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CALENDAR
The Week Ahead

Fri September 15

- Late Arrival

Mon September 18

- Artist in Residence Program 9:30 am
- BFO Meeting 6:30
- Girl Scouts -5th Grade 6-7:30 pm

Tue September 19

Wed September 20

Thurs September 21

- 7:30 am Choir Gr. 4 & 5

Fri September 22

- **NO SCHOOL
PROFESSIONAL
LEARNING DAY FOR
TEACHERS!**

Hurricane Harvey

Bryant School is such a generous community! The students in Ms. Ricklef's fifth grade class sponsored a service fundraising project for the victims of Hurricane Harvey. We worked with Resources Unite who joined with Theisens to offer an entire pallet of bottled water for the purchase price of \$167. Our goal was to send two pallets of water to affected region. We collected enough funds to purchase 4.5 pallets of water, for a total of 9,072 bottles of water being sent to the region. We are thankful for the 5th graders for their leadership with the project, to the families who contributed and to Resources Unite and Theisens for organizing this effort!



Music Concert for Grades K, 2 and 4

SAVE THE DATE! The first music concert of this year is scheduled for Thursday, October 26th at 6:30pm. The performers in this program will be students in grades K,2 and 4. The other grades will have their music concert later in the spring.

Artist in Residence Program

Each year, Bryant is fortunate to participate in the Artist in Residence Program. This program is made possible through the Dubuque Arts Council. Throughout the year, the Art Council brings in a variety of artists to the Dubuque area and organizes performances within our schools. On this upcoming Monday, a group known as the **Alliance Brass** will treat students to a performance. Be sure to ask your child about their attendance at this special event.

BFO Meeting

All parents are welcome to attend the Bryant Family Organization's meeting this Monday, September 18 at 6:30.

Bryant Site Council

Last week, the list of Bryant Site Council members was incomplete. We apologize for the mistake and are honored that each of these individuals are willing to serve our school through their involvement with Site Council. The Members of the 2017-2018 Site Council are:

Parents: Adam Hoffman, Cheryl Schromen, Liz Reed, Alauna Boettner, Laura Neal

Staff: Chad Hamilton, Karmella Sellers, Sara DeGree, Monica Redmond

BFO Representative – Jenna Mathew

Facilitator – Ken Miller

First meeting: Tonight, Thursday, September 14 at 6:00 in the school library.

Agenda for the first meeting: Review of the Site Council Bi-laws, updates on enrollment, discussion regarding Spotlight on Education Nights, and review of 2017-2018 school plan.

First District Professional Learning Day

Next Friday, September 22nd will be the first district-wide full-day of professional learning for all teachers. School WILL NOT be in session on this day so the teachers can become the learners on this day. Teachers will participate in a variety of learning sessions throughout the day. New learning is critical to help us to offer your child the best educational experience possible.



Friday, September 22nd

Eating Lunch with Your Child at School

If you would like to eat lunch with your child at school someday, you are welcome to do so. You can bring a special lunch for your child on that day or your child can purchase hot lunch and eat with you. If you plan on coming for lunch, it is helpful if your child knows ahead of time so he/she knows whether to order lunch. You do not need to call ahead; just check-in at the office, and the office staff will direct you to the gym at your child's lunchtime. Once in the gym, there is a special table reserved for our guests at lunch.

Student lunch times – Kindergarten -11:50, 1st Grade 11:55, 2nd Grade – 12:25, 3rd Grade 12:20, 4th Grade 12:15 and 5th Grade 11:45.

Bryant Bulldog Gathering (Formally the Walk-a-Round)

Today the BFO is sending home fundraiser information home with the mail carrier for each family. Be sure to check the book bags tonight!

SAVE THE DATE

When – Thursday, October 5th

Where – The Bryant School Playground

Participants – All Bryant Families

Time – 4:30-7:00

The funds raised through the Gathering are utilized to sponsor transportation for fieldwork for each class, recognition of teachers during Teacher Appreciation week, donations to classrooms for materials/activities, treats for all students for Valentine's Day, and a variety of other events. In addition, each year, the BFO identifies one major project to enhance the programming at Bryant. In addition, each year, the BFO identifies one major project to enhance the programming at Bryant.

This year the spotlight for the fundraising project will be to purchase a large screen and a specialized projector for the gym. This will enable a variety of different types of media to be used during large school gatherings and community events. We are excited at the prospect of this new equipment! Your support for this fundraising event will make the purchase of the projector and screen a success.

Volunteer Packets

If you ever want to volunteer in your child class or at school events, you must have completed a DCSD volunteer packet. These packets are available on the district's website at dbqschools.org or you may contact the Bryant office to have one sent home. For the protection of all children, we cannot allow anyone to volunteer until the application to volunteer has been approved by the district. The approval is good for five years, so you do not need to complete the packet each year. Even if you are unsure at this moment that you want to volunteer for an event, we suggest you complete the packet and have the approval on file. Then, if you ever want to be included in an event, you are set to go! Approval for the packet may take several weeks, so we don't want you to miss an event waiting for approval. If you have any questions about this, our office staff will be happy to help.

Skate Country Family Nights and Bryant Book Fair

The BFO has found a volunteer to organize the school's Skate Country Nights. A very special thanks to Kristen Kalish! We are so appreciative of your willingness to support this opportunity. We know families enjoyed these skate nights the last few years.

The BFO is still looking for volunteers to organize the school book fairs. The book fairs typically took place during both the fall and the spring conferences. The book fair was a perfect opportunity to purchase books and a very reasonable price. If you would like more information about how you could help to keep the book fair available to our families, you could talk with any of our BFO officers. Austin Reed, president – (563-564-5538, Bridget Hamilton – Treasurer (563-)564-9598 or Jenna Mathew – Secretary (563)564-9138. I know that they are anxious to find parents who would be willing to organize these programs!