

# BRYANT NEWS

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Bryant Families-

Welcome to the new year of 2020!

With the start of a new year brings new goals, celebrations, strengths, and growth. Let's take a look at what we've done thus far:

- Successful K, 2, 4, Choir music concert
- 1st grade field trip to Heritage Center
- 3rd Grade Kids on the Block Assembly
- 3rd, 4th, and Specialist Teams/Students put on wonderful Community Gathering Assemblies
- We've had 5 spirit days
- A new Gaga Ball Pit and recess equipment
- Yoga started in our school
- Pacer and half mile goals were met
- 3rd and 5th grade went to the Symphony
- Band and Orchestra students performed in an elementary concert
- Students did the hour of code with Mrs. Hermsen
- We have implemented the new Bridges Math Curriculum
- 2nd grade has been working hard on their writing and adding describing words
- Kindergarten has learned about kindness and how to show kindness. They also have been working hard at writing sentences and starting to use some of the new sight words they are learning.
- Preschool has worked very hard on their shapes and colors and has been doing fun home connection activities!
- Students have been working on different textures in art and connecting that to things around them. They enjoy their sketch books and free time to draw.
- 4th grade put on a wonderful service project for our Humane Society. We collected numerous items to donate and help out our local animals in need. They also have been working hard on some green screen activities around novels they have read.

Thank you for your continued support of Bryant. We continue to see rigorous work being done, high expectations set, and goals being met.

I hope you have a fantastic Winter Break- and I look forward to seeing you in 2020.

Megan Richardson, Principal



### MONTHLY HEALTH UPDATE:

This month's health topic focuses on safe use of medications and health risks of alcohol, tobacco and other legal/illegal substances. Children also learn and practice refusal skills.

## **ISASP Testing Results (Iowa Statewide Assessment for Student Progress)**

Families should have received their child's scores in an email on Wednesday, December 18 regarding last Spring's ISASP (Iowa Statewide Assessment for Student Progress) scores. If you have any questions about the report, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Richardson and she can go over the results with you. Because this was the first year the test had been given, there are no norms at this time. Also, we can not compare these results to the former ITP testing because they are not comparable tests.

Overall, Bryant students scored very well! Our 3rd and 4th graders scored higher in math. Our 5th scored higher in reading. Science as a whole was lower for us, but when we look at the district and state, it was an area of weakness across the board. 3rd-5th graders will take the ISASP again this year in April. This year we will be taking it electronically, so our results will come back before the end of the year which will be nice to have data to compare!

## **Upcoming Dates**

### **December**

20- Spirit Day- Holiday Attire Day

20- Community Gathering at **2:30 PM (TIME CHANGE)** - Hosted by Bryant Staff

23-Jan 1 Winter Break- No School

### **January**

2- Classes Resume

9- Night of Number (Math Open House) 5:30-7:00 PM

13- Preschool Registration beginning at 7 AM for 2020-21 School Year

18- Bryant Night @ Fighting Saints Game

20- No School- Martin Luther King Jr. Day

31- Spirit Day- Backwards Day

31- Community Gathering at 2:20 PM- Hosted by Grade K & Ms. Anderson



**Winter Break December 23- January 1**  
**Classes Resume on January 2 .**





SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR:

# Night of Numbers

Math Open House

January 9th from 5:30-7:00 PM

Activities will be in your student's classrooms. You will get a deeper look at ST Math, Number Corner, and Work Places. Come and go as you please!

## PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2020-2021

Registration for all the DCSD preschools will be held on Monday, January 13th at 7:00 am. There are two requirements for your child to attend the free four-year old program:

1. Your child must be 4 on or before September 15th 2020.
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 boundaries. There is a limited number of slots for preschool at each school.

The doors for registration will not open until 7:00 am 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 the district website to obtain the forms for registration early January or packets will be available on January 13th.

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

## SECONDARY OPEN ENROLLMENT

The initial application time frame for the 2020-2021 school year secondary open enrollment will begin on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 and application will be accepted through 4:30 PM on Monday, March 2, 2020. Applications received after the March 2 deadline may be held until after August registration for consideration.

**Elementary open enrollment will run from March 16, 2020 through May 1, 2020.**

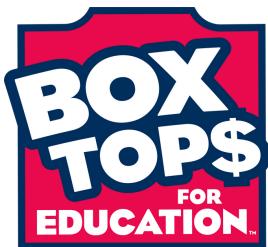
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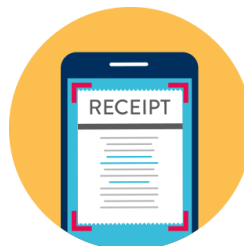
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# HOURL OF CODE AT BRYANT

During Computer Science Education Week, December 9 – 13, Bryant students had the opportunity to do an Hour of Code. They used blocks of code to take Steve or Alex on an adventure through one of the Minecraft worlds. Students were also introduced to Bee-Bot, an exciting little robot designed specifically to use with young learners. Another opportunity was given to students to be their own human robot and “run” a program to get to a specific colored square in the hallway.

The Hour of Code is an opportunity for every student to try computer science for one hour in a fun, simple way. It is part of a campaign that Code.org, a non-profit organization, launched in the United States with the goal of introducing coding into the curriculum and raising awareness around what coding is. It is now celebrated internationally.

Computer science opens more doors for students than any other discipline in today’s world. Learning even the basics will help students in virtually any career—from architecture to zoology. It’s important for every 21st century student to have a chance to learn how the Internet works.

Submitted by Mrs. Hermesen



## THANK YOU TO OFFICER BECK

A big “Thank You” to our School Resource Officer (SRO), Corporal Danielle Beck, for doing classroom visits and lessons with all of our grade levels, later in Nov.! Officer Beck is a Dubuque police officer and also works with our district elementary schools. She enjoys visiting and working at schools, interacting with students, and helping them feel more comfortable with the helpful police officer role. Sometimes, Officer Beck has been in the lunchroom, eating and visiting with students, and she has also been seen out at recess! Students know that Officer Beck is able to help in special ways, at our school and other schools, and in the community. We appreciate her visits and her work!

Listed below are the lesson topics presented by SRO Beck:

- Grade 5- Cyber Bullying
- Grade 4- Conflict vs. Bullying
- Grade 3- Being a Good Citizen
- Grade 2- Teasing and Getting Along with Others
- Grade 1- Safety/Being Aware of Your Surrounds
- Grade K- How to Call 911/What is an Emergency?
- Preschool- Learning About Officer Beck's Uniform

THANK  
YOU

# Bryant Family Organization



## December/January Newsletter



### Message from the BFO:

Thank you to everyone that provided teacher treats this month and for those of you who signed up to be on the movie night and Vertical Jump committees! We are excited for the events in 2020! You will receive information after the holiday break on how to purchase tickets for the Fighting Saints night. Let us know if you have any questions!

Thanks for all you do!

### Calendar of Events:

- **NO Meeting in January**
- **Next Meeting- 2/4**
- Bryant DBQ Fighting Saints Night - 1/18
- Movie Night- 2/6
- Vertical Jump Night- TBD (Apr)

Questions? Contact the BFO at:  
[bryantbfo@gmail.com](mailto:bryantbfo@gmail.com)  
Follow Bryant events on  
Facebook!



### Meetings & Highlight

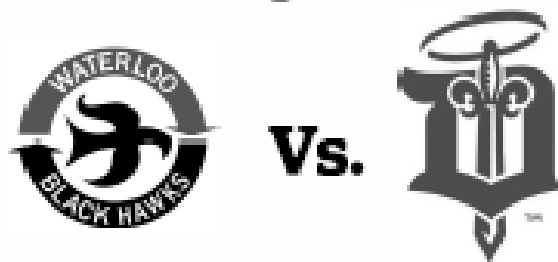
- 2/4 from 6-7 PM
- All meetings are held in the Bryant Library
- Save the date for the Bryant Dubuque Fighting Saints Night- 1/18
- Movie Night- 2/6

Did you know Box Tops for Education can be done all through an app? Go to [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) to learn how to download the app and start learning money for Bryant Elementary! It's super easy and you can save the time of clipping and sending them to school!



# Bryant Elementary

## A Night with the Dubuque Fighting Saints!



January 18, 2020

7:05 Puck Drop

Mystique Community Ice Center  
1800 Admiral Sheehy Dr.  
Dubuque, IA 52001

### Instructions:

Visit [DubuqueFightingSaints.com](http://DubuqueFightingSaints.com).  
Under "Tickets", select "Group Portal"

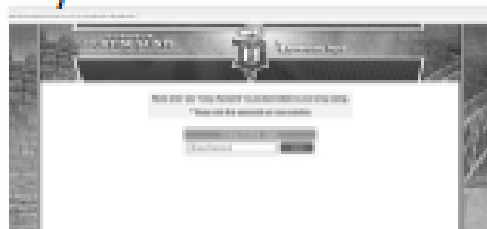


Select "CLICK HERE TO CONTINUE TO OUR  
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Enter the password set up by your organization:

**Bryant2020**



The group portal will show you the game and  
seats available for your group's special ticket rate

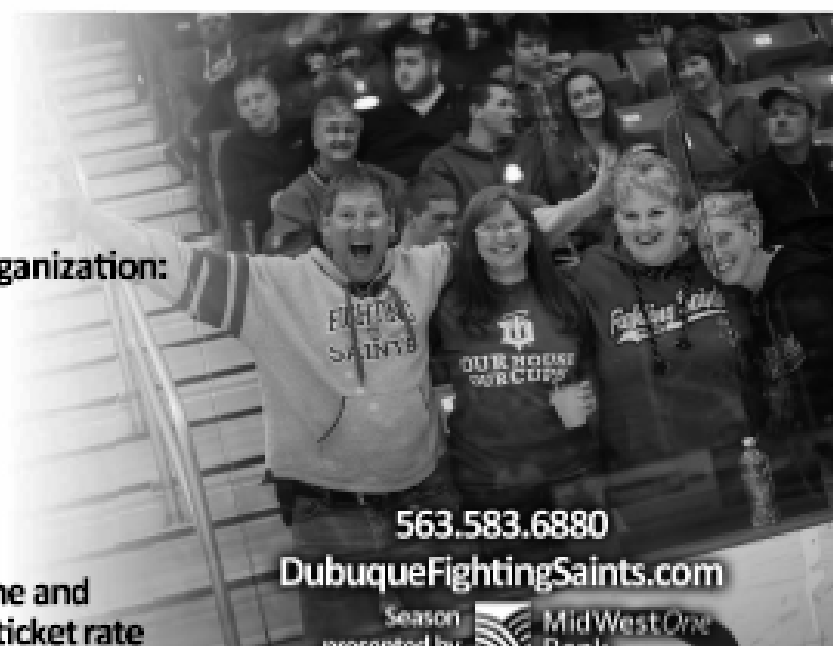
\$12 Per Ticket in Blue Section

Super Hero Night

Deadline January 10, 2020



Children 3 years and younger do not need a ticket



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