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CALENDAR

The Week Ahead

Fri September 1

- Late Arrival
- 2:15 pm Community Gathering

Mon September 4

NO SCHOOL – LABOR DAY

Tue September 5

Wed September 6

Thurs September 7

- 7:30 am Choir Gr. 4 & 5

Fri September 8

Enjoy the
long
weekend!



Establishing Routines

The faculty has been busy establishing classroom and school routines so students feel safe and secure in a predictable environment and they can become more independent throughout their day. Routines are just as important at home. As we begin this school year, there are routines that you can establish at home that also help your child to be successful at school. Here are a few ideas:

- Set a regular bedtime and morning wake-up time. Many doctors recommend 11-12 hours of sleep so that means an early bedtime during the week.
- Look at your child's School Agenda EACH NIGHT. This is the communication tool between you and your child's teacher. The agenda will alert you to homework and upcoming events. You also can place a note in the agenda for your teachers.
- Have your child eat breakfast each morning. Allow enough time to have your child eat breakfast either at home or here at school. Breakfast is the most important meal of the day and prepares the student's mind and body for optimal learning.
- Establish a routine for after school dismissal. Talk with your child about a meeting place or a pick-up point. Make sure your child knows who is picking up at the end of the day. Discuss any changes in dismissal routines with your child in the morning. Try to have these decisions made BEFORE the start of the day. If there is a change in dismissal, write this to the teacher in the agenda.

Friday Late Arrival Reminders

Just a reminder that the early morning drop-off is only for students who do not have other arrangements for the hour on Fridays. During this time, there are no activities for students and is only a silent reading time.

Logistics for Fridays:

Early Morning Drop-Off for those who need it: 8:05

Breakfast Time: 9:40

School Entry: 9:05

Tardy Bell: 9:15

Dismissal: Unchanged- 3:00

Bryant Apparel

The BFO is providing families the opportunity purchase Bryant School apparel for their student and/or for other members of the family. To purchase items, please go to the website

<https://bryantbulldogs2017.itemorder.com> There are a variety of different items with a wide range of purchase prices!



Morning Meeting

There is a new school-wide practice that begins the day in all classrooms, and it is called the Morning Meeting. Previously, many of the classrooms included this routine within their day; but this year, it is becoming a school-wide practice in a systematic and focused effort. Morning meeting begins immediately at 8:15 at the start of the day. In addition to the classroom teacher, another non-classroom teacher is assigned to each classroom for the month. The teachers will co-teach this first class. The focus of this time block is to provide a consistent routine for the start of the day, to develop strong relationships both with teachers and other classmates, to provide consistent and structured learning opportunities to support positive character development and the acquisition of 21st Century Skills in the Iowa Core. Ms. McCarron will even be co-teaching during this time block! We are looking forward to determine the impact of the establishment of Morning Meeting as a school-wide practice.

Grade Level Character Traits

Did you know that each grade level at Bryant has a specific character trait that is a focus of learning? We use the character curriculum Two-by-Two to help to guide our instruction. This program utilizes a continuum of lessons to teach about and support character development. The focus traits at each grade level is: Preschool – fairness, kindergarten – kindness, 1st grade – respect, 2nd grade – responsibility, 3rd grade – empathy, 4th grade – cooperation, and 5th grade is perseverance and citizenship. We certainly are always helping students to develop and practice all skills, but each grade level placed a different level of emphasis on their “special trait.”

Labor Day

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

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 or you can call the Lunch Menu Hotline and 556-3250.