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**Calendar**

**Dec. 23-Jan. 1 No School  
 Happy Holidays!  
 Classes Resume Jan. 4**

- Mon Jan 4, 2016
- 3:05pm Orchestra Rehearsal
  - 6pm Girl Scouts - Kind.

- Tue Jan 5, 2016
- Orchestra Lessons

- Thu Jan 7, 2016
- Band Lessons & Ensemble
  - 7:30am Bryant Choir
  - 6pm Girl Scouts - 5th Grade

- Mon Jan 11, 2016
- 1:45pm Kipperton String Quartet performance - Dubuque Arts Council
  - 3:05pm Orchestra Rehearsal
  - 6pm Bryant Skate Party
  - 6pm Girl Scouts - 3rd Grade

- Tue Jan 12, 2016
- Orchestra Lessons

- Thu Jan 14, 2016
- Band Lessons & Ensemble
  - 7:30am Bryant Choir
  - 6pm Bryant Site Council - Superintendent Rheingans will be our guest. All are welcome!

- Sat Jan 16, 2016
- 9am Sport Stacking, Grand River Center

- Mon Jan 18, 2016
- NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

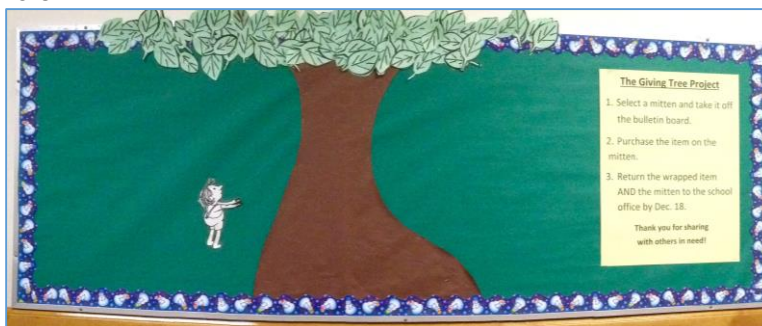
- Tue Jan 19, 2016
- Orchestra Lessons
  - 5:30pm BFO Exec Board
  - 6pm BFO General Mtg.

*Dear Bryant Families,  
 We served, we learned, we sang, and we shared joy right up until 3pm yesterday afternoon! Wishing you and your loved ones a safe and peace-filled winter break. School resumes on Monday, Jan. 4.  
 Warmly ~ Mrs. Vicki Sullivan, Principal*

*P.S. Preschoolers have been looking for a gingerbread boy and girl who recently escaped from their classroom. We've had many sightings, but they are so fast we haven't been able to catch them yet. If you see one of them, please let us know!*

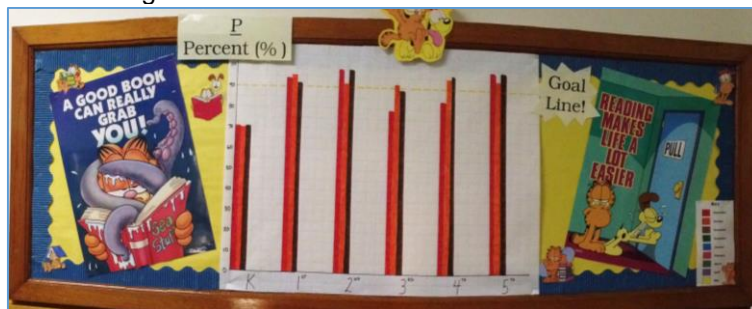
**THE GIVING TREE PROJECT**

Thank you for donating gifts to help families in need at Bryant! You've made the holidays brighter for others.



**JUST READ**

A median of 95% of students met or exceeded their goals for minutes of reading at home for the month of November. Thank you to parents, guardians, teachers and staff who work hard to nurture a love of reading in children. Practice builds a reader's skills. Go Bulldogs!



**KIPPERTON STRING QUARTET JAN. 11**

The Dubuque Arts Council is bring the Kipperton String Quartet to perform at Bryant on Monday, Jan. 11, at 1:45 in the gym. All are welcome! Thank you to the Dubuque Arts Council for giving all students access to the arts. This quartet is a local string group that includes four Dubuque Symphony Orchestra members: violinists Tim Kamps and Wes Luke, violist Paul Alan Price-Brenner, and cellist Kevin Price-Brenner.

**BRYANT SITE COUNCIL JAN. 14 MTG.**

**Supt. Rheingans will be speaking on the budget's impact on children.**  
 The next site council meeting will be on Thursday, Jan. 14 from 6-7:30pm in the library. Superintendent Stan Rheingans will be sharing information, leading a discussion and taking questions on the funding of public education in the state of Iowa and its impact on our school district's budget. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**BRYANT FAMILY ORGANIZATION JAN. 19 MTG.**

The next BFO meeting will be on Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 6pm in the library. Our newly launched spotlight series will feature Mrs. Hermsen, Bryant's librarian and technology coach, on the

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topic of technology. The purpose of the spotlight series is to inform parents and guardians on topics of interest to them. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Childcare will be available. If you have suggestions for future spotlight series topics, please let us know.

~Mrs. Jenna Mathew, BFO Secretary ([jennamathew.1978@gmail.com](mailto:jennamathew.1978@gmail.com))

## DBQ SPORTS & RECREATIONAL FESTIVAL: SPORT STACKING

**When:** Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
**Where:** The Grand River Center  
**Who:** Stackers of All Ages and Abilities  
**Provided by:** DCSD Elementary School Physical Educators  
*(No pre-registration necessary. All mats, timers, and speed stacks will be provided.)*

## MEASURES OF ACADEMIC PROGRESS (MAP)

All 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and select 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be taking MAP tests between Jan. 11-29. MAP tests are web-based and adaptive. That means that the difficulty of the questions presented to each child is unique and based on how well they answering questions. We use these results along with other measures to inform our instruction with students. Results will be sent home on Thursday, February 11.

## WINTER LITERACY SCREENING

All students in grades K-5 will take a winter literacy screening in January. State law requires a screening to be done every fall, winter and spring. Depending on how well a child does, his/her reading performance will be categorized as "On Track", "At-Risk", or "Substantially Deficient". This assessment is administered individually to students and takes about 9 minutes. We use these results to understand the impact of our instruction and to make adjustments so that all children can grow as readers.

## BAND, ORCHESTRA & CHOIR

Students, staff, parents, guardians and guests enjoyed sounds of the holiday season during December thanks to orchestra, band and choir students. A special thank you to Ms. Tieskotter, Mr. Enabnit and Mrs. Sellers, their teachers.



## WE ARE GRATEFUL!

- Thank you to Cookie Walk Chair Brooke Ellis and her team of parent volunteers who hosted a cookie walk for Bryant staff members last week.
- Thank you to Mr. Chad Hamilton, PE/Wellness Teacher, for speaking on the topic of Wellness at our Bryant Family Organization Meeting last Tuesday evening. Specifically, Mr. Hamilton, shared information about obesity in our country, state and school along with ways we all can promote healthy lifestyles for children.
- Thank you to Mrs. Johnston for donating dozens of hats to our school. They are nearly all gone! Mrs. Johnston, though home-bound, serves others by crocheting the hats and giving them away to children.
- Thank you to Mrs. Jackie Ansel, Skate Party Chair, for hosting another skate party last Tuesday evening. The next skate party will be held on Monday, Jan. 11.
- Thank you to Mr. Hamilton for coaching 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders during an after-school unit on tennis.

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