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## Calendar

Thurs Nov 12

- 7:30am Choir
- Band Lessons
- ITP grades 3, 4, 5
- 10:15am Switchback Irish Duo performs in the gym; all are welcome
- 3:05pm Band Ensemble
- 3pm Leisure Services Volleyball Practice
- 6pm Girl Scouts Troop 7345
- 6pm Site Council

Fri Nov 13

- ITP grade 4

**Human Society Donations  
accepted 11/16-11/24**

Mon Nov 16

- Orchestra Rehearsal
- Sparky's Hazard House/Fire Safety for Kdgn. And 1<sup>st</sup>
- 6pm Band Concert at Hempstead

Tues Nov 17

- Orchestra Lessons
- 4pm Leisure Services Volleyball GAME (Team A at Audubon)
- 5:30pm BFO Exec. Board Mtg.
- 6:00pm BFO General Mtg.

Thurs Nov 19

- 7:30am Choir
- 3:05pm Band Lessons & Ensemble
- 4pm Leisure Services Volleyball GAME (Team B at Table Mound)
- 6pm Girl Scout Troop 7345
- 6pm Skate Party

Fri Nov 20

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

## IMPROVING LEARNING FOR ALL CHILDREN PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports will come home on December 4. Consider this document as another point in an on-going conversation among you, your child, and the teacher about the learner's progress. The letter grades we use, E, M, N or B indicate your child's performance relative to a grade level standard. That helps you know where your student is at compared to the standard. Those letters may not be so helpful in terms of you and your child gaining a sense of how the learner has grown. The comments on the progress reports help address that, to a degree. Other ways to measure a learner's growth include the conversation from PTS Conferences, student work, feedback from the teacher and self-reflection by the student. Please contact your child's teacher or me with questions or concerns about progress reports.

~Mrs. Vicki Sullivan

## BAND CONCERT – A Celebration of Learning

The 6pm band concert at Hempstead High School on Monday, Nov. 16, is not to be missed. Band students at Bryant have learned SO MUCH since the beginning of the year. Students should arrive at Hempstead by 5pm.

~ Mr. Enabnit, Band Teacher

## SWITCHBACK

Thank you to the Dubuque Arts Council for sponsoring a performance by Switchback, an Irish duo, in the Bryant gym beginning at 10:15am this morning. All are welcome.

Brian FitzGerald and Martin McCormack of the duo Switchback have been playing their brand of eclectic Celtic and Americana music at sold-out concert halls, performing arts centers and festivals around the world for over twenty years. Switchback concerts feature a mix of Irish music and original songs from their catalog of over 300 tunes which have been described as "breathtaking scenery for your ears."

Switchback tours throughout the United States, Canada, Ireland, the United Kingdom, Italy, and the Netherlands playing over 200 engagements a year. On top of their usual tour schedule, Switchback regularly presents outreach programs for schools, community events, senior citizen groups, and special needs audiences. They offer outreach programs on Celtic music, songwriting, and music appreciation as well as music residencies.

## SITE COUNCIL - Tonight

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 tonight from 6-7:30pm in the Bryant Library. Agenda items include Student Physical Fitness, Student Reading Achievement, and updates from the Bryant Family Organization. You can find all of our meeting dates and times on the Bryant website at [www.bryant.dbqschools.org](http://www.bryant.dbqschools.org) by clicking on the calendar button.

## FOURTH GRADE SERVICE PROJECT

It's time for the annual fourth grade service project benefiting the Dubuque Regional Humane Society. Fourth graders will be collecting donations for the Humane Society November 16 through November 24. In this season of giving, please be generous to our animal friends and help support our School-Business partner. Caring for over 4000 animals each year comes with a list of items that we need to go fetch. We'd appreciate your assistance! Please see the Fetch List on page 2.

~ Mrs. Martel and Mrs. Standorf

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.

## FETCH LIST

* Canned Kitten Pate Food	* Peanut Butter	* Bleach
* Kitty Litter (Clay, non-clumping)	* Soft/Small Treats	* Hand Sanitizer
* Kitten replacement formula	* Plastic Gloves (Medium)	* Foaming Hand Soap
* Small cat toys	* Distilled Water	* Window Cleaner
* Pine Bedding	* Batteries	* Trash Bags (13 and 30 Gallon)
* Large Rawhides	* Paper Towels	* Gift Cards from PETCO, PetSmart, Sam's Club, Target, Theisen's, or Walmart
* Kongs	* Lysol Wipes	

## DON'T BE A TURKEY - ATTEND THE SKATE PARTY!



***Come and shake your tail feather at the next Bryant Skate Party!***  
***Thursday, November 19 6-8 p.m. Skate Country at 5630 Saratoga Road***  
***Admission \$4.50, inline skates \$2.50, quad skates \$1.50***

(If school is canceled or released early for bad weather, this event is canceled)

## HOLIDAY MUSIC

Enjoy the Bryant Bulldog Choir by tuning to 92.9 KAT FM this Holiday Season. Thank you to Mrs. Sellers and the entire choir for their work. They sound SPECTACULAR! Thank you to Mrs. Hermesen and Ms. Anderson for helping record the children's singing.

## WINTER RECESS RULES

Please help us keep students warm and safe while they enjoy recess this winter. We will be going outside when the temperature is above zero so it would be helpful if you could review this information with your child. We'll be talking with students about it at school too. When the majority of the ground is covered in snow, the following modifications will apply to use of the playground:

1. Activities/Snow Play Allowed
  - Students are encouraged to play in the snow, build snowmen, make snow angels, etc., but they must use safe practices
2. Students leaving the blacktop must have proper snow attire
  - K-2nd must have boots and snow pants
  - 3rd-5th must have boots (snow pants needed at supervisors' discretion depending on students' activity)
3. Activities Not Allowed
  - Students will not throw snow
  - Students will not build tunnels in the snow
  - Students will not play on hills
  - Students will not slide on ice
  - Students will not play on or behind snow banks created by plows on the blacktop
4. The playground equipment can be used with the following modifications:
  - Climbing walls are off limits
  - Climbing tree trunk is off limits
  - Students may not use ladders and slide poles
  - Students may use steps to enter the equipment
5. Students must follow normal rules for using the slides
  - Feet first sliding (no head first sliding)
  - One person on the slide at a time