



BRYANT NEWS



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Bryant Families-

We just finished our FAST testing, which is a reading screener given to students in grades K-5. New this year our K and 1st grade students also took the FAST math screener. Currently our 2nd-5th graders are taking the MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) test. This is a computerized test given in reading and math. Both the FAST and MAP data help us guide our reading and math instruction. If you are looking to find out more information on these two tests, please feel free to attend our Site Council meeting on October 8, in the library from 5:00-6:30 PM.

On October 4, Buildings and Grounds will be here installing a fence around our playground and blacktop area. This is for the safety of all students. There will be gates opened at arrival and dismissal so nothing will change on that end. Families will still be able to use the park and Gaga Ball Pit as usual, after hours and on non school days.

Thank you, and I look forward to seeing families at the Fall Gathering on October 10.

Megan Richardson, Principal

MONTHLY HEALTH UPDATE:

Focus on families- how they are different and alike, how they may change, and how family members and friends can help you stay healthy and safe. Children also discover the importance of showing respect, making wise decisions, and knowing how to resolve conflict.

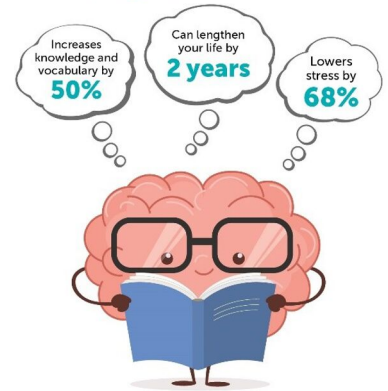
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BRYANT'S BOOK FAIR

Reading for pleasure unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Here's what you can do to help children develop stronger reading skills and a love for reading:

- Set the example. Let children see you read.
- Have a collection of books in your home. Update this collection routinely to keep up with changing taste and reading skills.
- Support the Bryant Book Fair. Allow your children to choose their won books to read.

Reading Fuels the Brain!



Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make sure to visit the Bryant Book Fair with your child and discover new books together.

SAVE THE DATES!

Tuesday, October 29: 8:30 AM-7:30 PM

Wednesday, October 30: 3:00 -7:30 PM

Thursday, October 31: 8:00 AM-Noon



NEW In-School Shopping Options! With Book Fair eWallet, a safe and convenient digital payment account, your student can shop the Fair cash-free! Visit our homepage to access eWallet.
<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/bryantelementaryschool5>



Join our Bryant Team!



We need 5-10 classroom substitutes!

- Teacher & paraprofessional positions available.
- School-day only opportunities.
- High school diploma required for paraprofessional substitutes.
- Appropriate licensure required for teacher substitutes.

APPLY NOW OR LEARN MORE AT:

www.dbqschools.org/careers



Upcoming Dates

September

27-Spirit Day- Favorite Team Day

27- Community Gathering at 2:20 PM (Hosted by Specialist Teachers)

30- Picture Retake Day

October

1- BFO Meeting 6-7 pm (Bryant Library)

2- Fundraiser Envelopes Due

4- No School (Professional Development for Staff)

8- Site Council (All parents welcome to attend) 5:00-6:30pm Bryant library

10- Annual Family Gathering 5:00-6:30 PM (Bryant Playground/Gym)

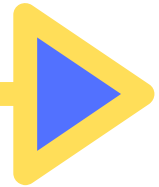
18- Community Gathering 2:20 PM (Hosted by Grade 3 & Mrs. Philippi)

25- Spirit Day- Crazy Hair/Hat Day

29 Conferences 3:30-8:00 PM, Book Fair 8:30 AM- 7:30 PM

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ANNUAL BRYANT SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

It's fundraiser time! Bryant School holds one annual fundraiser and your support is greatly appreciated! The Bryant Family Organization (BFO) is asking your family to work together and collect monetary donations. Envelopes were sent home with students last week and they are due back on **Wednesday, October 2**.

Remember, 100% of all donations will go directly to the Bryant Family Organization to benefit our students.

There are family and business incentives for donating. All donations will be collected per FAMILY, not individual child. When a level is reached per family, prizes will be given out to each child in the family.

THANK YOU in advance for all of your hard work to raise funds for our school!

OCTOBER PTS CONFERENCES

The Conference Scheduling Website will open on **Monday, October 14 at 3:30 PM**. An information sheet will be sent home with students that day which will have the username, password and website information.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Conferences will take place the evenings of October 29 & 30, and the morning of October 31.

BRYANT FAMILY ORGANIZATION SPONSORED

ANNUAL FAMILY GATHERING

Thursday, October 10

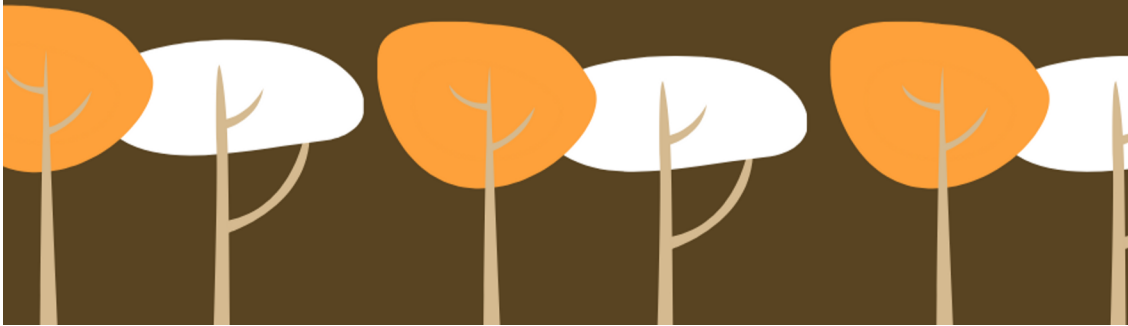
5:00-6:30 PM

Dinner Provided

Desserts for Purchase

Raffle Prizes

Fun Activities



MEAL ACCOUNTS- PURCHASING MILK

If a student is bringing lunch from home and they would like to purchase a milk, the cost is \$0.55, even if your child receives free or reduced meals. This is considered an a la carte purchase and there must be funds in the student account to purchase an a la carte item. If you have any questions, please call the Bryant Office.



COLORING COMPETITION

The Bryant Family Organization is looking for artists to create the cover for our thank you cards. The top 3-5 drawings will be made into thank you cards. We will have them available for purchase at the Family Gathering. A sheet was sent home with students yesterday explaining all the rules. **Turn into the office by Monday, September 30.** Have fun and be creative!

Foundation for Dubuque Public Schools
CHARITY NIGHT

First Monday Night Each Month
During the School Year at
Old Chicago from 6-9pm

Old Chicago will donate

10%

of net sales to the
Foundation for
Dubuque Public Schools!!

**GREAT FOOD
GREAT CAUSE!!**




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OLD CHICAGO
— PIZZA & TAPROOM —

For your reference as children are playing Gaga Ball after school hours.

GAGA BALL: Bryant Rules

1. Players start inside the pit with one hand on the top of the pit. There is no limit to the number of people that can play the game at the same time.
2. One player throws the ball into the air in the pit. All players say the word "Ga" on the first and second bounce. On the third bounce the players say "ball." The ball is now able to be contacted by any player.
3. Players may only hit the ball with their hands but, cannot catch, throw, or carry the ball (hold it on their hands for more than 1 second). After the ball hits the wall or another player, the same player may hit the ball again.
4. A player is out when:
 - a. The ball hits them from the waist down.
 - b. They hit the ball and it hits someone above the waist.
 - c. They contact the ball twice in a row without the ball hitting the wall or another player between hits/contacts.
 - d. They hit the ball and it goes over and out of the pit.
 - e. They contact the ball in an overhand, or lateral hand motion. (The ball must be contacted by one or two hands in an UNDERHAND motion, their fingers must be pointed toward the ground.)
 - f. They cannot use the walls of the Gaga pit for support, example: they cannot grab onto the Gaga pit wall to help them jump over the ball or avoid being contacted by the ball.
5. When a player is eliminated, they leave the Gaga pit and stand on the outside of the pit until the game is over.
6. The last person standing in the Gaga pit is the winner!



“If every 8 year old in the world is taught meditation,
we will eliminate violence from the
world within one generation.”

– Dalai Lama

Dear Parents,

This year our school is honored to bring Challenge to Change Inc. into our classrooms to provide Mindfulness lessons for all students. Your student is invited to participate in monthly Yoga and Mindfulness practices led by a certified Challenge to Change Kid's Yoga Teachers. The program prides itself on having reliable professionals with a passion for working with children and a proven curriculum. The Mindfulness curriculum delivered during these lessons was created by founder and former educator, Molly Schreiber and designed to increase social emotional skills in children. The Mindfulness Practices include, but are not limited to, deep breathing exercises, yoga poses and games, brain breaks, sensory tools and experiences, and guided relaxation practices.

These practices are proven to assist in the regulation of emotions, aid in focus and attention, improve self-awareness, mitigate the effects of bullying, increase self-confidence, and create a calm learning space. Yoga and Mindfulness practices promote self-connection and regulation and are not affiliated with any religious beliefs. Yoga is a multifaceted practice that has many layers, such as deep breathing, physical poses, relaxation tools, and sensory experiences.

If you have any questions regarding Yoga and Mindfulness in the Classroom please feel free to contact your building principal or Challenge to Change Inc. If you would like to know more about Yoga and Mindfulness please connect with Challenge to Change Inc. at <http://challengetochangeinc.com/> or MollyMSchreiber@gmail.com.

Thank you for sharing your students with us!



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