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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 20th and Report Cards will be sent home to parents or given to parents at Parent/Teacher Conferences on Wednesday, March 22nd. 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.

Recently, I was reading "What's Best for Kids? Tips for Parents" by Judith Baenen. In the article she discusses a number of options that may be used when dealing with your middle school-aged child. Two particular points caught my attention. First off, **all friendships have ups and downs**. She goes on to explain that children learn that being "best friends" isn't always smooth sailing. When your child and their friend(s) are having difficulties, it is the job of parents to help their child see that one problem doesn't necessarily ruin a friendship, but stubbornness might. Support, listen to and expect that your child will be respectful to all of their classmates. Secondly, **when a parent is reprimanding their child, deal only with the precise problem, don't bring in other issues**.

When correcting our kids, it is easy to go on a rant and/or tirade because we are trying to solve a multitude of problems instead of focusing our attention on the single infraction. Take a moment to gather your thoughts before discussing concerns with your child and address specifics in hopes of keeping the message clear and concise. To read the entire article to learn more about helpful parenting tips by Judith Baenen, Google search "What's Best for Kids? Tips for Parents" or contact me and I will get you the entire article. As we enter into the final two marking periods of the school year. Encourage your child to finish strong and give their very best effort (academically, behaviorally, socially, etc.) at school every day. Feel free to contact me at (313) 827-2900 if you have any questions.

Mr. Denison

Principal

UPCOMING TESTING

M-Step Testing:

- 8th grade = April 10 to May 5
- 7th grade = May 1 to May 25
- 6th grade = May 1 to May 25

All testing will be completed online this year.

NWEA Testing:

The third round of testing will take place during the months of April and 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.

- April 12th
- May 17th

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.

MATHCOUNTS

Four students from Bryant competed in the Mathcounts State Competition held at the GM Tech Center in Warren. Using outdated calculators, thanks to our building being closed, the team of Andrew Brown, Almunthir Elhady, Camden Montierth, and Afif Jawad finished with a ranking of 18th in the state.

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.

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:



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 ولفهم هذه الإستمارة يرجى الإتصال بمكتب خدمات الطلاب على الرقم 827-3005

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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