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## Calendar

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. – Mrs. Hermsen, featured Spotlight Speaker

Thu Jan 21, 2016

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

Fri Jan 22, 2016

- Gr. 5 Band Lessons

Mon Jan 25, 2016

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

Tue Jan 26, 2016

- Orchestra Lessons

Thu Jan 28, 2016

- Band Lessons & Ensemble
- 7:30am Bryant Choir
- 6pm Girl Scouts – Gr. 5

Fri Jan 29, 2016

- School Spirit Day! Wear Bryant apparel or our school colors; blue and yellow.

Mon Feb 1, 2016

- Free Four-Year-Old Preschool Registration Begins

Dear Bryant Families,

Students and staff are back into a strong teaching/learning rhythm following the winter break. It is truly refreshing to step away, and it's also good to come back to a structure and schedule.

Currently, the Science units at every grade level involve living things; plants and/or animals. Ask your son or daughter to tell you their most interesting learning from the past week and explain why. You will be helping your child think about their thinking (meta-cognition) which is a powerful strategy to enhance learning. Besides, it's always just flat-out fascinating to view a slice of life from a child's perspective. Perhaps you'll let me know how those conversations go 😊.

With appreciation,

~Vicki Sullivan, Principal

## DBQ SPORTS & RECREATIONAL FESTIVAL: SPORT STACKING

**When:** Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

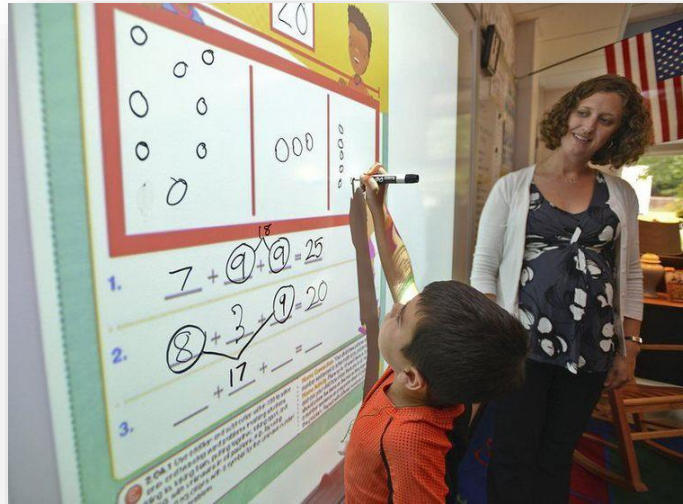
**Where:** The Grand River Center

**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.)*

## BRYANT FAMILY ORGANIZATION JAN. 19 MTG. Spotlight Series Guest: Mrs. Hermsen



Understatement: School has changed since you were a child.

Attend our Tuesday, Jan. 19, 6pm meeting in the library to learn about one of the biggest changes - TECHNOLOGY. Our newly launched spotlight series will feature Mrs. Hermsen, Bryant's librarian and technology coach. Come and see how the new interactive projectors in every classroom are being used. You can even try it out yourself! Have you heard your child talking about Lexia? You will learn more about Lexia and have a chance to use that tool too!

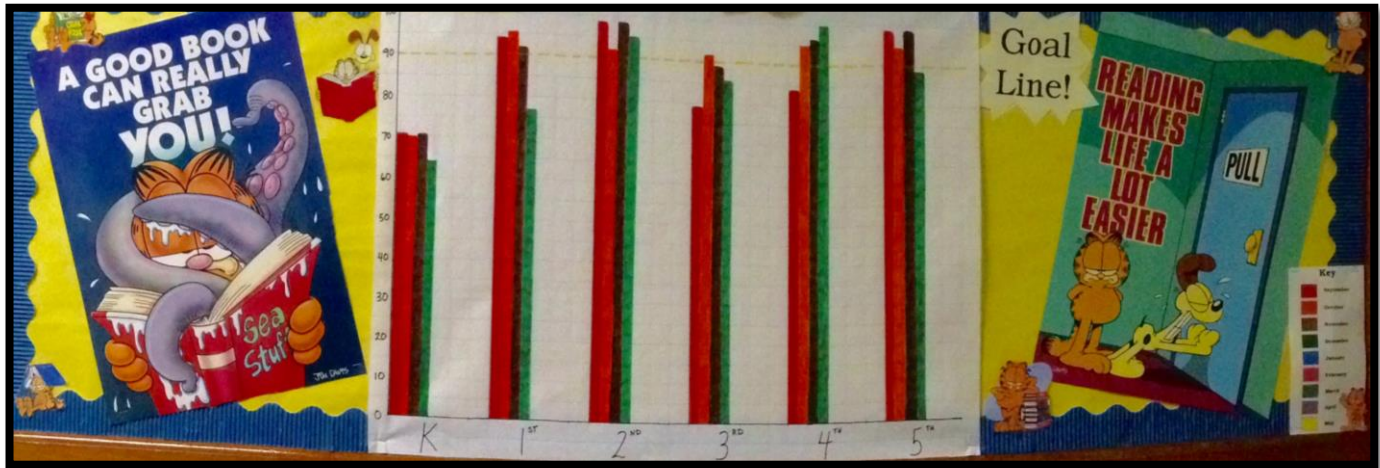
The purpose of our spotlight series is to inform parents and guardians on topics of interest to them. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Childcare will be available. If you have suggestions for future spotlight series topics, please let us know.

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

## 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 reader. Parents will receive a written report with their child's results.

### JUST READ!



A median of 87% of students met or exceeded their at-home reading goal for December- it's the green bar on the graph. Thank you to parents and guardians for supporting your young readers at home with lots and lots of reading practice. Let's strive for 90% in January. Go Bulldogs!

## Free Four-Year-Old Preschool Registration Begins Feb. 1

Registration for free four-year-old preschool in the Dubuque Community School District will begin on Monday, Feb. 1. This includes Dubuque's 12 public schools offering preschool through the Statewide Voluntary Free Preschool Program.

**Parents and guardians may register students in person at the selected site, beginning when that site's office opens on February 1. Bryant's office will open at 7:30am. Proof-of-age, preferably a birth certificate, is required to register a student. A passport or signed immunization record will be accepted if necessary.**

Free four-year-old preschool is open to students who are four by September 15. For additional registration questions, individuals should contact the site they are interested in registering at. Space may be limited in some facilities and registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Enrollment for preschool is not based on geography and all sites are open to Iowa residents.

**In addition to spots in Dubuque's public schools, a variety of community preschool partners also offer free four-year-old preschool. For a complete list of preschool providers, visit [www.dbgschools.org/preschool](http://www.dbgschools.org/preschool).** The Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program for Four-Year-Old Children is funded by the State of Iowa and facilitated locally by the Dubuque Community School District.