCSD Elementary Student(s):
Your child's health is important to us. The Dubuque Community School District has updated the health education curriculum to continue providing age-appropriate, research-based instruction in health, human growth and development, and human sexuality as required by the Iowa Department of Education.

The topics, K-5 district-wide, for each month will be:

- September—Emotional Health/Feelings
- October—Relationships with Family/Friends
- November—Your Body/Growth and Development/Human Sexuality
- December—Nutrition
- January—Personal Health/Physical Activity/Hygiene/Healthy Goals
- February—Safety
- March—Substance Use/Misuse
- April—Communicable Disease/Non-communicable Diseases
- May—Environmental/Consumer/Community Health

As in all areas, parents/guardians are a child's first and most influential teachers. Parents/guardians and schools share a common goal- we want students of all ages to be healthy in all aspects of their lives.

Sincerely,
DCSD Health Curriculum Committee