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April Health Education Update **Communicable Disease/ Non-Communicable Diseases**

This month's health topic focuses on strategies for lifetime disease prevention.

The Harlem Globetrotters Assembly

On April 2, Jet Rivers from the Harlem Globetrotters will be joining us for a student only assembly. He will be sharing an anti-bullying message. See his bio on the last page of the newsletter.



Bryant's Spring Book Fair Buy One Get One Free

Looking for new reading materials? Want to "stock up" for summer reading? The Bryant Spring Book Fair is ready for you. On **Friday, April 12th**, students have the opportunity to visit the Book Fair that will be set up in the Bryant Gym. When students purchase one book, they get the second of equal or lesser value free! What a deal! The hours of the Book Fair on Friday are 9:30 am-5:45 pm.

Students will have the opportunity to visit the book fair with their classroom during the school day. They are welcome to bring money to purchase books.

We can use volunteers to assist throughout the day, and pack-up at the end of the night. We would be thrilled to have you for any amount of time that you are able to attend. Please call Mrs. Rosemarie Hermsen at 563-552-3442, if you would like to assist.



Bryant Bulldog Families-

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a relaxing Spring Break and is ready to finish the year strong.

Spring Testing: Shortly after we return from Spring Break, students in 3rd through 5th grade will be taking the ISASP (Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress). The ISASP provides information on each student's skills and performance in several basic skill areas. Additionally, at the end of April/beginning of May, students in 2nd through 5th grade will be taking the MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) Test. The MAP is an online test in the areas of math and reading. Finally, all Kindergarten through 5th grade students will be administered the FAST screening tool which looks specifically at reading. Bryant will FAST test on April 24.

Combined with other information (ie. grades, daily tasks, input from teachers, etc.) these tests can help us identify student's strengths and areas to provide additional support to develop the best educational plan for each student. Here are some things you can do to help your child do his/her best: 1. Encourage your child to take the test seriously 2. Continue to maintain a consistent family routine (stress or conflict before the test may interfere with your child's performance) 3. Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep before the test and that he/she eats a healthy breakfast in the morning. One of the most important factors of being successful during testing is for students to attend all days of testing, try their best on the tests, and do not interrupt others taking their tests. Parents play a huge role in achieving this success, so please help us to provide a positive testing experience for your child.

Megan Richardson, Principal

Spring Concert Grades 1, 3, 5, and Choir

The spring program date has changed! Because of weather and testing, Mrs. Sellers wanted students to have enough time to prepare to perform for you. The new spring program date is **April 30 at 6:30 pm**. It promises to be musical and fun! You will not want to miss it. Thanks for supporting your child's music education.



Two-by-Two Character of the Month: Makawee

Makawee is the character for empathy. Showing empathy towards others is very important. When we show empathy we are being thankful, showing compassion, and being generous. Ways you can show empathy in school are: help a friend who is sad, let others know you are thankful, try to understand when someone is happy, sad, angry, etc.

Body Bee Winners

Congratulations to Gwenny Hall, Zach Mathew, Barrett Reed, Gavin Gordon, and Ben Schaefer. These students studied on their own time for a test on the Human Body Systems. They each took an individual test at Clarke University. Their scores combined received first place at the Human Body Bee. Barrett's individual test won first place overall. They will be receiving a trophy and a pizza party for the entire fifth grade because of their accomplishment!



Crayola ColorCycle

Crayola and schools across North America are banding together to help kids understand the importance of their role in protecting the environment. That's why we launched Crayola ColorCycle here at Bryant. Through this initiative, students in K-12 schools across the continental United States and parts of Canada can collect and repurpose used Crayola markers. This includes all markers (not just Crayola), highlighters, and dry-erase markers.

ColorCycle is also a great opportunity for teachers and their students to explore eco-friendly practices. Thank you to our BFO and Mrs. Daley, they will be collecting our markers each time we reach 40lbs, packing them up and sending it in to Crayola. From there, our markers will be recycled! Families- please feel free to send in markers from home as well. All you need to do is place them in the plastic bin that is right outside the office door! (You can send to school with your child(ren) and they can place in the bin!)

OPEN HOUSE DATES for Grade 5 Transitioning to Middle School

Washington: April 9 at 6:30 pm

Jefferson: April 4 at 6:00 pm

Roosevelt: April 4 at 7:00 pm

April 9 at 7:00 pm

Upcoming Events

April 8 – Bryant Skate Party 6:00-8:00 pm

April 9 – Washington Middle School Open House 6:30 pm

April 12—Book Fair 9:30am-5:45 pm

April 15 – Grade 1 trip to Heritage Center 11:45am – 1:15 pm

April 15 – Girl Scout – Grade 3 – Art Room 6:00-7:30 pm

April 17 – Girl Scouts –Kindergarten - Art Room 6:00-7:00 pm

April 19 – No School

April 23 – PreK & Kindergarten Welcome Event 6:00 pm

April 26 – Community Gathering – Hosted by 5th Grade – Start time: 2:45 pm

April 29 – Girl Scouts – Grade 3 – Art Room 6:00-7:30 pm

April 30 – Grades 2 and 5 to Heritage Center 9:15-11:15 am

April 30 – Spring Performance for Grades 1, 3, 5 and Choir – 6:30 pm in the Bryant Gym

May 2 – Elementary Track Meet – Senior High School

May 3 – “Go the Distance Day” at Loras College – 4th Grade

May 6 – Bryant Skate Party 6:00-8:00 pm

Weekly Events

Band (Grade 5) **every Monday** individual lessons during the school day and group band rehearsal from 3:30– 4:10pm.

Orchestra (Grade 5) **every Tuesday** individual lessons during the school day and group orchestra from 3:30-4:10pm.

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

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Guard ★6-1★ 3rd Season
Hometown: Elizabeth, NJ
College: Wagner College (N.Y.) '14

Jet Rivers joins the Harlem Globetrotters from Wagner College in Staten Island, where he spent the first two years of his collegiate career being coached by the sons of Hall of Fame high school coach, Bob Hurley – Dan Hurley and brother, Bobby.

At Wagner he became a two-time MVP, two-time All-NEC Selection and holds the school record for most victories for a four year class with 76 wins. Jet scored over 1,500 points during his four year career – only the 12th in the school's history – averaging 13.8 points, 2.8 rebounds and 2 assists per game.

Prior to attending Wagner, he earned All-State honors, All-Watchung Conference, First Team All-Union County and First Team All-Defense his senior year.

The 6-foot-1 guard was first introduced to basketball at 4 years old and credits his uncle for introducing him to the sport. "My uncle taught me everything I know about basketball and molded me into the person I am today. He's my greatest role model and has always been there for me," he said.

When Jet isn't busy playing basketball, he likes writing poetry and spending time with his family. Jet has dubbed himself the best cook on the east coast and thinks he could hold his own on Bravo's "Top Chef." His signature dish is buffalo chicken mac and cheese. If he could pick up any other skills, he'd like to learn to speak Spanish fluently.