



Bryant Bulletin

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PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

We have experienced a more normal Michigan winter. It's been cold, but not like last year! From memory, most winters that I recall mix mild temperatures with the cold and snow. Our first major snow fall came mid-January and the ground has remained covered until just recently. I am eager for longer, warmer days. Spring is just around the corner!

Second semester is under way and the Fourth Marking Period is coming to an end. Grades are due by Tuesday, March 17th and Report Cards will be sent home prior to Parent Teacher Conferences. You will also receive a Parent Report from recent NWEA testing highlighting your child's academic progress in math, reading, language and science. If you would like to see improved results in your child's reading scores, please make sure that your child is reading for at least 20 minutes every day. Additionally, you may want to have your child keep a daily journal. Journal writing can strengthen writing skills and improve communication. Additional math support can be found at Khan Academy or Moby Max. If you need assistance with your child's username and password information, please contact your child's teacher or the school office.

Another underutilized resource for parents are Teacher Blogs and Parent (or Student) Connect. Teacher Blogs are used to keep parents and students informed about classroom happenings. Teachers upload worksheets, post homework and display classroom content that was covered during recent lessons. On Parent Connect you will find your child's current classroom marks posted along with assessment scores and graded homework. Additionally, you may also check your child's attendance and account balance for the cafeteria. Recently, students made tutorials that show parents how to logon and access information on Parent Connect. These tutorials are posted on the Bryant School Website under the 'Parent Resource' tab.

Thank you for your support! Please feel free to contact me at (313) 827-2900 if you have any questions or concerns.

Mr. Denison

Principal

REPORTING ABSENCE/TARDY

Attendance Phone 827-2901

The voice mail is available 24 hours a day. Please call before 8:00 a.m. on the day the student will be absent or late. If we do not receive a call from a parent regarding the student absence, a call will be made to your home phone to notify you of the absence. If a student must leave school due to illness or an appointment, a parent or guardian will be required to show a driver's license to sign them out. No child will be released to anyone not appearing on the Emergency card without administrative approval. If the student returns to school during the day, he/she must report to the office to sign in and get a pass back to class. Homework can be requested if a student is absent three consecutive days.

UPCOMING TESTING

April M-STEP 8th Grade

April/May M-STEP 7th Grade

May M-STEP 6th Grade

May/June- NWEA Testing

LATE START DATES

School begins at 9am on the following dates.

Doors open at 8:50am.

April, 15

May 13

*Parents: Copies the Bryant Newsletter are posted on the Bryant website.
If you do not have internet access, please contact the school office to receive a hard copy.*

TRAFFIC SAFETY

Over the past several weeks, a number of traffic incidents need to be addressed and resolved. Parents are parking illegally, talking on cell phones, blocking traffic and driveways, darting around parked cars, speeding and picking up/dropping off students in the middle of the street. Please help eliminate these traffic problems in an effort to keep our students safe. To help alleviate traffic congestion and make the traffic conditions safer for our students please:

- * Obey the street signs for parking and speed limits.
- * Refrain from making cell phone calls when driving a motor vehicle.
- * Never make a U-turn in the streets around the school.
- * Do not call or signal your child to enter the street.
- * Never stop your car in the middle of the street and block traffic to let your child out of your car.
- * Do not block crosswalks with your car. Keep clear of the white lines at the street corners.
- * At intersections, keep your car stopped completely when children are crossing in any direction.
- * Always have your child exit and enter the car on the curbside of the street.
- * Never drop off or pick up your child in areas that are designated for bus usage.

The Dearborn Police Department has been contacted, will step up patrols and monitor traffic patterns around the school. They can and will issue citations to motorist who fail to adhere to traffic laws and are creating an unsafe environment for students, staff members and other motorist. Please be aware that many of these citations include a very sizeable fine. Those parents who practice responsible driving habits need to be recognized and thanked for setting a good example. If each adult driver would follow the District Core Values: honesty, respect, integrity, responsibility, citizenship and courtesy, the traffic problems and safety concerns around Bryant would disappear.

8TH GRADE PARENTS

Research has shown that the 8th grade year is critical to success in high school. Please discuss with your child the importance of being on task and focused at school. We expect the 8th graders to be role models for the younger students.

As you are aware, your son/daughter will enter high school and be required to meet the new State of Michigan graduation requirements. The curriculum leading to graduation is much more precise and demanding than past ones. Part of that curriculum allows boards of education the ability to give high school graduation credit for courses taken in the middle school. Taking high school credit at the middle school level can provide students greater opportunity for electives at the high school level.

The Dearborn Board of Education offers students the opportunity to earn high school credit for math and Spanish while in 8th grade. These classes are based upon the High School Content Expectations and should mirror high school rigor.

Students passing these classes will receive a credit toward high school graduation. The class will appear on the student's high school transcript.

ART CLUB

Congratulations to the 6th grade Art Club. Students created a Mardi Gras banner for the 2015 celebration and won at \$250.00 toward the purchase of art supplies. The DFCU credit union will be presenting the check in March! Way to go Art Club!!!!

SPORTS SURVEYS

If your child participated in any of the competitive sports teams during the 2014-15 school year, please complete one of the following surveys. This information will be used by both Bryant Middle School and Dearborn Public Schools to improve our athletic programs. If you need a hard copy of the survey or would like to speak with Mr. Denison, please contact the school office at (313) 827-2900.

Parent Survey =

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KHT9GPY>

Student Survey =

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KBNGSZ7>

Save The Date

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PARENT WORKSHOP: PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR THE M-STEP EXAM

Preparing Your Child to Succeed!

Learn how to make sure school success can start at home. This 45 min.-1 hour workshop is designed to support busy parents and boost their child's achievement. It is also designed to inform and educate parents about the transition of the 40 year old MEAP to the new M-STEP state mandated exam. Parents will learn hands-on tips to help their child at home with reading, study skills, listening and following directions, getting ready for tests, overcoming test anxiety, developing a positive attitude and more! Refreshments will be served.

Date: March 31, 2015 (Tuesday)
Location: Bryant Middle School
460 N.Vernon, Dearborn , MI
Time: 7:00pm-8:15pm

For more information please call:
(734) 215-1173 or E-mail

nogginnowtutoring@gmail.com

MATHCOUNTS

On Saturday, February 14th, 15 Bryant students participated in a regional Mathcounts competition at Strong Middle School along with students from 4 other schools. Bryant students destroyed the competition, winning the top team honors and the next two highest individual honors.

As such, six Bryant students will participate in the State Mathcounts competition on March 14 held at the GM Tech Center. According to our volunteers, Bryant has not had six students (which is the most that could go) get through the regional in a long time.

The following students will be participating

First Team Honors

Ali Alzergani

Mohammed Alzergani

Tarek Hazamy

Arsalan Khan

Next Highest Individual Scorers

Emma Obermiller

Rachel Williams



Students of the Month-January 2015

6th grade

Mohammed Jamil Makki. He works well with those around him, makes good decisions and is influential in the classroom. He is also quick to volunteer and help out

Mr. Blake

Allison Quick Allison is a dedicated student who works hard to keep up exceptional grades. Allison is also very helpful in the classroom, both to her teachers and her classmates. She demonstrates a positive character and is trustworthy. Allison is an exceptional role model for other students.

Ms. Thomas

7th grade

Yassmine Majed Outstanding student, Positive attitude , Very helpful

Ms. Jones

Haidar Ballout Haidar has to work twice as hard as he peers to get good grades and he does. He continuously asks insightful questions to help to check for understanding. He is kind and thoughtful with his peers and he comes to class each day prepared with his work, a good attitude and a smile.

Mrs. Flack

8th grade

Esam Alwaseem Esam was new to Bryant, moving here from Dubai. At the beginning of the year he struggled in social studies. Recently, I have been impressed with the turn around Esam has made. He is focused in class and actively participates in all activities. Esam is really working hard and his effort is paying off. His grade has improved A LOT! It just goes to show that any time you put your mind to it, you can make a change. I am so proud of you, Esam!

Ms. Mualam

Ali Chahine Ali is one of the most hard working students I have. He consistently chooses SSR books to challenge himself and does a great job on the assignments that go with those books. He is a great example of what a Bryant Eagle should be, both in and out of the classroom.

Ms. Jamieson

Student of the Month Honorable Mentions

Ali Aboukhodr 7th Grade Mr. Piche

Angela Garcia 7th Grade Mrs. Elder

Julianna Kubicki 7th Grade Mrs Allen

Adam Jacobs 6th Grade Ms. Cosenza

Owen Naughton 6th Grade Ms. Traylor

Lana Hammoud 7th Grade Mr. Borg

Ali Dahoui 7th Grade Ms./ Reynaenart



Mohammed Alnakash 6th Grade Miss Thomas

Katie Garber 8th Grade Ms. Magee

Kate Stewart 7th Grade Mrs.

Sarina Sabbagh 6th grade Mrs. Griffin

Ashley Irick 6th grade Mrs. Griffin

Isacc Bazzi 7th grade Mrs. Peck

Haurra Fradi 8th grade Mrs. Clark

Spirit Week 2015





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MEDICATION

Please note that students are not permitted to self-administer prescription or over the counter medications during school hours. If your physician has determined that medication has to be taken during the school day, a Medical Authorization Form, available in the office must be completely filled out and signed by both the physician and the parent. The form and medication must be submitted to the office. Your child must report to the office to receive their medication. This policy of the Dearborn Public Schools is in accordance with General School Law (Section 380.11780).

BICYCLE SECURITY

Students must lock up their bikes in the racks on the north side or south side of the school. It is recommended that bicycles be secured with a strong cable and lock.

TEXTBOOKS

Parents can help students avoid end of the year fines, which can amount to a great deal of money, for damaged and lost texts by doing the following:

1. Periodically go over each text book with your child to examine and check for damage. This also shows the child that you will be monitoring his /her progress carefully. It is recommended that books be covered.
2. Do make sure that your child's name is written in the place provided on the inside of the cover with the teacher's name. This will help us get lost books back to the student quickly.
3. Do remind your child not to lend their books to friends as he/she are responsible for the book that they have been as signed.

Pesticide Prior Notification Request

As part of the Dearborn Public Schools District's pest management program, pesticides are occasionally applied. You have the right to be informed prior to any pesticide application made to the school grounds and building. In certain emergencies, pesticides may be applied without prior notice, but you will be provided notice following any such application. If you need prior notification, please complete the information below and submit to:

Andrew Denison

Principal, Bryant Middle School

460 N. Vernon

Dearborn, MI 48128 (313) 827-2900

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Student's Name _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Telephone Numbers (Daytime) _____ (Evening) _____

Please check one:

I wish to be notified prior to a scheduled pesticide treatment inside of the building.

I wish to be notified prior to a scheduled pesticide treatment on the outside grounds of the school.

Both of the above

Signature _____ Date _____

ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

No electronic equipment is allowed in school. Examples are portable cameras, iPods, hand held games, and PDA's. These items are frequently lost or stolen and disrupt the educational process. School personnel will not be responsible for lost or stolen items.

If an electronic device is seen or heard, it will be confiscated and returned only to a parent on the following day. The second time an electronic device is confiscated will result in a detention and a parent/guardian retrieving the device on the following Monday. If a student is caught using an electronic in class, the device will be confiscated and returned the following Monday to a parent or guardian. Repeated offenses may result in further discipline.

CELL PHONES

Dearborn Public Schools policy on cell phones is that they cannot be seen or heard. We discourage students from bringing them to school. If a phone is brought to school, it must be turned off and locked in the locker until 2:55 p.m. Students may not use their phones inside the school, or on the busses. Phones may only be used after school and outside of the building.

School personnel will not be responsible for lost or stolen phones. If a cell phone is seen or heard, it will be confiscated and returned only to a parent or guardian the following day. The second time a cell phone is confiscated will result in a parent/guardian picking up the cell phone on the following Monday. If a student is caught using a cell phone or if the cell phone rings in class, the cell phone will be confiscated, a detention will be assigned, and the phone will be returned the following Monday to a parent or guardian. Repeated offenses may result in further discipline.

PARENT CONNECT

Please take advantage of this exciting service. Parent Connect allows parents to view their student's grades in real time through the web. We encourage every parent to sign up and access parent connect regularly. Sign up forms can be found in the office or on the Bryant Middle School website.

LUNCH PRICES

Complete Lunch \$2.75
Sandwiches \$2.50
Fries \$1.25 and \$1.75
Salads and Fruit \$.75 - \$3.25
Desserts \$.30 - \$1.25

FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH

Students who received free or reduced lunches last year will be continued in September. Everyone will need to reapply to continue free or reduced lunch after September. The forms are available in the office.

LUNCH CHARGES

Lunch charges may be made for the lunch entrée only and must be paid back within one week. Students may not exceed \$5.00 in charges. The balance must be paid before any further charging is allowed.



SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION

Eligible students should have received a postcard from our transportation department telling them where they should wait for their bus and the pick up time. Students should make a point to learn their bus number and their driver's face. This makes it much easier to find the bus at dismissal time.

Riding the school bus is a privilege. Students are expected to behave as young adults on all buses. Students who misbehave will face a range of consequences including loss of riding privileges. All questions regarding transportation should be addressed to the Transportation Department at 827-3300.

High School activities or sports: Please provide information about the activities and sports you were involved in at your high school. Please include the years you were involved.

Community Service: Please provide information about any community service projects you were involved in during high school. Please include the name and phone number of the contact person in charge of your volunteer service.

Service #1: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Briefly describe your service:

Service #2: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Briefly describe your service:



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Arabic: تؤكد مدارس ديربورن على توفير خدمات الترجمة بدون أي شرط للحصول على هذه الخدمة المجانية ولفهم هذه الإستمارة يرجى الإتصال بمكتب خدمات الطلاب على الرقم 827-3005

French: Les écoles de Dearborn vous offrent le service de traduction sans aucune condition. Si vous souhaitez avoir le service gratuit pour comprendre le contenu de ce document, prière d'appeler le bureau de Services aux Etudiants 827-3005. **Spanish:** Las escuelas de Dearborn aceptan la afirmación de un padre que él o ella necesita ayuda con el idioma sin necesidad de corroboración adicional. Para obtener ayuda gratuita con la comprensión del contenido de este documento, por favor llame a la oficina de Servicios de los Estudiantes 827-3005 para recibir asistencia de traducción / interpretación.

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Romanian: Scolile orasului Dearborn accepta orice declaratie parinteasca care atesta nevoia copilul de asistenta cu limba engleza fara nici o dovada suplimentara. Daca aveti nevoie sa intelegeti acest document da-ti telefon la oficiul serviciilor scolare la numarul 827-3005 pentru a primi asistenta cu

Urdu: ڈیئر بورن اسکولوں میں والدین کا دعویٰ ہے کہ وہ یا وہ اضافی تعاون کی ضرورت ہوتی ہے بغیر زبان امداد کی ضرورت ہے کو قبول کرتے ہیں۔ اس دستاویز کے مواد کو سمجھنے کے ساتھ مفت میں مدد کے لئے، براہ مہربانی مدد ترجمہ / تشریح کے لئے طالب علم کی خدمات کے دفتر کو کال کریں 827-3005