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Calendar

Fri April 8, 2016

- 8am-6pm Spring Book Fair
- Band Lessons

Mon April 11, 2016

- 3:05pm Orchestra Rehearsal
- 3:30pm Leisure Services Track Practice
- 6pm Girl Scouts – Kdgn.
- 6pm Bryant Skate Party

Tue April 12, 2016

- Orchestra Lessons
- 3:15pm Bryant Welcoming Event for Incoming Kindergarten Families
- 7pm Middle School Open House at GWMS & ERMS

Wed April 13, 2016

- 3:30pm Leisure Services Track Practice

Thu April 14, 2016

- 7:30am Bryant Choir
- Band Lessons & Ensemble
- 6pm Bryant Site council
- 6pm Girl Scouts – Troop 7345

Fri April 15, 2016

- Band Lessons

Mon April 18, 2016

- 3:05pm Orchestra Rehearsal
- 3:30pm Leisure Services Track Practice
- 6pm Girl Scouts – 3rd Grade

Dear Families,

Spring has arrived! There are over fifty 4th and 5th graders signed up for Leisure Services Track at Bryant. We are thrilled with the big numbers because it's a great opportunity for the children. Please note that the Bryant playground and field will be closed until 5pm on these track practice dates in order to give the athletes and coaches the space they need: Monday, April 11, Wednesday, April 13, Monday April 18, Wednesday April 20, Monday, April 25, Wednesday, April 27.

Thank you for the support,
Vicki Sullivan, Principal

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Congratulations to all Bryant students! The children raised \$5,075.00 for the American Heart Association. These donations will help fund research to fight America's No. 1 and No. 3 killers, heart disease and stroke. The money donated from Bryant school will help fund a pre-doctoral fellowship to a medical student beginning a career in heart or stroke research.

During this program students learned the following important lessons:

- How the heart works and how to take care of the heart through exercise
- Helping others with special hearts
- Feeling good for making a difference in people's lives

Mr. Hamilton, Wellness Education

BUY ONE GET ONE FREE AT THE BFO'S GROOVY BOOK FAIR – APRIL 8

When: Friday, April 8th, from 8am-6pm

Where: Bryant gym

Parents, you are welcome to visit us before or after school to take advantage of these amazing deals.

With the BOGO, and some books priced as low as \$2, that's 2 books for \$2! Students will have the opportunity to visit the fair with their class and make purchases.



SKATE PARTY - MONDAY, APRIL 11

Join the BFO for a skate party from 6-8pm at Skate Country in Asbury, IA.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE - APRIL 12, 7-8PM

Come to Washington early (6:30) and hear the...

- Wahawk Band and Washington Chamber Orchestra

Agenda starting at 7pm:

- View a scene from the Washington Musical, The Music Man
- Hear about Middle School from the Washington Student Council
- Meet the Washington teachers on a Scavenger Hunt
- Learn about how to get involved in school activities in the gymnasium

"A BED OF HOPE" 1st GRADE SERVICE PROJECT



Now thru April 15. See details on page 2!

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.

KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP - TUESDAY, APRIL 12

- Tuesday, April 12, 3:15-6:15pm at Bryant. We will begin in the gym.
- Plan to attend ONE session at 3:15pm OR 4:15pm OR 5:15pm
- Soon-to-be Kindergarten students should attend with parents/guardians.
- **By law children to be enrolled in Kindergarten for next year must be age 5 by 9/15/16.**
- Contact the Bryant office at 552-3400 with questions.

SKATE PARTIES 2016-2017

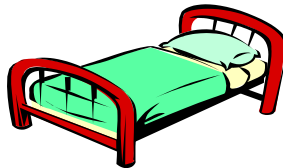
Mark your calendars for loads of fun!

- Thursday, September 8th, 2016
- Thursday, October 27th, 2016
- Tuesday, November 8th, 2016
- Thursday, December 8th, 2016
- Monday, January 9th, 2017
- Tuesday, February 14th, 2017
- Thursday, March 23rd, 2017
- Monday, April 10th, 2017
- Tuesday, May 16th, 2017



Skate Parties will be held from 6-8 p.m. at Skate Country 5630 Saratoga Road. Admission is \$4.50. Skate rental is \$1.50 for quads and \$2.50 for in-lines. If school is canceled or released early for bad weather, this event is canceled.

“A BED OF HOPE” 1st GRADE SERVICE PROJECT



First graders at Bryant School are learning about families and we are discovering that each family has needs and wants. One of every family's needs is shelter, and everyone needs a bed. Yet, every night in our community there are homeless women and children without a place to sleep. As a school-wide service project, the first grade class is sponsoring a project called “A Bed of Hope” through the organization **Opening Doors**. This organization operates two shelters for women and children, the Maria House and the Teresa Shelter. A donation of \$10.00 could provide a bed for one night to someone who does not have a place to sleep. Our goal is to collect donations from each classroom to provide beds for families in our community. It is our hope that each classroom could provide at least one bed for someone in our community who is without a place to sleep. Between **March 29th and April 15th**, each classroom is invited to participate in this project. The first graders will appreciate any amount you can donate, and no amount is too small. Having a place to sleep is a very precious need we all enjoy and appreciate. Let's help families in our community experience this basic need. With your gift to “A Bed of Hope,” we can do it! We can change the lives of families and grow in appreciation for one of our own basic needs. Thank you for your help in this service project!

~Mrs. Oberhoffer's and Mrs. Weiner's First Graders

ELEMENTARY OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR 2016-2017

Our objective as a district is to be as accommodating as possible, however, because of class size limitations, applications must be juried on criteria such as medical or legal reasons, documented change of address, sibling or parent in the same building, etc.

- Review the In-District Open Enrollment Policy (#6218) prior to completing an application.
- Elementary application are available beginning March 15, 2016. Deadline for submission is May 2, 2015. Note the deadline for submission of applications to the superintendent's office.
- To be sure that your application is processed, do not submit applications to a school. Instead, mail or deliver directly to the District Office (The Forum) at 2300 Chaney Road, Dubuque, Iowa 52001.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS AND EDUCATION

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ **Tuesday, April 5th, 7 - 8 p.m., @ Schmid Innovation Center** – Support group meetings for those living with mental illness and for family members/loved ones of those living with mental illness.
- ❖ **Wednesday, April 6th, 7:30 p.m., @ Mindframe Theaters** – Open to the public, free of charge – Documentary film *“Suicide Should Not Be An Option”*. Learn about suicide from different perspectives as discussion is opened to a new wave of education and enlightenment. We must begin now, before one more precious life is taken!
- ❖ **Monday, April 11th, 6 p.m., @ Mindframe Theaters** – Open to the public, free of charge – NAMI Movie Night, featuring *“Wild”* - "A powerful, blazingly honest memoir: the story of an eleven-hundred-mile solo hike that broke down a young woman reeling from catastrophe—and built her back up again." Movie begins promptly at 6 p.m., with discussion to follow.
- ❖ **Wednesday, April 13th, 7 - 8 p.m., @ Keane Hall Porch, Loras College** – Open to the public, free of charge – *“Heart to Heart”* – Support group for adolescents and young adults affected by mental illness, with speaker sharing story of experience with mental illness. Support group meets every other Wednesday, with the last two meetings before summer break being on April 27th and May 11th.
- ❖ **Wednesday, April 13th, 6 - 8 p.m., @ Grand River Center** – No fee, but registration is required at www.mercydubuque.com/events or at 563-589-9600. *“Prescription Pain Killers and the Heroin Epidemic”* – Join a panel of experts for a town hall meeting as they discuss approaches to the heroin epidemic, including different prevention and treatment opportunities. Meeting will include a question-and-answer session.
- ❖ **Tuesday, April 19th, 7-8 p.m., @ Schmid Innovation Center** – Monthly educational meeting featuring a representative from Hillcrest Family Services who will speak about the organization’s Crisis Services. These services include a crisis line (1-855-800-1239) connecting people in need of mental health care with qualified counselors, who can then dispatch the Hillcrest Mobile Crisis Team if necessary; the Mobile Crisis Team can then make a referral to the Hillcrest Crisis House if needed. The Crisis House has two bedrooms for short-term stays to receive support and connections to resources to assist with their crisis.
- ❖ **Wednesday, April 27th, 7 - 8 p.m., @ Keane Hall Porch, Loras College** – Support group for adolescents and young adults (see above April 13th).
- ❖ **Friday, April 29th, and Saturday, April 30th *** NAMI-DUBUQUE IRIS DAYS ***** This is our annual awareness event in conjunction with “Mental Health Awareness Month” in May. We are in need of volunteers to man the doors at various grocery stores in Dubuque and distribute silk irises (our symbol of hope) and informational cards in an effort to spread awareness and understanding of mental illness. Please help us make this a successful event by volunteering your time and your smiling face to the community!!
- ❖ **Wednesday, May 11th, 7 - 8 p.m., @ Keane Hall Porch, Loras College** – Support group for adolescents and young adults (see above April 13th and April 27th).
- ❖ **Thursday, May 12th, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m., @Westminster Presbyterian Church** – 17th Annual Mental Health Month Dinner and Silent Auction, sponsored by Mental Health America of Dubuque County. Chicken and beef dinner from Kalmes’ – Dine In or Carry Out. Tickets are \$15 for ages 13 and older and \$7 for ages 12 and under. Please call the NAMI office at 563-557-6264 for tickets.
- ❖ **Monday, May 23rd, 2:30 - 7:30 pm, @ Grand River Center** – *“Changing Minds”* – free community mental health resource fair. Keynote speaker Joan Becker, author of *“Sentenced To Life”*. Please visit www.project-concern.org/changingminds for further information.
- ❖ **Tuesday, May 24th, 7 p.m., @ St. Luke’s United Methodist Church** – Free and open to the public – *“Faith Communities’ Response to Mental Illness”*, sponsored by Dubuque Area Congregations United (DACU). NAMI-Dubuque board member Magi Wehner, MA, will present *“Understanding Mental Illness”*.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANY OF THE ABOVE, PLEASE EMAIL dmbucko@gmail.com or CALL 563-580-8653.

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