



BRYANT NEWS



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! Wow, we have the first 4 days in and the weather could not be better! With the windows open, it's even a little chilly in the mornings! Things are off to a great start here at Bryant. We had our common area practice this week where students learned the expectations in the lunch room, bathroom, playground, and hallways. Tomorrow will be our first Community Gathering and Spirit Day. We are looking forward to starting our Bryant traditions with students and getting them pumped up for the year. Our theme this year is "One More Round". We are going to be asking students and staff to do what it takes to go one more round. Our goal is to focus on the positive and empower all students to be the best they can each day. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the Welcome Back Picnic.

- Megan Richardson, Principal

MONTHLY HEALTH UPDATE:

September's health focus is emotional health and feelings. This month students will focus on identifying and promoting positive health behaviors and responsible decision making skills.

WARM WELCOME

Bryant is welcoming a Level 2 special education program to our building, which is a program that offers further supports beyond the multicategorical supports that we previously had for students with IEPs.

NEW TOOLS FOR STUDENTS

This year we have many flexible seating options available for students. We have standing desks, wobble seats, cushions, etc. that students can use while working. Another tool is the calming corner in each room. Students are able to take a break if needed. The tools are breathing, counting, using a fidget item, or just sitting and getting themselves ready for learning. We also have a focus room that is available to any student. This area is offered when students need about 10 minutes to go to a quiet place and redirect their thinking. The focus room has many soothing objects to use: kinetic sand, rice, stress balls, soothing sounds, rocking chair, bean bag, fidget items, etc. We understand that students have a rough day from time to time and things get heavy on our minds, this gives students a place to go to organize their thoughts and come back to the room ready to work and open to learning.



Welcome Back Picnic

Thursday, August 29
Bryant Playground
5:00-6:30 PM

Bring lawn chairs, blankets and anything else you need to have a picnic at the school playground. You can bring your own food or just hang out! The BFO will provide a treat for everyone.



Upcoming Dates

August

29- Welcome Back Picnic 5:00-6:30 at Bryant

30-Spirit Day- Neon Day

30- Community Gathering at 2:20 PM (Hosted by Mrs. Richardson & Mr Hamilton)

September

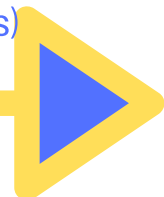
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9- Last day to order Bryant apparel

11- FAST Testing K-5

27-Spirit Day- Favorite Team Day

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



GRADE 5 BAND & ORCHESTRA

On Wednesday, September 4 from 1:30-2:45 PM all Grade 5 students will have Instrument Tryouts. This is a great opportunity for all students to have hands on time with the instruments. After that there will be a parent meeting at Washington Middle School on Tuesday, September 10 at 6:30 PM. More information will be sent home with all students in Grade 5.

BUS INFORMATION

There is a new law in Iowa that states if a bus has seat belts, all students and staff need to wear the seat belt. No exceptions. The one bus that Bryant students use does have seat belts. The district is going to purchase only buses with seat belts from here forward. This includes field trips and sport events as well. So, if your child needs to ride a bus that has seat belts, they will be required to wear it.

BRYANT APPAREL

There is a delay with the Bryant Apparel Online Store. As soon as the website is ready we will send the link to families via e-mail. Thank you for your patience.

PETS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

New this year, the district has a new policy (that is in the district parent handbook) that states that no pets are allowed on school grounds. This will be carried out by staff during our arrival and dismissal times. Thank you for understanding and keeping your pets at home when you drop off or pick up your child(ren). If you would like to arrange a meeting place off of school grounds, you are free to do so with your pet.