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Calendar

Parent Teacher Student Conference SCHEDULING WINDOW IS OPEN

Mon Feb 15, 2016

- ♥ 3:05pm Gr 5 Orch. rehearsal
- ♥ 6pm Girl Scouts - 3rd Grade

Tue Feb 16, 2016

- ♥ Orchestra Lessons
- ♥ 3:30-6pm Kindergarten 2016-17 Pre-Registration

Wed Feb 17, 2016

- ♥ 4pm Leisure Services – Girls' Basketball GAME at Kennedy School

Thu Feb 18, 2016

- ♥ 7:30am Bryant Choir
- ♥ 12pm Gr. 5 Band Lessons
- ♥ 5:30pm BFO Exec. Board Mtg.
- ♥ 6:00pm BFO General Mtg. – All are welcome.
- ♥ 6:00pm Girl Scout Troop 7345

♥ **6:00pm Bryant Skate Party**

Fri Feb 19, 2016

- ♥ 2pm Gr. 5 Band Lessons

Mon Feb 22, 2016

- ♥ 3:05pm Gr 5 Orch. rehearsal
- ♥ 6pm Girl Scouts - 3rd Grade

Tue Feb 23, 2016

- ♥ Orchestra Lessons
- ♥ 6:30pm Elementary String Festival

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are only a few weeks away from conferences, and then report cards will be sent home shortly after that. This might be the perfect time to learn more about our grading system! Please consider attending the next Bryant Family Organization meeting on Thursday, Feb. 18 at 6pm in the library. Our instructional coach, Mr. Nick Hess, will be sharing information and leading a discussion on standards-based grading called, “E, M, N, B, C, H, S, & U... What do all those letters mean?”

Also, please take a look at the article on page 2, “Steps for Growing Respectful and Responsible Kids”. Keystone AEA and the Parent & Educator Connection are offering a free parent workshop presented by Patricia Wells, Director of Creating Student Success (and former Director of the Iowa Behavioral Alliance). The workshop will help parents find simple methods that help their kids be respectful and responsible while ensuring strong positive relationships with them and keeping peace at home.

~Vicki Sullivan, Principal

PARENT-TEACHER-STUDENT CONFERENCES

Web-based scheduling is open NOW.

Look for a BRIGHTLY colored paper note in your child's take-home folder today.

It includes a username and password along with directions on how to schedule your child's conference.



VALENTINES' DAY/FRIENDSHIP CELEBRATIONS



We celebrated friendship today!

Special thanks to the Bryant Family Organization for providing a treat!

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JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

On **Feb. 29, March 1 and March 2**, our school will hold a Jump Rope for Heart event during physical education classes. **YOU CAN HELP SAVE LIVES!**

It's Jump Rope for Heart season, and we are learning about how to take care of our hearts, spreading the message to friends and family, and helping others when we can! The American Heart Association's goal is to improve the cardiovascular health of Americans. Through the Bryant Jump Rope for Heart event students will have the opportunity to help donate to the American Heart Association to fight against heart diseases and stroke - #1 and #5 causes of death in our country. Jump Rope for Heart is a voluntary event. These events are held at schools nationwide and not only help students learn about the benefits of regular physical activity and heart health, but also raise funds to support vital heart and stroke research as well as educational programs.

Below is a link where you child has the opportunity to send emails and raise life-saving donations online.

Bryant Donation Page: <http://jumphoops2016mwa.kintera.org/bryantelemdubuqueia>

(click on "Join A Team") Please join us in teaching our students the importance of being heart healthy for life and consider donating to the life-saving mission!



STEPS FOR GROWING RESPECTFUL AND RESPONSIBLE KIDS

"Solving the Discipline Puzzle" - Steps for Growing Respectful and Responsible Kids

DATE: March 10, 2016
 TIME: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
 LOCATION: Elkader AEA, Conference Rooms D1-D3 (Teleconference participation available as well)
 AUDIENCE: Parents, Educators and Community Providers

Keystone AEA and the Parent & Educator Connection is proud to offer a free parent workshop presented by Patricia Wells, Director of Creating Student Success (and former Director of the Iowa Behavioral Alliance). The workshop will help parents find simple methods that help their kids be respectful and responsible while ensuring strong positive relationships with them and keep peace at home.

Join us to learn how to:

- View discipline problems as a chance to help your child learn new, socially appropriate ways to behave.
- Use common social skills for children and youth to guide your discipline efforts.
- Clarify your personal expectations for your child/youth at home, creating more peaceful routines.
- Strengthen your child/youth and increase desired behaviors through the use of effective praise.
- Look at misbehavior as a teaching opportunity and to peacefully correct your child/youth.

Parents are encouraged to attend the workshop in person. However, teleconference participation will be available using Zoom (telephone or computer). A teleconference site will also be available at the Keystone AEA Dubuque Office. Parents who select participation by Zoom via computer or telephone will receive further details through email.

Please go to <http://tinyurl.com/pecpw16> by February 26th to register for the workshop. For further information, click here.

Contact Brooke Gassman, Parent & Educator Coordinator, at 1-800-632-5918 or bgassman@aea1.k12.ia.us with questions.