



Bryant Bulletin

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PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

First of all, I'd like to thank every parent who attended Parent/Teacher Conferences last month. We had over 80% of the Bryant parents participate. Thank you for taking time to meet with teachers. Students who are supported by parents tend to be more successful in school. Stay involved with your child's middle school years by connecting with our school.

Here are some tips that you may find helpful as you help your child with middle school math:

- * *Always have notes from class or a textbook when assisting your child with math work.*
- * *Ensure that the student takes responsibility for his/her own learning.*
- * *Never give children the answer to a problem.*
- * *Encourage your child to identify key words in word problems.*
- * *Realize that your child may struggle with abstract concepts if his/her brain is not quite ready for the content.*
- * *If your child is frustrated by mathematics, show him/her how to focus on the concepts rather than the procedures.*
- * *After your child has completed an assignment, ask him/her to share what was the most important idea.*

The author ends the article by stating that the most important idea to convey to your child is to never give up on math. Children progress at different levels and may need more time to be proficient in math

At Bryant, we have learned that 60% of the M-Step test is made up of basic skills type questions. The rest of the test is made up of items that require students to apply math problem solving strategies and use reasoning skills to solve higher-level problems. One of our major school improvement initiatives this year will focus on helping students solve problems using an approach called Claim-Evidence-Reasoning (CER). Teachers will be learning more about this strategy over the next several months during professional development meetings and will work to implement it during second semester.

If your child struggles in math, please speak to your child's teacher about ways the school can assist. Also, feel free to ask about Extended Day math program. We would love to help your child become more proficient in mathematics.

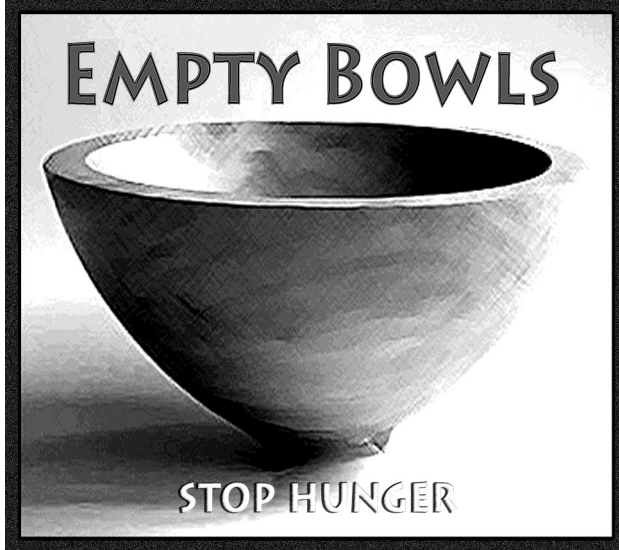
I hope that each family enjoys the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday with your family.



Mr. Denison

Principal, Bryant Middle School

*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.*



Dearborn's Art Department is having its 25 annual Empty Bowls Meal on Monday, November 21st from 4:00-6:30 pm. Suggested donation is \$5.00 per person. With each \$5.00 donation includes a simple meal of soup, bread, coffee or tea and a student made bowl. Everyone is welcome.

See you soon!

Mrs. Reynaert

Dearborn Schools Art Department

STUDENT COUNCIL

SPEAK OUT BE HEARD MAKE A CHANGE
WE MUST BECOME THE CHANGE WE WANT TO SEE

Bryant raised over 300 cans for the Gleaners, sold over 500 candy-grams, and thanked our neighbors by raking their yards!



LATE START DATES

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

- November 16, 2016
- December 21, 2016
- January 18, 2017
- February 15, 2017
- March 15, 2017
- April 12, 2017
- May 17, 2017



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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.

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translatia sau interpretarea lui. **Urdu:** ٹیئر بورن اسکولوں میں والدین کا دعویٰ ہے کہ وہ یا وہ اضافی تعاون کی ضرورت ہوتی ہے بغیر زبان امداد کی ضرورت ہے کہ 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

**National
Junior
Honor
Society**



The National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony will be taking place on Thursday, November 17th. The following are the list of students were are going to be inducted:

Taylor Berry

Kathryn Pegouske

Andrew Brown

Kyle Pfeiffer

Rebecca Dear

Allison Quick

Amina Ferris

Yasmine Rababeh

Charlie Frank

Natalia Salame

Maryam Hamka

Suzanne Sareini

Raya Jaber

Alexandra Slanec

Kaylyn LeVasseur

Adriana Viscomi

Kathleen Majeska

Jack Wehab

Avery McKelvey

Matilda Wojtowicz



Bryant Middle School launches Shoe Collection Drive to Raise Money to Support a Variety of School Enrichment Projects Shoe donations will help get shoes to people who need them, support micro-enterprises in developing nations and reduce what goes into landfills Bryant Middle School is conducting a shoe collection drive from October 3-December 20, 2016 to raise funds to support a variety of school enrichment projects . Bryant will earn money based on the number of shoes collected as Funds2Orgs will purchase all of the donated pairs. Those dollars will benefit projects selected by Bryant staff and students. Anyone can help by donating gently worn, or new shoes. All donated shoes will be redistributed throughout the Funds2Orgs network of microenterprise partners in developing nations. Funds2Orgs helps impoverished people start, maintain and grow businesses in countries such as Haiti, Honduras and other nations in Central America and Africa. Proceeds from the shoe sales are used to feed, clothe and house their families. One budding entrepreneur in Haiti even earned enough to send her son to law school. By donating shoes to Bryant's Drive, the shoes will be given a second chance and make a difference in people's lives. We would appreciate your support of our worthy cause. Our goal is 7,500 pairs of shoes. Shoes can be dropped off at Bryant during normal school hours. We can also assist with picking up shoes from your building, if needed If you have additional questions, please email BryantPinkShirt@yahoo.com An additional contact for more information is Kevin Renko at Renkok@dearbornschools.org The drive is going from Oct. 2- December 15th. Bryant Middle School sincerely hopes that you support us in our efforts!

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.

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.



ATHLETIC/ ACADEMIC FEES

To participate in athletics, middle school students must pay a \$50.00 activity fee. Participation requires the above fees to be paid before the activity begins. Other activities require a fee of \$25.00. This includes: math counts, academic games, chess, art club, etc.

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.

