



Bryant Bulletin

A Publication of BRYANT MIDDLE SCHOOL

460 N. Vernon Dearborn, Michigan 48128

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March/April 2016

PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

Spring is just around the corner! This means warmer and longer days are ahead.

Second semester is under way and the Fourth Marking Period is coming to an end. Grades are due by Monday, March 14th and Report Cards will be sent home to parents or given to parents at Parent/Teacher Conferences on Tuesday, March 15th. 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.

Other resources 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 purchases. Tutorials that show parents how to log on and access information on Parent Connect 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

M-Step Testing:

- 8th grade = April 11 to April 29
- 7th grade = April 25 to May 6
- 6th grade = May 9 to May 27

All testing will be completed online this year.

NWEA Testing:

The third round of testing will take place during the month of May for all students. Specific dates and times for testing will be determined by teachers. Students will take tests in math, reading, language and science.

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.

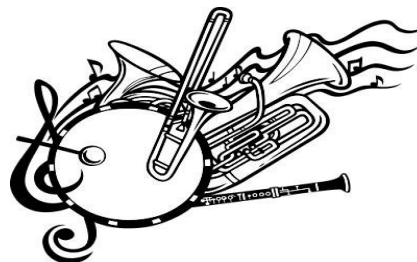
LATE START DATES

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

- March 16th
- May 11th

BRYANT BAND AND ORCHESTRA

Bryant's 7th and 8th grade band and orchestra's will be competing in the district MSBOA festival on Thursday March 10th and Friday March 11th.





M-STEP Parent Workshop

Please join us & save the date!

Noggin Now Tutoring Presents: PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR THE M-STEP EXAM

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!

Date: Wednesday, March 23, 2016

Location: Bryant Middle School Auditorium

Time: 7:00 p.m.

*For more information please contact us:
(734) 215-1173 or email nogginnowtutoring@gmail.com*

ورشة عمل الأهالي لامتحان ال M- Step

نتمنى منكم تذكر هذا اليوم و الانضمام إلينا!

تقدم مؤسسة Noggin Now التعليمية :

تهيئة ابنائكم لامتحان ال M- Step

إعلم أن كيفية التأكد من النجاح في المدرسة يبدأ من المنزل. صُممت ورشة العمل هذه- و التي ستستغرق من 45 الى 60 دقيقة (ساعة)- لدعم أولياء الأمور الدائمي الإنشغال، ولتعزيز قدرات الطلاب الأكاديمية و ترفع سوية إنجازاتهم . كما أنها مصممة لشرح و توضيح الإنتقال الجديد من امتحان ال MEAP الذي تم استخدامه على مر 40 عاماً مضت، الى امتحان ال M- Step الالزامي الرسمي الجديد. خلال هذه الجلسة سيتم تعريف الاهالي على بعض النصائح العملية التي بإمكانهم استخدامها لمساعدة الطالب في البيت في تطوير مهارات القراءة، الدراسة، الاستماع واتباع التعليمات و الاستعداد للامتحانات و التغلب على القلق و تطوير موقف إيجابي وغيرها من النشاطات !

التاريخ: الأربعاء - 23 آذار - 2016

المكان: مدرج مدرسة براينت الإعدادية.

الوقت: 7:00 مساءً

لمزيد من المعلومات الرجاء الاتصال بنا على رقم الهاتف او البريد الالكتروني
التاليين:

(734) 215-1173

nogginnowtutoring@gmail.com

Spirit Week 2015



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American Bald Eagle Adoption

This year Bryant Middle School along with the Green Schools Committee has decided to adopt an American Bald Eagle through the WWF. This symbolic adoption will provide funds to protect the species and their habitat. While the American Bald Eagle is no longer on the endangered species list, they still need our support. As a Bryant Eagle, I know we all stand in solidarity with our brother and will do all we can to see his glory restored.



Certificate of Adoption

This certificate acknowledges that
a symbolic adoption of an

AMERICAN BALD EAGLE
(Haliaeetus leucocephalus)

has been made with a generous
contribution to World Wildlife Fund
to protect species and their habitats.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carter S. Roberts".

Carter S. Roberts
President and CEO



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FIELD TRIP TO SEE ANNE FRANK PLAY



The Diary of Anne Frank Play Review By Hebah Hazemy

I saw this play February 26th. they play is based on a diary and the play takes place in Germany from the 1930s-1945. The diary is about a girl named Anne and her family who has to go into hiding. The cast members did a good job Taylor Morrow and Micheal Suchyta played Anne and Peter who were the star actors. I liked how the play was exactly like the play in the literature book. i didn't like the scene when Anne spilled the milk onto Mrs. Van Daan's fur coat i thought it should have been more dramatic. The theme of the story is to be grateful of where you live and the freedom you have because even today there are places where people are not free and don't have rights. I would recommend this play to people who like history and who like to read about past. I wouldn't recommend it to people who are not interested in learning. i liked the play.

Rating 5-5.

The Diary of Anne Frank: The Play By Abigail Thibodeau

The play I have recently seen, The Diary of Anne Frank, is a historical play about a young Jewish girl, named Anne, and how her and her family go into hiding during World War II. The characters are currently hiding in Amsterdam, in the "Secret Annex." Taylor Marrow (Anne), did an excellent job at portraying Anne's childish side. However, Alan Madlane (Mr. Dussel), did not portray the tense relationship between him and Anne as much as I would have liked. I really like how the actors added in the German accents; I thought it was a nice touch. I did not, however, like how quickly the thief scene went by it should have been a little longer to draw out suspense. A lesson I learned in this play was to be grateful for what you have. Some may learn to also be grateful for what they have, as the characters did not have much. I believe teens and adults would enjoy this play, even though it can be aimed at all audiences (younger kids may not enjoy it as much). Overall, the play was very good.

The Diary of Anne Frank
By: Raneen HouHou

On February 26, 2016 my 8th grade class and I watched the play Anne Frank. The play The Diary Of Anne Frank is by Francis Goodrich and Albert Hackett. This play was fiction, the main characters were; Anne Frank (Taylor Morrow), Peter VanDaan (Michael Suchyta) and Miep Gies (Katie Galazka). The play was about a girl named Anne and her family and friends having to hide out because the Jews were being taken by Germans to concentration camps because of their religion. Anne (Taylor Morrow) was a phenomenal actor because when the audience was being rude she kept going and made it believable that she was actually Anne. a lesson I learned was to be grateful for what you have even if it's not the best thing in the world because some people have it worse. I would recommend this play to my aunt because she is German so I think she would be able to understand and relate to it, also, I think this play was great. I would rate the play 5 stars because overall there were no mistakes, the actors were great, it was very believable, and last but not least the play was very good.

The Diary of Anne Frank
Critic: Eduardo Mireles

It will take your breath away. On February 26, 2016 I saw the play "The Diary of Anne Frank." The play takes place during WWII in a small spice shop. Anne a Jewish adolescent, hides from Nazis with her family and the Van Daan's. This play was well organized and performed especially the role played by Anne Frank, by actress Taylor Morrow. The scene that I enjoyed the most was the last scene when Mr. Frank was explaining how and when everyone died. Anne was the last one to die and then her over-head stage light was turned off. The lesson that I learned was that even though there were consequences in helping friends you always have to follow your heart and do what is just. I would recommend this play for adolescents because they would know how Anne feels. I would give this play a **5 out of 5**

The Diary of Anne Frank
By: Fatima Sareini

On Friday the 8th grade class watched a play about Anne Frank. The cast reenacted what happened during a non-fiction, informational play. The play was based on a time during the Holocaust and the Frank's went into hiding. The main characters were Anne, Margot Mrs. Frank, and Mr. Frank. Taylor Marrow played Anne and Drew Parker played Anne's father, overall they both did very well. I like the last scene in the play where Mr. Frank talked about how each of them died. I liked it most because it showed each person closing the lamp into the darkness every time they died either from hunger, disease, or lack of health care. The theme was that people shouldn't be discriminated by their religion or race and should be able to worship freely. I think that young-adults would enjoy this play best but I wouldn't recommend it to children. Overall, I enjoyed the play and thought it was good.

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MATHCOUNTS

It started with 139 registered Mathcounts teams. After the State Competition held this past weekend in Grand Rapids, Bryant's team of 8th graders finished 15th. Students also compete as individuals, and all five of Bryant's students finished in the top 120 of Mathcounts students out of over 1200 students. Bryant's 8th grade team consisted of Spencer Dickhudt, Rachel Williams, Prairie Skazalski and Ketzel Skazalski. In addition, 7th grader Andrew Brown competed as an individual.

11 Bryant students competed in a regional Mathcounts competition on Saturday over the break. Competing against students from Divine Child, Sacred Heart, Dearborn Academy and Strong Middle School, Bryant students showed their strong math skills.

The Bryant team of Spencer Dickhudt, Rachel Williams, Ketzel Skazalski and Prarie Skazalski finished in first place overall. Andrew Brown was the top individual scorer not on a first place team. All five Bryant students will be competing in the State competition on March 12 in Grand Rapids.

Thanks to Kelly Dear for coming out and cheering the students on!



ACADEMIC GAMES

The Academic Games team continued to plow through the competition in yesterday's 4th Tournament. The team scored a perfect 60 points out of 60 possible points. The top five player scores out of a team's top 10 players make up the team score. A player can score 12 points by winning both of their matches.

Bryant has six players who have not lost a match all year.- 8 matches through yesterday. They are 8th graders Rachel Williams, Prairie Skazalski, Ketzel Skazalski, Braeden Furlow, Alex Beltz and 7th grader Andrew Brown.

Dearborn Academic Games League Week 4 January 6, 2016

Overall Regular Season Standings

<i>School</i>	Week 1 Total	Week 2 Total	Week 3 Total	Week 4 Total	Week 5 Total	Season Total
Bryant	60	60	60	60		240
Woodworth	54	50	55	59		218
Unis	56	50	53	47		206
Salina	44	40	53	49		186
Lowrey	40	45	44	49		178
STEM	48	48	42	38		176
Smith	49	37	36	40		162
Stout	34	46	28	41		149

Congratulations to everyone who won both of his/her rounds this week!

Spencer Dickhudt, Rachel Williams, Ketzel Skazalski, Prairie Skazalski, Braeden Furlow, Andrew Brown, Caroline Giedeman, Alex Beltz, Alejandro Quesada, Lucas Blessing, Maryam Hamka, Ross Pence, Sara Gillette, Danielle Harajli, Allison Koehler, Hadi Hammoud, Musa Khreziat, Ali Dabaja, Ayman Shohatee, Ibrahim Ahmad, Gabe Fakhoury, Bryce McIntyre, Donna Khalil, Muhammad Alnasser, Leila Husein, Shahzennon, Taher Hussein, Moe Saleh, Summer Saeed, Owen Richardson, Ali Kassem, Ali Hamadeh

Solutions of the Week:

<u>Player Name:</u>	<u>School:</u>	<u>Goal:</u>	<u>Solution:</u>
Spencer Dickhudt	Bryant	28	$(7 - \sqrt{1 * 7}) - \sqrt{(5 * 2 - (3 - 6))}$
Saleem Alarrayashi	Salina	$1 \div 3$	$2 \div (7 - 1)$
Hussein Leila	Lowrey	51	$3 * (9 + 8) \div (4 - 3)$
Almunthir Elhady	Bryant	961	$(1 \div 2) - \sqrt{((8 \div ((3 - 2) \div (7 - 3))) - 1)}$
Moe Saleh	Unis	$3 * (1 - 4)$	$1 \div (7 * 4 - 1)$
Linh Nguyen	Smith	9	$(3 * 2) + ((7 - \sqrt{1 \div 8}) * 0)$

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.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Current High School: _____

Years Attended Bryant: _____

College or University you have been accepted to and plan to attend:

Field of Study You will pursue: _____

Leadership Positions: Please provide any leadership positions which you have held during high school. Please include the title of the position and the years you held the position.

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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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Please send this application to: 2015 Bryant Scholarship
c/o Michelle Dzingle
Bryant Middle School
460 N. Vernon
Dearborn, MI 48128
dzinglem@dearbornschools.org
by April 1, 2015



Dearborn Public Schools accept a parent's assertion that he or she needs language assistance without requiring additional corroboration. For free help with understanding the content of this document, please call the Student Services office 827-3005 for translation/interpretation Assistance.

Arabic: تؤكد مدارس ديربورن على توفير خدمات الترجمة بدون أي شرط للحصول على هذه الخدمة المجانية ولنفهم هذه الإستشارة 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.

Italian: Scuole Dearborn accettare l'affermazione di un genitore che lui o lei ha bisogno di assistenza lingua senza bisogno di ulteriori conferme. Per aiuto con la comprensione del contenuto di questo documento, si prega di chiamare l'ufficio Student Services 827-3005 per la traduzione / interpretazione di assistenza. **Albanian:** Shkolla DEARBORN pranojnë pohimin e të prindërve që ai ose ajo ka nevojë për ndihmë të gjuhës pa kërkuar vërtetim shtesë. Për ndihmë lirë me kuptuar përmbajtjen e këtij dokumenti, ju lutemi telefononi zyrën e shërbimeve për studentë 827-3005 për përkthim / interpretim ndihmë.

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۔