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 Bryant Family Organization



Calendar

Thurs Nov 5

- 7:30am Choir
- ITP grades 3, 4, 5
- 3:05pm Band Ensemble
- 3pm Leisure Services Volleyball
- 6pm Gr. 5 Girl Scouts

Fri Nov 6

- ITP grade 4

Mon Nov 9

- ITP grades 3, 4,
- 3-3:45 Orchestra Rehearsal
- 6pm Gr. 3 Girl Scouts

Tues Nov 10

- ITP grades 3, 5
- Orchestra Lessons
- 3pm Leisure Services Volleyball

Wed Nov 11

- ITP grades 5

Thurs Nov 12

- 7:30am Choir
- ITP grades 3, 4, 5
- 3pm Leisure Services Volleyball
- 3:05pm Band Ensemble
- 6pm Girl Scout Troop 7345
- 6pm Site Council

Fri Nov 13

- ITP grade 4

Mon Nov 16

- 3:00-3:45pm Orchestra Rehearsal

Dear Bryant Families,

Welcome back from a long weekend! Over 97% of our students and parents/guardians participated in conferences last week. Thank you for supporting a strong home-school connection.

~Vicki Sullivan, Bryant Principal

OUR WORLD AT WORK

Kindergarten, 2nd, 4th, and choir students performed on Tuesday for packed houses at both the afternoon dress rehearsal and the evening show. The fall performance this year showcased students' learning and celebrated work. You can view photos and video from the event on our Facebook page by searching for Bryant Family Organization. Please feel free to like us and post a comment.

SITE COUNCIL

The Bryant Site Council is a visioning body which oversees our school improvement efforts. Parents and staff members make up the membership. The monthly meetings are open to the public; please consider joining us. Our next gathering will be Thursday, Nov. 12, from 6-7:30pm in the Bryant Library. You can find all of our meeting dates and times on the Bryant website at www.bryant.dbqschools.org by clicking on the calendar button.

TWO BY TWO

One of our community partners is Two by Two, a local non-profit committed to developing character in our youth. Yesterday, our second grade students kicked off a simulation that Two by Two teaches called "Kind Hearted Kids". Every second grader at Bryant met their pet for the very first time. They will spend the next five weeks learning more about their pets and how to be responsible pet owners. Along the way they will be also be learning more about being citizens of character that care for people, animals and the environment. This is a powerful program that is available to our students at no charge due to the generous support of Two by Two. This opportunity fits beautifully with our commitment to social and emotional learning for children and adults in our school. Visit our Facebook page (Bryant Family Organization) to view a video of some of our second graders with their pets.

JUST READ!

Just Read! is Bryant's program to encourage and support reading at home. Our goal is for at least 90% of students to meet their at-home reading goal each month. In October, 89% of students met or exceeded their goals. Thank you for your continued support as we strive to nurture literacy and a love of reading in every child.

ITP (IOWA TESTS OF PROGRESS)

Students in grades 3-5 are taking ITP during the month of November. This measure gives us important information about your child and our instruction. We will analyze the results to inform our teaching, and you and your student will receive an individualized report. Typically, students complete the tests in six different sessions that are less than one hour each. How can you help your child be prepared? By doing the same things you do to help your child be ready to learn every day; provide plenty of sleep, a balance of work and play, and good nutrition! All 3rd-5th graders are being offered with a snack on each day of testing. Special thanks to the BFO for funding these snacks. As you may have seen in the news, Smarter Balance may be the new accountability measure starting in the 2016-2017 school year. This will be determined by legislative action at the state level. I will keep you posted on this topic.

BOX TOPS & LABELS FOR EDUCATION

Did you know Bryant collects Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education? These programs provide both funds and supplies to support Bryant School. View a list of participation products and follow our progress at www.boxtops4education.com and www.labelsforeducation.com. Box tops and labels may be brought to school any time. Students may place them in the collection container outside the office or give them to their teachers. Your support is appreciated! A big thank you to Amanda Powers for chairing this project.

DON'T BE A TURKEY!



Come shake your tail feathers with your classmates at the next Bryant Skate Party!
Thursday, November 19 6-8 p.m. at Skate Country 5630 Saratoga Road
Admission \$4.00, inline skates \$2.50, quad skates \$1.50.

If school is canceled or released early for bad weather, this event is cancelled.



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!