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Calendar

Thu Jan 7, 2016

- Band Lessons & Ensemble
- 7:30am Bryant Choir
- 6pm Girl Scout Troop 7345
- 6:30pm Internet Safety for Parents, Washington Middle School

Mon Jan 11, 2016

- 3:05pm Orchestra Rehearsal
- 6pm Bryant Skate Party

Tue Jan 12, 2016

- Orchestra Lessons

Thu Jan 14, 2016

- Band Lessons & Ensemble
- 7:30am Bryant Choir
- 6pm Site Council – Superintendent Rheingans speaks on school finance and the budget's impact on children

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 Mtg.
- 6pm BFO General Mtg. – Mrs. Hermsen, featured Spotlight Speaker

Thu Jan 21, 2016

- Band Lessons & Ensemble
- 7:30am Bryant Choir
- 6pm Girl Scout Troop 7345

Dear Bryant Families,

We are into the swing of school at full-speed. The break was great AND it's so good to be back. Your children have enjoyed sharing stories about their favorite activities and favorite gifts, and it is a true joy for me to listen. I am excited to announce that we've hired an additional half-time special education teacher, Ms. Kristi Skemp. Ms. Skemp previously served as Bryant's Keystone AEA School Psychologist for four years. She will be starting in her new role with us on January 19. There are some powerful parent education opportunities happening this month – details are in today's newsletter. ALL parents and guardians are warmly invited and encouraged to attend.

Wishing you a good start to the year, ~Vicki Sullivan, Principal

INTERNET SAFETY FOR PARENTS & GUARDIANS

Thursday, Jan. 7, 2016 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.

BRYANT SKATE PARTY

Let's kick off the New Year right by bringing all your friends and family to the first Bryant Skate Party of 2016

Monday, January 11th 6-8 p.m. at Skate Country in Asbury, IA

Admission is \$4.50 skate rental is \$1.50 for quads and \$2.50 for inlines. If school is let out early or canceled due to bad weather, skate party is canceled. Any questions, please call Jackie Ansel 563-599-4347.

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.

Special brief presentation by Mrs. Hermsen

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 topic of technology. What are your children learning about technology? What kinds of technology tools do they use? How can parents support their children in this area? 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)

DBQ SPORTS & RECREATIONAL FESTIVAL: SPORT STACKING

When: Saturday, January 16th 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Where: The Grand River Center
Who: Stackers of All Ages and Abilities

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.

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 2nd graders and select 3rd, 4th and 5th 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 are 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.

JANUARY MESSAGE FROM A COMMUNITY PARTNER: JUVENILE COURT SERVICES

Welcome back to school, we hope you had a wonderful winter break. It is fun to hear about everyone's individual winter break celebrations and gift giving. Did you know the best gift you can give your child is the gift of a good education? And the best place to get that education is in school. Every day. On time.

Building a habit of good attendance is your child's ticket to success in school and eventually in life and on the job. Every year, absences spike in the weeks before and after winter break. It's time to break that cycle. We know it's tempting to extend your break by a few days on either side of the holiday. We hope our DCSD Families have not done that this winter break.

Just a few missed days here and there, even if they're excused absences, can add up to too much lost learning time and put your child behind in school. This is as true in kindergarten as it is in high school. So make sure your child is in school every day. Our teachers will be teaching and our students will be learning. But it's harder to teach and it's harder to learn when too many students are absent. If missing school is unavoidable, talk to your children's teachers in advance to create a plan for making up missed work. Give your child the gift of attendance and the habit of attendance.

DUBUQUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Food Service Substitutes Needed!

Food and Nutrition Services has employment opportunities available for substitute food service workers across the district.
High school diploma required.

Applications available at:

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Click on careers.