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CALENDAR

The Week Ahead

Fri Jan 19

- 1 Hour Late Arrival

Mon Jan 22

- Band 3-3:45

Tue Jan 23

Wed Jan 24

- MAP Testing 2SS
- Orchestra 3-3:45

Thur Jan 25

- Choir 7:30 a.m.
- Skate Party @ Skate Country 6-8pm

Fri Jan 26

- 1 Hour Late Arrival
- Community Gathering – 5th Grade Hosts 2:15pm

Winter MAP Testing

The district always wants to maximize instructional time for students and teachers. We continually examine our practices to see if there are ways to increase instructional time. This year, there was a district-wide conversation about winter MAP testing. Historically, students in grades 2-5 all participated in the winter MAP assessment. After much discussion, it was decided that for many students, the information gained through this mid-year test was information that teachers already knew or had access to in different ways. This is not a state required assessment, and it was decided that schools would determine their own plan for assessment.

Since, for students in grades 3-5, we have ITP as another assessment and students have taken the MAP assessment previously, we feel as though we have enough assessment data on MOST of the children and therefore, will not administer the assessment this winter. We will administer the assessment again this spring. There are a few students for whom we may need additional assessment information, and those students will be tested on an individualized basis.

Since 2nd grade does not yet take ITP and only has taken MAP once, we did feel as though the information gained through this winter testing can provide further insights about the students, and we can best match our teaching strategies with our learner's needs. Both 2nd grade classes will be taking the winter MAP assessment.

Conference Registration Right Around the Corner

Our spring conferences are right around the corner, and we need you to get your conference time scheduled. We will be using the same scheduling program and procedures as we did in the fall. The conference website is

<https://www.myschoolsystems.com/dubuque/bryant/>

On Thursday, January 25 at 3:30pm the conference website will open to schedule your conference. In case you need reminders, we will be sending your child's log-in information, password and instructions for the scheduling program home on Thursday, January 25. If you have any difficulty with scheduling, please give our office a call at 563-552-3400.

Our dates and times for conferences this spring will be:

Thursday, February 8- evening

Tuesday, February 13- evening

Thursday, February 15- morning

There is no school for students on Thursday, February 15 and Friday, February 16

Preschool Registration for 2018-2019

It is hard to believe, but planning for the 2018-2019 school year has begun! Registration for the DCSD preschools will be held on **Monday, February 5th at 7:00 am.** All preschools across our district will host registration on this day.

There are only two requirements for your child to attend the Free Four-Year Old program:

1. Your child must be 4 on or before September 15th, 2018
2. Your child must be a resident of Iowa

You may register your child for any preschool program within the district: there are no specific attendance boundaries. Although Bryant would love to have your child attend here if this is your homeschool for kindergarten but, there are a limited number of slots for preschool at each school. Attending Bryant may not be possible. Even if your child will not be able to attend Bryant, don't miss out on this wonderful experience. Every school will offer a great beginning to our young learners.

The doors for registration will not open until 7:00 a.m. at all schools so that all families have equal opportunity to register. Openings will be filled on a first-come basis. You may go on to the district website to obtain the forms for registration. Complete the forms and bring them with you to registration. This will speed up the time that it takes for enrollment on February 5th. Enrollment papers may not be accepted early.

To register your child, please make sure that you bring along your child's birth certificate for proof of age. We also can accept passports or signed immunization certificates. Students cannot be registered until there is proof of age.



Bryant Students in the Spotlight

- The Dubuque Community Schools and The University of Dubuque are sponsoring an exhibition of 1st grade artwork inspired by Eric Carle. **Preesha Rock and Calista Hinton** have their work included in the exhibit. The gallery is located on the first floor of the Heritage Center in the University of Dubuque and is open from noon to 5pm, Monday-Friday. A reception will be held for the artists this Saturday, January 20th at 1:00pm.
- The annual Martin Luther King Contest was held and a number of our students entered the contest. Congratulations to two of our students, **Jayme Miller and Sitanshu Rock**, the third grade winners!
- A cast of 39 local youth will present an original musical adaptation of Treasure Island on Saturday, January 20th at the University of Dubuque Heritage Center. **Mira Brock** will be one of the actors on stage!

Congratulations to all of the students.



Elks Free Throw Competition

Bryant took part in the Elks Free Throw Competition in December at our school. The winners were:

8-9 year old girls, Lauren Hamilton

8-9 year old boys, Kael Stickley

10-11 year old girls, Macie Conner

10-11 year old boys, Loren Cain

The school winners advanced to the next round, which was held at Prescott Elementary on January 6th. Kael Stickley and Macie Conner each won in their age division, and Lauren Hamilton was runner up in her age division.

The winners of the Prescott competition are invited to the next round, which will be in Charles City, Iowa. Congratulations to all of our competitors and GOOD LUCK on the next round!

Upcoming Calendar Events for January

January 25 – Skate Party 6-8pm at Skate Country

January 26 – Community Gathering – 5th Grade

