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Calendar

Thurs Dec 3

- 7:30am Choir
- Band Lessons, Ensemble
- 3pm Tennis Practice
- 6pm Girl Scout Troop 7345

Fri Dec 4

- Progress Reports Sent Home

Mon Dec 7

- 3:05pm Orchestra Rehearsal
- 6pm Girl Scouts – 3rd Grade

Tues Dec 8

- Orchestra Lessons
- 3pm Tennis Practice
- **Giving Tree Project-
Donations accepted
Thru Dec. 18**

Thurs Dec 10

- 7:30am Choir
- 3:00pm Tennis Practice
- Band Lessons, Ensemble
- 6pm Girl Scouts – 5th Grade
- 6pm Bryant Site Council
- 6:30pm Internet Safety, for Parents, Washington MS

Mon Dec 14

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

Tues Dec 15

- Orchestra Lessons
- BFO Cookie Walk for Staff,
- 3pm Tennis Practice & Games
- 5:30pm BFO Exec. Board Mtg.
- 6pm BFO General Mtg.
- 6pm Bryant Skate Party

Thu Dec 17

- 7:30am Choir Breakfast
- Band Lessons + Ensemble
- 11:50-12:40 Informal Lunchtime Concert featuring choir and band students. All are welcome!
- 6pm Girl Scouts – Troop 7345



THE GIVING TREE PROJECT

Our annual Giving Tree Project is underway for several Bryant families in need. Beginning Dec. 8, parents/guardians are invited to stop by the bulletin board outside of the school office to select a gift tag. Return the wrapped gift and the tag to school by December 18th. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this opportunity. Please call the Bryant office 552-3400 with questions.

SITE COUNCIL DEC 9

The Bryant Site Council is a visioning body made up of caring adults; parents, community members and school staff, who are responsible for overseeing Bryant's school improvement efforts. We believe in the power of public education and are committed to ensuring that every child is learning. This month's agenda items include updates from parent member Dave Ellis on the district-level site council meeting held in November. David Moeller, Lead Technology Coach for the district and Rosemarie Hermsen, Bryant's Technology Coach will be facilitating a discussion on how we are nurturing the development of 21st Century skills in all students throughout the district as well as right here at Bryant. Jenna Matthew, BFO Executive Board member will also share updates on the BFO's work. Site council meetings are always open to the public. We will be meeting in the library from 6-7:30pm. We hope you will consider joining us.

COOKIE WALK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Bryant Family Organization (BFO) needs more volunteers for its annual Holiday Cookie Walk that we sponsor for Bryant staff members each year. This year's event will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 15. If you are interested and able to help, please go to this link to sign up. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a4ca5ac2da4f94-holiday>. If you have questions, please email me at BrookeEllis@gmail.com ~**Brooke Ellis, Cookie Walk Chair**

CONGRATULATIONS TO ORCHESTRA STUDENTS

These Bryant orchestra students performed at George Washington Middle School last Wednesday night with elementary orchestra students from across the city. We are very proud of them! A special thank you to their orchestra teacher, Ms. Tieskotter.

Estella, RJ, Ella Jane, Ellie, Tatum, AJ and Quintin

SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY – Friday, Dec. 18

Students and staff are encouraged to celebrate our school spirit by wearing blue/yellow or Bryant apparel on Friday, Dec. 18. We are particularly joyful to be celebrating the spirit of caring that exemplifies our community as the Giving Tree Project comes to a close.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports will come home tomorrow. Consider this document as another point in an on-going conversation among you, your child, and the teacher. 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**

DUBUQUE HUMANE SOCIETY DRIVE

Thank you to everyone that helped make our 2015 Humane Society Drive a success. Bryant donated over 600 items. We made the animals have an extra special Thanksgiving!

~ **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.

SAFETY

St. Columbkille Parish has requested that drivers NOT block their private driveway. This is happening at arrival and dismissal. They may opt to lock the gate to the driveway if the problem persists. St. Columbkille continues to be willing to allow drivers to park vehicles in their lot located between our playground and their church rectory.

Our beautiful residential neighborhood does not allow for the most convenient access picking up students at dismissal, but all of our children's safety is worth the patience and extra steps.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Students with chronic absenteeism – missing 10% or more school days, are at an increased risk of reading failure by the end of third grade and an increased risk of not graduating from high school. This is true for preschool, Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade students. Older children are also at increased risk of learning problems when they are chronically absent. Please take a moment to review your child's attendance while you are reading his/her progress report tomorrow. Thank you for all the planning, sacrifice and persistence that you dedicate toward having your child in school, on time, as much as possible. It is equally important that students who are too ill to come to school are kept home so that they can rest and recover. You can always call our health office at 552-3407 if you have questions about whether your child is too ill to attend school.

INTERNET SAFETY FOR PARENTS & GUARDIANS

Thursday, Dec. 10 6:30 p.m. Washington Middle School Auditorium

The event is FREE and the public is invited to attend. The Internet has drastically changed the way children interact with the world. Along with offering a fascinating new way to connect with the world, the Internet also offers new risks, such as cyberbullying, exposure to inappropriate material, sexting, online predators/online sexploitation, and revealing too much personal information. In the presentation, FBI Victim Specialist Karen Gale will share information for parents, children and community members on how to stay safe in the technology age. According to Karen, parent and guardian knowledge and involvement of their child's technology use can help make the Internet a safer place for their families.

PRAIRIE FARMS CASH FOR MILK CAPS

Parents and guardians, thanks to your support we've reached our 1,000 cap goal! Prairie Farms will make a \$50 donation to Bryant School. Please continue to send Prairie Farms milk caps to school.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Your continued dedication to the Box Tops for Education program is much appreciated. Box Tops for Education recently notified Bryant that they are processing our most recent submission and will be making a donation of \$105 to our school. Special appreciation to Amanda Powers for chairing our box tops and milk caps collections.

HEALTH

The Dubuque Community School District has updated the health education curriculum this year to continue providing age-appropriate, research-based instruction in health, human growth and development, and human sexuality. Trimester 2 topics are listed below.

- December—Nutrition This month's health topic focuses on helpful eating habits. Children will learn about MyPlate and planning healthful meals and snacks.
- January—Personal Health/Physical Activity/Hygiene/Healthy Goals This month's health topic focuses on the importance of keeping the body clean, physically active and healthy.
- February—Safety This month's health topic focuses on safety rules for school and home.

MUSICAL NOTES BY KARMELLA SELLERS

Important Date Change

Dear Bulldogs - Due to a scheduling conflict, the spring program date is being changed. This program, which involves first grade, third grade, fifth grade and the Bulldogs Choir, is moving from March 17, 2016 to **March 31, 2016**. The alternate date, in case of - perish the thought - snow, is April 5th. The afternoon performance will begin at 1:40 and the evening performance will begin at 6:30. Please make sure to change your calendar. You won't want to miss it!