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## CALENDAR

The Week Ahead

### Fri August 25

- First Late Arrival

### Mon August 28

- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Instrument Try-out 1:30pm

### Tue August 29

- BFO Welcome Back Picnic 5:00pm

### Wed August 30

### Thurs August 31

- 7:30 am Choir Gr. 4 & 5

### Fri September 1

- Community Gathering 2:15 pm

# Welcome to Bryant!



## Welcome to the 2017- 2018 School Year

Thanks to all of the families who attended the orientation conferences earlier this week. It was great to see everyone. We are off to a great start. Our preschool students joined us this morning, so we have a full house. Currently, our enrollment is 294.

## First Friday Late Arrival

Tomorrow, Friday August 25<sup>th</sup> is our first late arrival for the year. School begins one hour later than usual on this and every Friday. All Dubuque Community Schools have the late arrival to allow staff the opportunity to participate in professional development designed to strengthen teaching and learning for all students. The staff at Bryant value this time and utilize the time to support the identified school improvement goals.

## Logistics for Fridays:

Breakfast Time: 8:45

School Entry: 9:05

Tardy Bell: 9:15

Dismissal: Unchanged- 3:00

## Friday Morning Early Drop-Off:

There is an early morning drop-off option for families who need a consistent drop-off time. Students may not arrive until 8:00 and will enter the building beginning at 8:05. This program is a quiet study and reading time, supervised by paraprofessional staff. Students attending this program are encouraged to bring homework or a book to read. No other activities will be offered during this program. If you have other morning childcare arrangements, please maintain that routine.

## Labor Day

We will not have school on Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup> in recognition of Labor Day. Classes will resume on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy the extra long weekend.



## Site Council Members Needed

There are two openings for parents on the Bryant Site Council. Are you interested in volunteering at Bryant, but work during the day? Are you interested in learning about and making decisions regarding the instructional program at our school? If so, this just might be the right volunteer opportunity for you. The Bryant Site Council is comprised of parents and staff; we meet every other month on **Thursday evenings from 6:00-7:30. The meeting dates for this year are September 14, November 9, January 1, March 8 and May 10.** For continuity on the Site Council, we ask that all members commit to a three-year rotation, or if your only child is in fourth or fifth grades, we would ask that you serve until your child leaves Bryant. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Site Council, or have questions about the Site Council, please contact our principal, Ms. McCarron at 552-3400 or email her at [cmccarron@dbqschools.org](mailto:cmccarron@dbqschools.org).

## Bryant Family Organization (BFO) Welcome Back Picnic

The BFO will host a Welcome Back Picnic for all Bryant families. **The picnic will be held on Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.** This is a great opportunity to meet other Bryant families and enjoy a relaxing evening of community building. The picnic will be held on the Bryant School playground. You are welcome to bring blankets or lawn chairs. Feel free to bring dinner if you would like. The BFO will provide the information you will need if you are interested in purchasing any Bryant apparel.



## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Instrument Try-out

On Monday, August 28, all district instrumental music teachers will be here to provide students with an opportunity to try-out many different musical instruments to help students determine if they are interested in playing an instrument and which one might be the best fit for them. This is an exciting new adventure for these students!

## Community Gathering

The first community Gathering is scheduled for Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:15pm. Community Gatherings are held once a month on Friday afternoons. During this time, the entire school gathers. Community Gatherings are designed as an opportunity to strengthen school climate and culture, to support the understanding and performance of 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills and character development, and to provide leadership opportunities for students. Throughout the year, each grade level has the opportunity to lead the Community Gathering. Parents are invited to attend any of the Community Gatherings.

## Arrival and Dismissal

For the safety of all students and in an effort to have a quick and efficient arrival and dismissal, we ask your help in adhere to the practice outlined in the arrival and drop-off plan. See the attachment. Here are some important reminders:

### Arrival:

- Supervision does not begin until 8:00
- **When dropping off students in the car line, DO NOT allow your child to get out of the car unless a staff member opens the door for them. Parents should STAY in the line and not pass other cars.**
- Model safety when walking. Use the crosswalks with the patrols.

### Dismissal:

- Establish a meeting point so your child can easily connect with you. You may even want to consider a meeting place off school grounds. Crossing guards are at all of the corners adjacent to the school to help your child cross the street. You will avoid the congestion if you meet across the street.
- **Do not block cars in the parking lot and ONLY park in designated parking areas on the street.** The map in the attachment designates those areas.
- **NEW PROCEDURE** We will be asking parents to meet their child on the playground rather than on the front sidewalk. The congestion on the front sidewalk makes it challenging for kids to safely walk home and makes it difficult to dismiss classes. Talk with your child about where you will meet them on the playground.
- If you or your children are staying afterschool, please encourage a safe and supportive environment for all children and families.

## New Playground Equipment

This summer, we were fortunate to have new playground equipment install. This equipment is ONLY for our preschool and kindergarten students. Previously, the preschoolers were restricted from playing on the large equipment due the fact that it was not approved for four year olds. This new equipment is approved for students through 6years old. We are very excited about this change. When using the playground after-school, please help to remind older students to use the larger equipment.

## Breakfast and Lunch Menus

The Dubuque Community Schools will no longer be sending out printed menus. You may view the menus on District Website [www.dbqschools.org](http://www.dbqschools.org) or you can call the Lunch Menu Hotline and 556-3250.

