



# Bryant Bulletin

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## PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

### Parents,

The end of the year is quickly approaching. Encourage your child to finish the school year strong and on a positive note. There is much work left to accomplish before summer vacation begins in June. Do not allow the nicer weather and busyness of spring, become a distraction to your child. Continue with high expectations and enforce established boundaries to keep them safe and focused on the correct priorities.

Continue to check your child's planner, their teacher's blogs and log in frequently to Parent Connect to make sure they are turning in assignments and succeeding on class assessments. Each classroom will continue to work on required curriculum until school ends on June 16th. ***Please note that the 8th Grade Honors Program will take place on Monday, June 13th @ 6:00 p.m.*** This is a change in practice from previous years.

During the summer months, set aside time for your child to read and complete required I-learn courses. We need to work together to prevent summer learning loss; reading books and completing math assignments will keep your child learning. Specifics on these requirements will be posted on the school blog and reviewed with students before they leave for summer vacation. Remember, a person who reads just 20 minutes a day sees 1,800,000 more words than someone who does not read. Readers have a more extensive and advanced vocabulary and are better writers.

In addition to completing these tasks, spend some quality time with your children; visit our local parks, go to the public library, watch a Tiger game together or spend some time playing games at the dinner table. Summer months are a great time to reconnect with our families.

Enjoy the final months of school and have a great summer!

***Mr. Denison***

Principal

## UPCOMING TESTING

**May M-STEP 7th grade**

**May/June NWEA Testing**



### LATE START DATE

School begins at 9am on the following dates. Doors open at 8:50am.

**May 11**

*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.*

## Stranger Danger

Spring is the time of year when we hear of strangers approaching children in neighborhoods, parks, shopping centers and around schools. It is important for you to use this opportunity to remind your children of the danger of talking to strangers and to always be alert and aware of their surroundings. If your child is approached by a stranger, they should notify an adult and contact the Dearborn Police.

Please take a few moments today and discuss with your child how to be safe on the way to and from school. Here are a few helpful reminders:

- Never talk to a stranger.
- Never get into a car with a stranger.
- Never talk to a stranger who is looking for his/her lost pet.
- Children should walk to and from school with other children.
- Always report suspicious characters to parents, teachers and the police.
- If approached by a stranger, tell an adult.

*Remind your child to be safe and communicate with you if they are approached by a stranger.*

## “Recycle at School Recycle at Home”

The students of Bryant Middle School are participating in a pilot recycling program called ‘Recycle at Home, Recycle at School’. Dearborn Public Schools has developed a partnership with the City of Dearborn (Sean Adams) and Recycle Ann Arbor (Bryan Weinert). The goal of the program is to reduce the amount of materials that are placed in the dumpster by one-third each week. Students will place green containers full of paper waste, plastic bottles and other recyclables on the curb each Wednesday. Faculty sponsors from the Green Schools Committee and City Beautiful Committee will be working with a number of students to implement the program. The program officially started this morning...first pick up is Wednesday, May 4th.





# RECYCLE @ SCHOOL

# RECYCLE @ HOME



## Classroom-Based Single Stream Recycling Quick Start Guide

### What is single-stream recycling?

Single-stream recycling (also known as "fully commingled") is a system in which all recyclable materials such as paper, plastics, metals, and other acceptable materials are placed in a single container and sorted by the MRF (Material Recovery Facility) into separate commodities.

### What can I put in the recycling box/cart?

- Office/School Paper
- Cardboard and paperboard (flatten)
- Glass jars and bottles (empty)
- Steel, tin, and aluminum cans (empty)
- Plastic bottles and containers (marked 1-7)
- Paper cardboard, milk & juice boxes (empty)

### So how does this work?

Simply place acceptable recyclables into the bin in your classroom and when it is full, empty your bin into a nearby City of Dearborn 96-gallon cart. The recycling carts will be emptied weekly at each school.

### Help prevent contamination!

Please be on the lookout for these unacceptable materials:

- Food of any kind
- Plastic, glass, or paper cardboard containers that are not empty
- Kleenexes and paper towels
- Cloth or any other fabric material

### Can I recycle this?

- Aluminum foil? Sure, but make sure it is clean
- Batteries? Thumbs down....
- Ceramic mugs or cups? Strictly prohibited
- Clothing or fabrics? Um...NO
- Film plastic (food wrapping)? Forbidden
- Food bags? NO
- Glue containers? YES - If empty and rinsed
- Glossy paper? YEP
- Kleenex or paper towels? Yuck....No
- Liquids? NO
- Magazines? You betcha!
- Milk/juice boxes? Yes - If empty
- Newspapers? - Sure!
- Paper with paint on it? NOPE
- Paper with tape? Yes
- Paperclips and staples? Yes, it's metal!
- Pencils and pens? Better not....
- Plastic bags? NO WAY!
- Plastic bottle caps? Sure!
- Styrofoam? Big NO
- Tissue paper? Prohibited
- Wire clothes hangers? Yes
- Wood or other organic material? Sorry, but NO



# RECYCLE @ HOME RECYCLE @ SCHOOL



**PAPER**



**FLATTEN CARDBOARD  
AND PAPERBOARD**



**PLASTIC  
BOTTLES  
AND  
CONTAINERS**  
1-7



**GLASS  
JARS AND  
BOTTLES**



**PAPER,  
CARDBOARD,  
DAIRY  
AND JUICE  
BOTTLES**



**STEEL,  
TIN  
AND  
ALUMINUM  
CANS**



## SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING @ SCHOOL AND HOME

- EMPTY COATED PAPER CARDBOARD, DAIRY AND JUICE CONTAINERS
- EMPTY PLASTIC BOTTLE AND CONTAINERS MARKED 1-7
- PAPER - NEWSPAPERS, PHONE BOOKS, MAGAZINES, SCHOOL AND OFFICE PAPER
- FLATTEN AND BREAK DOWN CARDBOARD BOXES AND PAPERBOARD
- CLEAN GLASS JARS AND BOTTLES
- EMPTY STEEL, ALUMINUM, TIN CANS AND CONTAINERS



### PILOT PROGRAM SPONSORS



## ART NEWS

The following students have been chosen to represent Bryant Middle School this year in the Annual City Wide Arts Festival. The Public opening is this Wednesday, April 13th from 4:00-5:30 pm at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center in the Padzieski Gallery. The show will be up for viewing until May 12th.

### ***Congratulations!!!***

**Mohamed Najm 6th**

**Ali Charara 6th**

**Charlie Frank 7th**

**Matilda Wojtowicz 7th**

**Allison Quick 7th**

**Alice Zagrean 7th**

**Ashley Parker 7th**

**Isabella Hadous 8th**

**Isabelle Drennon 8th**

**Evelyn Bowman 8th**

**Chloe Rahal 8th**

**Ella Piziali 8th**

**Victoria Smas 8th**

## BRYANT COURTYARD

***Attention teachers, students and parents...***

Spring clean-up in the Bryant Courtyard has been scheduled for

**Saturday May 7 from 9:00-12:00.**

Thanks to your monetary donations, we were able to purchase much needed pea gravel. Now we just need the manpower to spread it. We will also be weeding flower gardens and other miscellaneous gardening tasks. Bring your work gloves and your rakes and join us in the courtyard (access from the east side of the school).



## 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.



## 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.

## 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 assigned.

## 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.



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