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CALENDAR The Week Ahead

Fri September 8

- Late Arrival

Mon September 11

- District Literacy Testing
- Girl Scouts -2nd Grade
6-7:30 pm

Tue September 12

- District Literacy Testing

Wed September 13

- District Literacy Testing

Thurs September 14

- 7:30 am Choir Gr. 4 & 5
- Site Council 6:30 pm

Fri September 15

- Late Arrival

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

This year, the BFO has made some changes to the annual Bryant Fund Raiser. The BFO sponsors one fundraising event each year. This year, in hopes of encouraging more families to participate, the event has been changed from a Saturday event to a Thursday event.

Prior to the event, an envelope will be sent home for each Bryant family. This will come home with the mail carrier for each family that is the youngest child if multiple children attend Bryant. Families are encouraged to consider donating to the BFO and to reach out to other families and friends to support Bryant School with a financial contribution. This is the **ONLY FUNDRAISER**, so you do not need to anticipate needing to approach family or friends later with other requests for a fundraiser. More information about the collection of donations will accompany the envelope that will be sent home with your child.

The Bryant Bulldog Gathering is an opportunity for families to come together and enjoy an evening of fun activities. A light dinner will be served; there will be music, various activities and door prizes! More details about the event will be coming soon.

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.

Bryant Site Council

Our first Site Council meeting of the year is Thursday, September 14 at 6:30 pm in the Bryant Library. The members of the Site Council for 2017-2018 are:

Parents: Adam Hoffman, Cheryl Schromen,

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

BFO Representative – Jenna Mathew

Facilitator – Ken Miller

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.

Changes in Parent Teacher Conferences

This year, in an effort to provide more evening conference times for parents, we will offer conferences on three different dates; the evenings of Thursday October 12 and Wednesday, October 18 plus the morning of Thursday, October 19th. Additional information regarding scheduling will be coming your way later in September.



End of the Day Pick-Up

Thanks so much for your help in establishing the new end of the day procedure at dismissal. By having parents meet their children on the playground verses the sidewalk, we are able to get students out of the building more quickly and students who are walking home are able to walk on the sidewalk more safely.

Boy Scouts

A member of the Boy Scouts will be at Bryant tomorrow, Friday, September 7 to share information with students about the Boy Scouts.

District Literacy Testing

Next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, all students in kindergarten through 5th grade will be participating in district-wide reading assessments. The assessment that students will be taking is called the FAST Assessment. A team of testers will come to Bryant and will assess all of the students. Students are tested individually on reading skills appropriate for their grade level. This assessment is very brief and is a screener to help teachers to match instruction to the individual needs of our students.

Hurricane Harvey

The students in Mrs. Ricklef's fifth grade class are sponsoring a service fundraising project for the victims of Hurricane Harvey. The funds collected will be given to Resources Unite to purchase bottled water that will be sent to those affected by the flood. Resources Unite are joining with Theisens to offer an entire pallet of bottled water for the purchase price of \$167. Our goal is to send a couple of pallets of water to affected region. Students are welcome to bring any size donation. We will continue to collect donations until Wednesday, September 13. Thanks to our fifth grades for demonstrating such care and compassion toward others.



School Pictures

School pictures are being sent home today, September 7, 2017. Be sure to look in your child's backpack. If you missed picture day, make-up day is Wednesday, September 26. We want to be sure to capture all of those smiling faces!

Skate Country Family Nights and Bryant Book fair

Last year, did your family enjoy attending the monthly skate parties with other Bryant families? Did you purchase books during conferences? Did you enjoy the reasonable prices at the book fair? Both the skate nights and the book fair were events that were organized by the Bryant BFO. Unfortunately, no one has volunteered to organize either of these events. If you would like more information about how you could help to keep these programs alive, 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!

Small Playground Equipment

We still could use your help to spread the word that only preschool and kindergarten students should utilize the small playground equipment within the fenced area. We are excited to have this new equipment, for our youngest students and want to maintain it for them. It is not designed for older students. If your children utilize the playground in the evening or on weekends, please reinforce that this practice is also in effect during these times.