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## Calendar

### Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Tests for Gr. 2-5; May 3-19

Mon May 9

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

Tue May 10

- Orchestra Lessons

Thu May 12

- 7:30am Bryant Choir
- Band Lessons
- 8:45am Battle of the Books – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade only - Library
- 6pm Bryant Site Council
- 6pm Girl Scouts – Gr. 5
- 6:30pm Gr. 5 Band Concert at GWMS

Mon May 16, 2016

- 3:05pm Gr 5 Orch. rehearsal
- 6pm Girl Scouts – Kdgn.

Tue May 17, 2016

- Orchestra Lessons
- 5:30pm BFO Exec. Board Mtg.
- 6pm BFO General Meeting
- 6:30pm Gr 5 Orchestra Concert at GWMS
- 6:45pm Gr 5 Camp Wapsie Parent Meeting, Library

Thu May 19, 2016

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

Fri May 20, 2016

- 1:15pm District-Wide Battle of the Books, Bryant Gym

Mon May 23, 2016

- 3:05pm Orchestra Rehearsal

## JUNE 3 FUN DAY ~ volunteers needed

Your help is needed to run the stations during Fun Day on Friday, June 3, on the Bryant campus, rain or shine. If you are an approved DCSD volunteer and are willing to donate your time to make this a special day for all students, please go to this link to sign up. You can sign up for a half day or a full day.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a4dacad29a0fc1-event>

This year's Dunk Tank fundraiser will happen later in May. All proceeds will benefit the Dubuque Rescue Mission's Urban Garden.

There are some changes in the format this year that you can view below:

### Opening Ceremony 9:10am-9:20am

- Pledge of Allegiance, School Song, Sportsmanship Goals

### Morning 9am-11:20am

- Preschool – 2<sup>nd</sup> graders rotate through nine stations that feature lots of fun and activity and are geared to this age group. Parents of these students are welcome to join us to cheer on their favorite Bulldogs.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> graders will be in their classrooms enjoying face painting & tattoos, a frozen treats and will also spend time working on banners for our 5<sup>th</sup> graders

### Lunch 11:20am-12pm

All students and staff will eat in their homerooms. Parents are welcome to join their children for lunch. Students will have the option to order a school sack lunch or bring a lunch from home. Parents will need to provide their own lunch.

### Afternoon 12pm-2pm

- 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> graders rotate through eight stations that feature lots of fun and activity and are geared to older students. Parents of these students are welcome to join us to cheer on their favorite Bulldogs.
- Preschool – 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will be in their classrooms enjoying face painting & tattoos, frozen treats, and will also spend time working on banners for our 5<sup>th</sup> graders

### Closing Assembly 2:15-3

Everyone is invited to participate in our end of day assembly at 2:15pm in the gym. We will recognize our current 5<sup>th</sup> graders and wish them well as they prepare to move on to middle school. Music, dancing, sportsmanship awards, and a tug of war will also be part of the assembly.

~ Jenna Mathew, BFO Exec. Board Member and Fun Day Co-Chair  
([jennamathew.1978@gmail.com](mailto:jennamathew.1978@gmail.com) or 563-564-9138)

## GRATITUDE

- Thank you for the kind words and tokens appreciation during last week's Staff Appreciation events. A special thank you for parent Brooke Ellis for serving as chairperson.
- Thank you to the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra for bringing Midori to perform for students last week.
- Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Butler for being our special guests at last week's assembly to celebrate Bryant's historic windows project. Thank you also to the staff planning committee for this event; Mr. Hamilton, Mrs. Kilgore, Mrs. Sellers, and Ms. Anderson. And thank you to students for their expressions of gratitude to the Butlers.
- Thank you to Mr. Hamilton for co-chairing the district's city-wide track meet last week.
- Thank you to Mrs. Martel, Mrs. Standorf, and Mr. Hamilton for supporting our 4<sup>th</sup> graders at Go the Distance Day last Friday, May 6, at Loras College. Fun and fast-paced activities helped students to understand the important of wellness.

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.

- Thank you to Mrs. Martel, Integrus Credit Union, and the Foundation for Dubuque Public Schools (FDPS). Mrs. Martel applied for a Tribute to Teachers through the FDPS grant and was awarded \$500 to purchase high-interest books for struggling readers.

## CLASSROOM REQUESTS FOR NEXT YEAR

A number of factors are taken into account as I determine classroom rosters for next year. Teachers provide input based on the academic, emotional, and social needs of the child with the goal being to create balanced classrooms at each grade level. This means that the classes are about the same in terms of the number of students, their gender, academic strengths and needs and social/emotional strengths and needs. Most parents/guardians opt NOT to make specific requests regarding their child’s placement. However, if you wish to do so, direct it to me in writing and include a rationale for your request. All written requests will be carefully considered, but they are not guaranteed. All requests will remain confidential. Please submit requests to me by Friday, May 16.

## FLY UP!

We will hold Fly Up again this spring. Homeroom assignments will be shared with students on the last day of school, Monday, June 6. Students will “Fly Up” to spend about 45 minutes meeting with their new classmates and teacher.

## MAY 12 BAND CONCERT

Students should arrive by approximately 5:20 for a 5:30 rehearsal. This is our one and only opportunity to put final touches on things and get it all together with everyone for the concert, which begins at 6:30. Also performing will be the GWMS bands, jazz bands, and percussion ensemble. This is a tremendous opportunity for 5<sup>th</sup> graders to see and hear first-hand the program they will be a part of in middle school, as well as a great chance to meet students from other schools and get to know the director.

~ *Brian Enabnit, Bryant Band Teacher*  
 ([benabnit@dbqschools.org](mailto:benabnit@dbqschools.org) or 563-581-4970)

## MAY 17 ORCHESTRA CONCERT

Join us for a concert featuring 5th grade students from Bryant, Irving, and Lincoln, and the Washington Middle School Orchestras! Everyone is welcome to attend.

- Tuesday, May 17, 2016, in the Washington Middle School Auditorium
- Students are asked to arrive at 5:15pm and report to the Orchestra Room
- The concert begins at 6:30pm

~[mmentz@dbqschools.org](mailto:mmentz@dbqschools.org) (best) OR 552-4919 or [btieskotter@dbqschools.org](mailto:btieskotter@dbqschools.org) (best) OR (641) 220-7301

## MEASURES OF ACADEMIC PROGRESS (MAP)

Homeroom	Reading	Math
2M	5/11	5/17
2SS	5/10	5/18
2LS	5/12	5/19
3D	5/10	5/12
3N	5/9	5/11
4M	5/12	5/19
4S	5/9	5/18
5J	5/5	5/17
5R	5/3	5/11

All 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be taking MAP tests in May. You can see your child’s testing dates in the table below. One way we use MAP results is as an indicator for the degree to which our teaching aligns with what students need in both reading and math. You can support your child by ensuring that he or she gets plenty of rest and a healthy breakfast – the same thing they need to succeed every day in school! A written report with students’ MAP scores will be sent home with progress reports on June 6.

## SUMMER FUN ~ SKATE PASSES

Thank you to Jackie Ansel for chairing skate parties this year! Now that it’s spring she is selling skate passes. If you would like to purchase a pass, please contact Jackie Ansel at [jax1014@aol.com](mailto:jax1014@aol.com) or 563-599-4347. A Skate County skate pass costs \$7 for 15 punches; \$5 will go back to Bryant! Each pass is good for 15 admissions.