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## Calendar

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
- 6pm Gr. 3 Girl Scouts

Tues Oct 27

- Orchestra Lessons

Wed Oct 28

- PTS Conferences
- Fall Book Fair

Thurs Oct 29

- No School for Students
- 9:30am – 8pm PTS Conferences all day
- Fall Book Fair

Fri Oct 30

- No School for Students

Mon Nov 2

- 3pm Leisure Services Volleyball
- 3:05pm Orchestra Rehearsal
- 6pm Kdgn. Girl Scouts

Tue Nov 3

- 1:30pm Fall Music Program
- 6:30pm Fall Music Program  
**K, 2, 4 + Choir will perform in the Bryant Gym**

### Dear Bryant Families, Improving Learning for All Students

Yesterday, Kindergarten students participated in Fieldwork at Swiss Valley Nature Center. The use of the term **fieldwork** is purposeful – students are actively engaged in a fun and powerful learning adventure.

*It is important to recognize that this opportunity and other fieldwork experiences throughout the year for students in all grades would not be possible without financial support from the Bryant Family Organization. Thank you to our parents and business partners who financially supported the Bryant Family Organization through its fundraiser this year. You are making a difference in students' lives.*

### A Safety Reminder

*Earlier this week I had a report from a concerned gentleman driving down Bryant from Grandview. A student darted into traffic from behind a parked car, and this driver nearly hit the child. Please visit with your child about the importance of using the crosswalk.*

### Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Reports for Gr. 2-5

*Today, students in grades 2-5 are bringing home results from their recent MAP tests. The envelope includes your child's scores as well as a letter of explanation. We use MAP data along with other measures to understand each child's areas of strength and need and to assess the effectiveness of our instruction.*

### Bryant apparel has arrived!

*Apparel orders were sent home yesterday. Thank you to Ms. LaVonne Larkin and Mrs. Lisa Lefman for chairing apparel sales. If you have any questions or problems, please contact Ms. Larkin at (563)231-0957.*

### Health Curriculum

*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.*

### *\* 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.*

### *\*November—Your Body/Growth and Development/Human Sexuality*

*This month's health topic focuses on children learning the stages of growth and the importance of healthful habits throughout life. Children also learn appropriate terminology and functions of their bodies.*

*If you have questions or concerns about any of this content. Please contact me at [vsullivan@dbqschools.org](mailto:vsullivan@dbqschools.org) or 552-3405 or our school counselor, Ms. Lisa Anderson, at [landerson@dbqschools.org](mailto:landerson@dbqschools.org) or 552.3406.*

*Proud to be a Bulldog! ~Vicki Sullivan, Bryant Principal*

## GRADE 3 FOOD DRIVE & OCTOBER SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY

Come and help us celebrate Bryant's School Spirit! The third grade classes at Bryant School are inviting everyone to help in our effort to support Dubuque Food Pantries. We will be collecting items on October 20, 21, and 22 (conference week) that can be donated to local food pantries. Items requested include canned and boxed food items (such as soup, pasta, rice, peanut butter, jams & jellies, cans of juice, and other canned or boxed items), baby items, paper products (such as toilet paper, Kleenex, etc.), and toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, and bars of soap) to name a few. Please join us in making a difference for the families in our city! And remember to wear school colors (blue/yellow) or school apparel on this month's school spirit day – Friday, Oct. 23!

**~Mrs. DeMaio, Mrs. Neenan and 3rd Grade Students**

The mission of Bryant School is to create a supportive environment that inspires all students to grow academically, socially and emotionally so that they are productive members of a diverse society.

## 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.



## PTS CONFERENCES DETAILS

- Use the link on our website ([www.bryant.dbqschools.org](http://www.bryant.dbqschools.org)) if you still need to schedule a conference
- 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
- Please call the office at 552-3400 if you need help with scheduling
- Visit the BFO's book fair in the gym during conference hours

## WHAT WILL HAPPEN AT MY CHILD'S CONFERENCE?

During the Oct. 23 late arrival time, teachers will be preparing for upcoming Parent-Teacher-Student conferences. During your conference, teachers are looking forward to working with you and your child to ensure success at school. You can count on conversation around the following areas:

- Identifying your student's strengths
- Identifying areas for improvement and ways to get better
- Discussing concerns
- Setting goals for the future



## 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](mailto: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, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and Choir students will perform  
Dress Rehearsal 1:30pm  
Evening Performance 6:30pm

### Spring Program

Thursday, March 17  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and Choir students will perform  
Dress Rehearsal 1:30pm  
Evening Performance 6:30pm