Bryant News

November 17, 2016



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<u>Mon Nov 21</u>

• Girl Scouts Troop 7159 Gr. 1 6:00-7:30pm

<u>Tue Nov 22</u>

- Band Group Rehearsal 3:05 pm
- Girl Scounts Troop 7345 Gr. 3 6:30-7:30pm

Wed Nov 23- Fri Nov 25

No School

Mon Nov 28

- Girl Scouts Gr. 2 3:15-4:45
- GirlScouts Troop 7441 Gr. 1 6:00-7:30pm

Tues Nov 29

- Group Band Rehearsal 3:05-4:45pm
- Gril Scouts Troop 7345 Gr. 3 6:30-7:30



From Ms. McCarron

I don't know where this first trimester has gone. It seems like yesterday when I was walking through the doors of Bryant for the very first time. With both the end of the trimester and Thanksgiving next week, it seems an appropriate time to reflect on a few of things for which I am thankful for here at Bryant.

- <u>I am thankful</u> for the way in which I have been welcomed by students, staff and families. I know that any change can be challenging, but from the moment I was assigned to Bryant, people made a point to extend a welcome to me, asked me how they might be helpful, and have updated me on those things that are the little rituals that make Bryant, Bryant.
- <u>I am thankful</u> for the staff of Bryant who I see as continual learners, modeling for your children that learning is a life-long endeavor. There are the formal professional development sessions that take place, but that is just the beginning. I have witnessed staff helping staff, great questioning, and teachers being willing to try new strategies to determine if it will make a positive impact on students.
- <u>I am thankful</u> for the patience and flexibility of the staff, students and families as we face very crowded conditions here at Bryant. When we needed to add a classroom, staff gave up space, shared space and did everything possible to enable us to have this additional class. When special activities and events occur, everyone works to find a solution that enables those events to take place.
- <u>I am thankful</u> for the generous involvement from families.
 Whether it is as a Site Council member, a BFO member, volunteer, donator, or a parent who attends school events, your involvement makes us stronger.
- <u>I am thankful</u> for the great kids that I that surround me. I love their smiles, hugs and laughter! They remind me each day of the promise we have for a brighter tomorrow!

With the many challenges that we tend to hear about, it is nice to remember all the things for which we have to be thankful!

In service with you,

Chris

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Progress Reports

The first trimester is coming to an end. Progress reports will be sent home with your child on Tuesday, November 22.

Be sure to check the book bags!! This

communication tool is a way for your child's teacher to share the growth that your child is making toward the identified grade-level learning targets. It is also a tool that you can use to communicate with your child. You might ask your child to reflect upon strengths and to share with you what actions he/she is taking in school to develop those strengths. The same is true for challenges. What actions can you and your child take together that will help your child to grow in the areas that are challenging? It is important that a child understands that the teacher is not the one responsible for the grades, but rather, the grades reflect his/her own work and understanding. Be sure to talk about growth with your child. Focus your attention and your child's attention on next steps.

4TH GRADE SERVCIE PROJECT FOR THE HUMANE SOCIETY CONTINUES

Our 4th grade students invite all of Bryant families to support the Dubuque Humane Society. The students will be gathering pet supplies and monetary donations for the Humane Society from **November 11th through November 21st**. This service projects teaches students the power of their work to make our community a

better place for ALL of us. Please consider supporting their service project.



Due to the short week ahead, there will be no Bryant News the during the week of November 21st. May you each have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

"Good schools, like good societies and good families, celebrate and cherish diversity."

– Deborah Meier

