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CALENDAR
The Week Ahead

Fri September 22

- NO SCHOOL
PROFESSIONAL
LEARNING DAY FOR
TEACHERS!

Mon September 25

- Leisure Services Soccer
3-4:30 pm
- Girl Scouts -2nd Grade
6-7:30 pm

Tue September 26

Wed September 27

- Picture Re-take Day
- Orchestra 3:00-4:45pm

Thurs September 28

- 7:30 am Choir Gr. 4 & 5
- Leisure Services Soccer
3:05 -4:45 pm

Friday September 29

Parent Teacher Conferences

It's time to plan for October Conferences. Bryant is using web-based conference scheduling. On Thursday, September 28 at 3:30 pm, the web portal will open. You will receive step-by-step directions and your students account information in their take home folder. If you need assistance, call the Bryant School office at 552-3400.

This year, we share our specialist team with Kennedy School. On Thursday, October 12th, the art, music and PE teachers will all be at Kennedy during conference hours. If you wish to meet with these teachers, please schedule your conference for Wednesday, October 18 or Thursday, October 19th, or call to speak with them directly.

We hope that by offering two longer evenings for conferences, we can better accommodate the needs of families.

Band and Orchestra

It is an exciting time for our 5th grade students who have decided to play an instrument this year. Jump Start lessons are complete and now it is time for lessons to begin at Bryant and for Band and Orchestra to begin their afterschool practices. Band will have lessons during the day on Monday and immediately afterschool until 3:45 the whole group band practice will take place in our music room. **Afterschool band rehearsal will begin on October 2!**

Orchestra will have lessons during the day on Wednesdays and whole group orchestra lessons on Wednesdays from 3:00-3:45. **Afterschool orchestra rehearsals will begin on this upcoming Wednesday, September 27th.**

Please encourage your child to practice and attend lessons and group practice on a regular basis.

After-school Playground Use

The playground is a great place for families and students to gather and spend time socializing. We could use your help to remind students that the new playground equipment that is fenced in is only for preschool and kindergarten students. We have a sign ordered to help remind students, but it has not arrived. If each family could give a reminder to those on the equipment, we can help to keep this equipment in good shape for our young learners. They have waited a long time for the equipment to come!

Picture Re-take Day

Next Wednesday morning, September 27th is picture re-take day. This date is scheduled for anyone who did not get their picture taken on registration day and for any students for whom families wish to have a retake. If you received a picture package and want a retake, please return the original packet with your child on Wednesday. The pictures will be taken right away at the beginning of day.



BFO Bryant Apparel

The BFO has extended the date to order Bryant apparel through Sunday, September 26th.

Summary of Action of the Bryant Site Council for Thursday, September 7th.

- **Bi-laws:** The bi-laws were reviewed and amended to meet changes in district expectations, a new parent position was added and the role of facilitator and recorder will now be selected by the members of the Site Council on an annual basis rather than by the principal.
- **Schedule for Site Council:** Instead of meeting monthly, the Site Council will meet bi-monthly. Ms. McCarron is scheduling Spotlight on Education Meetings in December and April. At these meetings, the entire school community is invited to learn more about educational topics. The first Spotlight on Education meeting will be held on December 7th. Our superintendent Stan Rheigans will be sharing information on the district budget, the DCSD Strategic Plan and legislation.
- **Update on School Goals:** The Council reviewed the goals for the upcoming school year.
- **Discussion of Section Reduction:** Enrollment for 2017 is 291. Three sections were cut from the building. Because of that reduction, we now are able to have a classroom for music, special education, English Language Learning, OT, and the instructional coach. Band and orchestra are also able to be held in a classroom rather than the foyer. Because enrollment is lower this year, the school budget for the 2018-2019 school year will also be reduced.
- **BFO Update:** BFO is busy planning the Bryant Bulldog Fundraiser that is scheduled for October 5th. We discussed the new format and the goal of raising \$15,000. The major target of the fundraiser is to purchase a screen and projector for the gym. The funds will also support classroom financial support, staff recognition and fieldwork. Packets for fundraisers were sent home on 9/14/17.

“Education is the
most powerful
weapon which you
can use to change
the world.”
- Nelson Mandela

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

Fundraising information was sent home with the designated mail carrier for you family last week. The BFO encourages you to seek donations to help support our school.

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.

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.



The fundraising goal for this
year is \$15,000!
Help us meet our goal!

First District Professional Learning Day

Next Friday, September 22nd will be the first district-wide full-day of professional learning for all teachers.
NO SCHOOL for students.

October is a Busy Month

October 3rd- Bryant Skate Night 6:00- 8:00 at Skate Country Sponsored by the BFO

October 5th – Bryant Bulldog Gathering 4:30-7:00 Sponsored by the BFO

October 12th – Evening Conference – Scheduled for Individual Families (School still in session)

October 18th – Evening Conference – Scheduled for Individual Families (School still in session)

October 19th – **No School** – Daytime Conferences -Scheduled for Individual Families

October 20th – **No School**

October 26th Music Concert for Grades K, 2, and 4. 6:30 pm

FAMILY RESOURCE

& FUN FAIR

KIDS
EXPO

Dubuque County

Saturday, October 7th
10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Grand River Center
Dubuque, IA

Health Services Available for Children:

Immunizations
Oral Health Screenings
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For immunizations
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Make an appointment
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