

BRYANT FAMILY NEWSLETTER

CALENDAR

Sept 7- No School- Labor Day

Sept 24- Bryant Family Newsletter

Oct 2- No School- Staff Professional Development

Oct 6- BFO Meeting Via Zoom at 6:00 PM

MONTHLY HEALTH TOPIC

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.

Have you completed the Infinite Campus On-Line Registration yet?

Every year this needs to be completed for each family. Call the Bryant Office if you have questions.



Dear Bryant Families,

Welcome to the start of the 2020-2021 school year. When I look back at the first two weeks of school, things could not be better! Students, staff, and families are following our safety guidelines with positive attitudes and finding creative ways to actively engage from a distance. To say I am proud of our community is an understatement. Bryant has a strong tradition in supporting one another and coming together as a team, and it has shown brightly during this pandemic. My gratitude goes out to all families for doing what works for them and finding the “new normal” for your family routines.

Please remember to send your child with a sweatshirt or jacket since the mornings have been chilly and classrooms are going outside for PE, recess, and mask breaks.

Don't hesitate to reach out to me with questions, concerns, or feedback. I believe it takes a village for us to get through this pandemic, and verbally processing our ideas together can lead to wonderful solutions. Thank you for your grace, empathy, and flexibility as we continue to work through this new year. I look forward to all the amazing things that will happen with our Bulldogs this year.

Megan Richardson, Principal

FACE MASKS/SUNSCREEN

- The students have been doing a fantastic job of wearing their face masks at school!
- Please make sure students wear a clean mask each day.
- If your child is wearing a gator mask, please make sure it is two-ply.
- Please put sunscreen on your child before they leave for school since we are outside for mask breaks, recess, and physical education class. The Foundation for Dubuque Public Schools has purchased spray sunscreen for all schools, so we do have some on hand if needed!



TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION FOR OUR HYBRID A/B STUDENTS ONLY

We understand that all families don't have a device yet due to our devices being stuck in customs. Our goal currently is to know what families do not have a device at home, and get at least one device into the hands of each family. We are still working out those details, and as soon as we know more we will be in touch.

In the meantime, teachers are currently not requiring ANY ONLINE assignments or work for our Hybrid A/B students. This means that students should not be doing any Lexia or ST math at this time (even if your family already owns a device). The purpose of this is to ensure that all students have the same opportunities to do grade level assignments.

Dubuque Community School COVID-19 Dashboard

As a district, we are committed to providing transparent, accurate data regarding cases of COVID-19 related to the school environment while also maintaining the ongoing confidentiality of our students and staff.

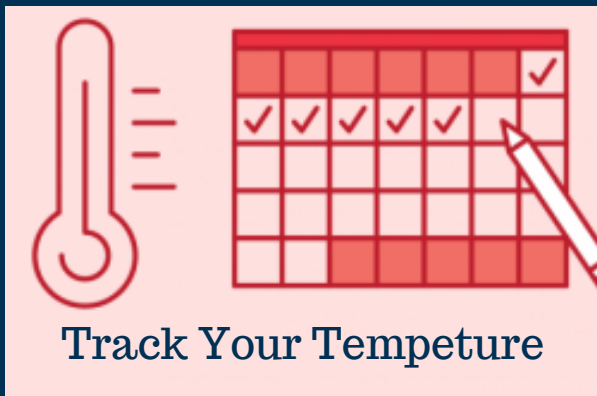
To do this, the district has launched a dashboard (updated daily Monday through Friday) to show the number of **ACTIVE, POSITIVE COVID-19** cases in the district as officially confirmed and reported to the district by Dubuque County Public Health Department, Visiting Nurse Association, Iowa Department of Public Health, or a licensed medical healthcare provider.

<https://www.dbqschools.org/coronavirus-information/covid-19-dashboard/>

As we move through the school year, and with COVID-19 present in our community, is it not unexpected that we will see positive cases among students and staff. As you know, the district has put many additional safety measures in place to minimize exposure at school, including have a reduced number of students in school each day through the hybrid program, social distancing measures in classrooms and common areas, the wearing of masks and increased sanitization practices.

It is important to note that any student or staff member identified as being in close contact with a positive case (within 6 feet or closer for 15 minutes or more) will be directly contacted to notify them of the exposure and instructed to self-quarantine for 14-days following the last exposure.

We hope that this dashboard serves as a resource for families and staff to obtain accurate, timely information regarding active COVID-19 cases in schools. Thank you for your continued support and flexibility as we work to ensure the safest possible environment for our students and staff.



To help reduce spread of COVID-19, students (with the assistance of their parent/guardian) need to conduct a daily home temperature screening before coming to school. **We have extra thermometers!** Contact the Bryant Office if you would like us to send an extra one home with your child. Thank you to the Foundation for Dubuque Public Schools for providing the Thermometers.

Bryant Family Organization

Please consider attending some Bryant Family Organization (BFO) meetings this year. Our BFO does many things for our school such as: provides teachers with money to purchase items for their classrooms, pays for one field trip per class each year, hosts our Welcome Back Picnic, hosts our Fall Family Fundraiser and evening with dinner, provides each student with a Valentine's Day snack, supports staff during teacher/staff appreciation week, helps organize Fun Day, arranges Family Movie Night, puts together our Skate Country nights, sets up our Vertical Jump Night, and more!! The next meeting will be on October 6th at 6:00 PM via zoom, and the link is as follows:

<https://dbqschools.zoom.us/j/81801340833?pwd=MUI4bmV3YWtGNIRHeTNObWdZS0YwQT09>

Meeting ID: 818 0134 0833

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