



STAY IN TOUCH

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CALENDAR

The Week Ahead

Mon Dec 19

- Orchestra Students Play Over Lunch
- Orchestra Group Rehearsal 3:05-3:45
- Girl Scouts Gr. 2 3:15-4:45pm
- Girl Scouts Gr. 4 6:00-7:30pm

Tue Dec 20

- Band Group Rehearsal 3:05 pm
- Girl Scouts Gr 3 6:30-7:30pm

Thursday Dec 22

- Community Gathering 2:20-3:00 pm
- Girl Scouts- Kindergarten 5:45-6:45pm

Friday Dec 23

- First day of Vacation

Looking Ahead!

Holiday Break

December 23- January 2



From Ms. McCarron

Winter vacation is just ahead. The last day of school for 2016 will be on Thursday, December 22nd. Students will not return to school until January 3rd. Each of the staff at Bryant extends our wishes for each family to enjoy this time together, have safe travels, and if you celebrate a holiday over this break, we wish you the most joyous of holidays!

There will NOT be a *Bryant News* next week. See you in January!

In service with you,

Chris McCarron

A Special Thanks to the BFO

On Tuesday, December 13th, the staff of Bryant was treated to a very special surprise. The members of the BFO and other parent volunteers brought dozens of cookies and baked goods to school. Each staff member had the opportunity to walk through the abundance of special treats and fill a plate to take home. The “Cookie Walk” was such a generous way to demonstrate gratitude for the staff. We each appreciate your kindness AND great baking skills!

Vision to Learn Van

For those parents who have signed the consent forms to take advantage of the free vision exams and glasses, here is some important information:

Due to some unforeseen circumstances, the Vision to Learn van schedule has been pushed back to the month of January. We are hoping to have a schedule of when the van will be at each of the buildings soon so that we can give you advance notice of when it will be at Bryant.

Also, if your child has a current prescription, but you are in need of a second pair of glasses, please contact our school nurse, Monica Redmond, for further information.



Winter Weather

Recess is an important part of each school day, and that does not change when the weather is cold or snowy. Recess provides students a chance to get exercise, play with classmates, to have a break from sitting and a mental break from the classroom work. Research is regarding the importance of recess is significant!

In the winter, we go out every day unless the wind chill is below zero. We monitor the wind chill before we make a decision regarding recess. We do go outside on snowy days.

Please make sure that your child dresses warmly each day. To go out on the field to play, students must have both boots and snow pants. This assures that students do not get their clothes wet and need to sit in those clothes all day. If your child is in need of winter clothing, please let the nurse know and we will try to meet this need.



GIVING BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY

A special thanks to all of the families who contributed to our collection of pet items for the Dubuque Human Society, snow pants for students in Dubuque Schools, and items for the United Way. Your generosity makes a difference in our community!



ATTENDANCE

As we look forward to beginning a new calendar year when we return to school, it seems like an appropriate time to remind people about the importance of school attendance. Research tells us that students who are absent more than 10% of the school days are at risk for struggling as readers, have less school success and a reduced chance of graduating from high school.

Attendance patterns are established early. The detrimental effects of absences begin already in preschool and kindergarten. There are times when students are sick and need to stay home, but when at all possible, students should be at school. We understand the challenge to get doctor appointments after school, and we appreciate all of the effort that you give to try to make that happen. If you should receive a letter from school regarding your child's absence, please note that it is simply to keep you abreast of the accumulated number of days that your child had been gone. It is not any judgement regarding the reason. If we have a question regarding the reason, we will contact you. Please feel free to contact the office or the nurse if you are struggling to get your child to school on a regular basis.

Dubuque Sports & Recreational Festival: Sport Stacking

When: Saturday, January 28th
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.)

Anyone is welcome to come be a Stacker—

This event is for experienced and as well as beginning stackers. Tables will be set up for students who wish to practice stacking or for those who wish to learn how to stack. Stackers may choose to be timed in the 3-3-3, 3-6-3, and/or the cycle stack. After a student stacks, a P.E. teacher will record their times on their registration form. When finished, stackers put their form in the basket located by the laptop computer. Parents and guardians, brothers and sisters...all are invited to try Sport Stacking!

To assure that all participants have fun and remain safe, we ask that an adult accompany all children. We hope all students will leave this event with an appreciation for the benefits of exercise and an appreciation for Sport Stacking.

What is Sport Stacking?

Sport stacking is an exciting individual and team sport where participants stack and unstack specially designed plastic cups (Speed Stacks) in pre-determined sequences. Stackers race against the clock for the fastest or best times. With practice, a person can stack at lightning speed that has to be seen to be believed!

What are some of the benefits of Sport Stacking?

Sport Stacking can be individualized, allowing each student to work, successfully, at his/her own level. It is geared to include students of all ability levels, allowing every student to succeed, while still challenging the more fit and athletic students. Sport Stacking has proven to increase bilateral proficiency (equal performance on both sides of the body) that develops a greater percentage of the right side of the brain which houses awareness, focus, creativity and rhythm.

Where can I learn more or purchase Speed Stacks?

www.speedstacks.com

