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**NO SCHOOL Monday,  
January 21.**

**The Conference Website will  
open on January 24. An  
information sheet will be  
sent home with instructions.  
More details to come.**

Welcome to 2019! I hope everyone enjoyed their break and got some much needed family time! One of my boys wanted a boomerang and I personally had never thrown one, so we had fun up at Hempstead trying to learn how to truly get it to come back!

With the start of a new year, we are starting some things fresh at school as well. One of them is our common area expectations. On Thursday, our school had an all-school assembly to kick-off the common area expectations. We got pumped up with some music, did a whole school greeting, watched a video created by Mr. Hamilton, and went over the new posters. The common areas include: bathroom, lunchroom, hallway, and recess. Attached to this newsletter is a "matrix" explaining what each areas expectations are. The students went around to each area today and learned how to be responsible, respectful, and safe. This way all students and staff are on the same page!

Because of the new common area expectations, I'm also going to ask a favor of the parents. If you stay after school and your child(ren) play on the equipment, can you please make sure they are not climbing up the slide. That they are only going down the slide. Also, that they are not hanging or jumping off the sides of the slides, please. We have common expectations for the playground until 4pm and hope this helps continue all student's safety!

- Megan Richardson, Principal

### Bryant Reading Night Thursday, January 10 from 6:00-7:30pm

The main entrance doors (Mt. Loretta Street) will open at **5:50pm**. Each family will be given a bag with a number. The number will let you know which station you will begin. There are 4 stations and each family will rotate to all of them. Our staff have worked hard and are very excited for this event. Thank you to all the families that have donated supplies.

Health Education Monthly Update: This month our health focus is going to be on: personal health/physical safety/hygiene/healthy goals. This topic focuses on the importance of keeping the body clean, how to stay physically active and healthy.



### Two-by-Two Character of the Month: ODAKOTAH

**Odakotah represents kindness. Being kind means that you are caring, show manners to both classmates and adults, use nice words, and are sympathetic towards others. This is an important quality to possess because when we are kind we are paying attention to others and we make others feel good about themselves.**

## Preschool Registration for 2019-2020

It is hard to believe, but planning for the 2019-2020 school year has begun! Registration for the DCSD preschools will be held on Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 am. All preschools across our district will host registration on this day.

There are three requirements for your child to attend the free four-year old program:

1. Your child must be 4 on or before September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
2. Your child must be a resident of Iowa.
3. Your child may not attend free preschool for two years. (If your child needs two years, it is a paid program if there is space available.)

You may register your child for any preschool program within the district: there are no specific attendance boundaries. Just for your information, there are a limited number of slots for preschool at each school. Attending Bryant may not be possible. 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 7:00am 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 4<sup>th</sup>. 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 Family Organization Changes and Request

The Bryant Family Organization would like to thank Austin Reed for all of the time and commitment he has provided over the last 4 1/2 years as the BFO vice president and most recently the BFO president. Austin was a great leader and contributed many resources while organizing the fall fundraiser/gathering, fun days, and Bryant apparel orders. Austin has decided to resign from the position and Abby Stickley (current VP) will fill the president role immediately. If anyone sees Austin around, make sure to give him a warm THANK YOU for all of his hard work and dedication!

With this change, the BFO is now looking for a parent volunteer to take on the Vice President role. The main responsibilities of this individual will be to attend all or most of the monthly meetings and to help make overall decisions with other members of the BFO executive board. If anyone has interest, please email Abby Stickley at [abby.stickley@gmail.com](mailto:abby.stickley@gmail.com).

## Weather Update

Students go outside for a 20 minute recess when the temperature is above 0. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the winter months!

## Open Enrollment for Secondary (Grades 6-12) for the 2019-2020 school year:

Families looking to fill out open enrollment applications for 6<sup>th</sup> grade for next school year need to apply online. The form is only available online from January 15, 2019 and the deadline for applying will be on March 1, 2019. Again, this is for **SECONDARY** (Grades 6-12) only!

## Upcoming Events

### January

- 7- Girl Scouts Grade 3 6-7:30pm (Art Room)
- 9- FAST Literacy Screening- All Grades
- 10- Bryant Reading Night 6-7:30pm
- 17- Girl Scouts Kindergarten 3:30-5:00pm (Art Room)
- 21- NO SCHOOL
- 22- MAP Testing Begins
- 22- Site Council 5:00-6:00pm  
BFO Meeting 6:00-7:00pm
- 25- Community Gathering Hosted by Grade 1 & Mr. Hamilton
- 28- Girl Scouts Grade 3 6-7:30pm (Art Room)

### February

- 1- NO SCHOOL
- 4- Preschool Registration 7:00am
- 7- PTS Conferences 3:30-8:00pm
- 13- PTS Conferences 3:30-8:00pm
- 14- PTS Conferences 8:00am-12:00pm

## Weekly Events

**Band** (Grade 5) **every Monday** individual lessons during the school day and group band rehearsal from 3:05-3:45pm.

**Orchestra** (Grade 5) **every Tuesday** individual lessons during the school day and group orchestra from 3:05-3:45pm.

**Choir** (Grades 4 & 5) **every Thursday** morning 7:30-8:05pm.

	<p align="center"><b><u>Be Respectful</u></b></p> <p>Being respectful means you treat others with kindness and show that you care about their feelings. (Show empathy)</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>Be Responsible</u></b></p> <p>Being responsible means you do the right thing even when no one is watching.</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>Be Safe</u></b></p> <p>Being safe means that you make choices that won't harm yourself or others. You are a good citizen.</p>
<b>Bathroom</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voice Level: 0-1</li> <li>• Respect the privacy of others</li> <li>• Respect school property</li> <li>• Wait patiently in line</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Always flush</li> <li>• One or two pumps of soap</li> <li>• Wash hands</li> <li>• Three pulls of paper towel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only 4 students in bathroom</li> <li>• One comes out, one goes in</li> <li>• Keep water in the sink, not on the floor</li> <li>• Report problems to an adult</li> </ul>
<b>Hallway</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arrival/Dismissal Voice Level: 2</li> <li>• School Day Voice Level: 0 (1 as needed)</li> <li>• Respect other students' learning</li> <li>• Respect school property</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Go straight to your destination</li> <li>• Walk on the right side</li> <li>• Be a good example for others</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walking feet at all times</li> <li>• Hands and feet to yourself</li> <li>• On stairs, use one step at a time</li> <li>• Report problems to an adult</li> </ul>
<b>Lunchroom</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voice Level: 1-2</li> <li>• Use your manners</li> <li>• Follow all directions from adults</li> <li>• Be patient in line</li> <li>• Touch only your food</li> <li>• Departure line voice level: 0 (1 as needed)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raise your hand if you need help</li> <li>• Leave nothing on the floor/table when you leave</li> <li>• Be a healthy eater</li> <li>• Speak clearly going through the line</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stay in your seat</li> <li>• Report spills or accidents</li> <li>• Walking feet at all times</li> <li>• Keep two hands on your tray</li> <li>• Face your table</li> <li>• Hold your lunchbox still</li> </ul>
<b>Playground</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voice Level: 3-4</li> <li>• Use kind words/kind actions</li> <li>• Follow directions from adults</li> <li>• Take turns</li> <li>• Follow rules of games</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use equipment correctly</li> <li>• Line up immediately when called</li> <li>• Stay in your class line</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself</li> <li>• Stay in designated area</li> <li>• Report problems quickly</li> </ul>
<b>Arrival and Dismissal Line</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voice Level: 2</li> <li>• Respect others' space</li> <li>• Listen for adult directions</li> <li>• Arrival time is 8:00am</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep book bag on your back</li> <li>• Walk straight to your spot</li> <li>• Know what line is yours</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walk at all times</li> <li>• Keep your hands, feet, and book bag to yourself</li> <li>• Stay in your line</li> </ul>