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CALENDAR

The Week Ahead

Fri December 8

- 1 Hour Late Arrival

Mon December 11

- Band 3-3:45 pm
- Girl Scouts – 5th Grade 6-7:30 pm
- District Orchestra Concert 6:30-7:30 pm

Tue December 12

Wed December 13

- Orchestra 3-3:45 pm

Thurs December 14

- Choir 7:30-8:00 am
- Splash Bash 4-8:00 pm

Fri December 15

- 1 Hour Late Arrival

Skate Party **TONIGHT**

Looking for something fun to do and support the school at the same time? The BFO invites you to participate in the Skate Party tonight, Thursday, December 7 from 6-8:00. The proceeds from the Skate Party go to the BFO and are used to support Bryant in a variety of ways. Don't miss the fun!



District Orchestra Concert

Monday, December 11th is the Dubuque Community School District Orchestra Concert at Stephen Hempstead High School. Students should arrive at 5:30 pm and the concert will begin at 6:30.

Bryant BFO SPLASH BASH

Ready for fun? Make plans to join your Bryant friends and families at the Grand Harbor Resort on Thursday, December 14 from 4pm to 8pm. The cost is \$8 for students \$2 for chaperones. All students must have a chaperone accompany them to the Splash Bash. In order to receive the discounted price, you must mention that you are with Bryant School. Special thanks to the BFO for arranging for this event!

What are the Employability Skills in the Iowa Core?

Just as there are standards and expectations in the content areas of reading, writing, math, social studies and science, the Iowa Core contains standards an area called 21st Century Skills and Employability Skills. It might sound strange to reference “employability skills” when talking about elementary students, but the skills that later help students to be “employable” are skills that help them with life both in and out of school now, as well as in the future. Here are just a few examples of some concepts or skills that fall under the umbrella of “Employability Skills,” and are often a focus of our instruction:

- Setting goals
- Demonstrating good listening skills
- Being aware of the feeling and opinions of others
- Appropriately accepting constructive feedback
- Expressing ideas
- Listening attentively
- Respecting others
- Completing tasks


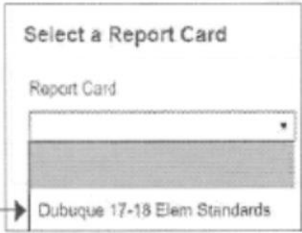

It is NEVER too early to develop these skills! These skills are taught explicitly and within all of the content and curricular areas.

Take time to discuss the importance of these skills with your child. Help them to understand how important these skills are for a happy and successful life. Sometimes as adults we take these skills for granted and forget that we needed to learn these skills just as we learned all other skills. It is a developmental journey and because of this, each year, the teachers continue to address the same skills but at a deeper and more complex level. We celebrate as students gain in their independence!

Have You Reviewed Your Child's Progress Report?

Just a reminder that instead of printing progress reports, all schools are asking parents to access their child's progress report electronically through PowerSchool. The district has contacted you regarding these changes and prior to Thanksgiving, and provided you with the specifics on how to access the electronic progress report. If you have not already done so, take the time to access and review the report, then discuss the information with your child. Please note the information below regarding how to access the report. If you have questions or need assistance to access the report, please call the school office.

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3... After logging into PowerSchool and selecting your student, follow these three simple steps:

- 1 Click the **Progress/Report Card** link at the bottom left side of the screen.

- 2 On the next screen, select **Dubuque 17-18 Elem Standards**.

- 3 Click the **Run Report** button.


Voila! Your student's progress report will appear on the screen!

Family Assistance Resources

We are at the time of year, with holidays and breaks, which can be extra special and enjoyable in many ways. At the same time, many families experience the challenges of being "stretched" and feeling stress about finances and covering basic needs, along with other possible giving. There are many local services in Dubuque which can help year-round and especially during this time. Please feel free to inquire with Ms. Anderson, Bryant School Counselor (552-3406), for confidential information and referrals regarding resources for food, clothing, or other needs and possible assistance. Local social services agencies/programs, distribution events, and other resources are there to help!

Hour of Code at Bryant

During Computer Science Education Week, December 4 – 10, all students have the opportunity to do an Hour of Code. Each class learns grade-appropriate programming concepts and then uses those concepts to code a program.

The Hour of Code is an attempt to teach students the basics of computer programming in 60 minutes in a fun, simple way. It is part of a campaign that Code.org, a non-profit organization launched in the US with the goal of introducing coding into the US curriculum and raising awareness about what coding is.

Computer science opens more doors for students than any other discipline in today's world. Learning even the basics will help students in virtually any career—from architecture to zoology. Just as we teach students how to dissect an owl pellet, or how electricity works, it's important for every 21st century student to have a chance to learn how the internet works.

Submitted by Mrs. Hermsen



BFO Sponsored Cookie Walk

Each December we like to gift the staff with a plate of goodies to take home and share during this holiday season.

This year our Cookie Walk will be on Monday, December 18th, from 7:30-9:30 am. We are looking for volunteers to bring 4 dozen assorted cookies, bars, candies. Consider bringing your favorite family holiday treat. The staff will be able to make up a plate of baked goods to take home.

Treats will need to be brought to school by 7:00 am that morning in order to have the event set up by 7:30 am. In case of a snow day on December 18, the Cookie Walk will be held on Tuesday, December 19 from 7:30-9:30 am.

Please contact Brooke Ellis (brookeyellis@gmail.com) or Jenna Mathew (jennamathew.1978@gmail.com) if you have any questions. Here is the website to sign-up 20f0a4dacad29a0fc1-cookie1.

Looking Ahead! Save the Date!

On January 11th at 6:00 pm, Superintendent of the Dubuque Community School District, Stan Rheingans, will come to Bryant to speak with parents. The BFO is sponsoring this informational session, and it will take place in the library. We would like a full house to welcome Mr. Rheingans.

Upcoming Calendar Events for December

December 11 - District Orchestra Concert 6:30-7:30pm at Hempstead

December 14 - Bryant Splash Bash at Grand Harbor 4-8pm

December 22 – Community Gathering Hosted by Grade 2

Last day of school before the holiday break

December 25 - January 2 – Holiday Break

January 3 – Classes resume

Don't forget to listen to the Bryant Choir on the radio this month!

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6:35 A.M.	11:35 A.M.	2:35 P.M.	7:35 P.M.
Dec. 1 Table Mound Elementary School	Hennessy Catholic School Petersburg	Sageville Elementary School	Western Dubuque Elementary Peosta
Dec. 2 LaSalle Catholic School Holy Cross	Prescott Elementary School	St. Francis Xavier Grade School	Marshall Elementary School
Dec. 3 JF Kennedy Elementary School	East Dubuque Elementary Band	Irving Elementary School	Seton Catholic School Peosta
Dec. 4 Resurrection Elementary School	Fulton Elementary School	St. Columbkille Elementary School	Eisenhower Elementary School
Dec. 5 Carver Elementary School	Western Dubuque Elementary Epworth	Bryant Elementary School	Holy Ghost Catholic School
Dec. 6 Western Dubuque Elementary Farley	Audubon Elementary School	Seton Catholic School Farley	East Dubuque Elementary Choir
Dec. 7 Western Dubuque Elementary Dyersville	Table Mound Elementary School	Hennessy Catholic School Petersburg	Sageville Elementary School
Dec. 8 Western Dubuque Elementary Peosta	LaSalle Catholic School Holy Cross	Prescott Elementary School	St. Francis Xavier Grade School
Dec. 9 Marshall Elementary School	JF Kennedy Elementary School	East Dubuque Elementary Band	Irving Elementary School
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