



Bryant Bulletin

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PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

First of all, I'd like to thank every parent who attended Parent/Teacher Conferences in November. Thank you for taking time to meet with teachers and other staff members to see how you can best support your child's learning at Bryant. Students who are supported by parents tend to be more successful in school. You can keep track of your child's academic progress by using Parent Connect and/or by reading blog posts by teachers.

In an article called "*Don't Let Your Electronic Devices Derail Your Middle Schooler's Studies*" from *Middle School Parents Still Make the Difference* (this article referenced work done by K. Kowalski's When Smartphones Go to School). In this article it stated the obvious fact that middle schoolers are permanently attached to their phones, tablets and other devices. It isn't a surprise that students often use their phones while they are working on homework or other school projects. But researchers are showing that the more time students say that they text or use social media, the lower their grades. Some practical strategies are given on how to help your child stay focused:

1. **Talk about multi-tasking** with your child and how research says that it doesn't work
2. **Follow the rules regarding devices at school** (at Bryant they are supposed to stay in a student's locker)
3. **Limit the use of devices during homework time** because studies show that the more time students spend multitasking, the longer it takes to complete their work
4. **Be a role model yourself**; put your phone away during family time and while you are driving.

I hope that each family enjoys the upcoming Holiday Season with your family.

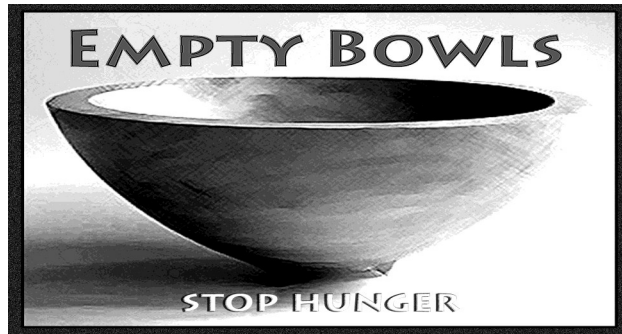
Mr. Denison

Principal, Bryant Middle School



- **Monday, November 12th**
4 - 7 pm
- **Wednesday, November 14th**
3:30 - 6:30 pm

*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.*



The Dearborn Public Schools Art department is hosting the 27th annual Empty Bowls meal on Monday, Nov. 19, from 4-6:30 p.m. at Park Place Banquet Hall, 23400 Park St., Dearborn.

For a suggested \$5 donation to fight hunger in our community, guests who attend this family-friendly dinner will receive a one-of-a-kind handmade bowl. This simple meal consists of soup, including vegan and gluten free options, made by Park Place Caterers, along with bread made by Star Bakery and coffee donated by Starbucks.

The bowls are made by Dearborn Public School students in kindergarten through high school. A tin can raffle also will be held.

Donations will support Gleaners Food Bank and Blessings in a Backpack, local charities that help feed the hungry. Guests can take a handmade bowl home as a reminder of all those who go hungry each day. No reservations are required, but those who arrive early will get first choice from all of the unique bowls made and donated by students and teachers in the Dearborn Public Schools.

STUDENT COUNCIL

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

Congratulations to Fatimah Hamka for her school winning essay, "My Personal Hero", for the America and Me Contest. We wish you the best in the state competition! Thank-you to those who participated as well.

Bryant students are showing that we care about others by participating in the Battle Against Hunger and collecting new board games for kids in foster care. Help us, help them by sending in canned goods or new board games by Nov. 15th.

LATE START DATES

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

December 12, 2018
February 6, 2019
March 13, 2019
April 24, 2019
May 15, 2019



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Urdu: گنر 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.

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.

BRYANT WINTER CONCERT

The 6,7,8th grade band, orchestra, and jazz band is Thursday December 13th at 7:00pm in the Bryant auditorium.

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 textbook 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 _____

8th Grade Principal's List

Adam	Saba
Ahmed	Alexander
Alhyari	Rama
Ali	Dina
Ali	Mina
Ali	Rowan
Alibrahimi	Mariam
Alkhafagi	Zahra
Almosawi	Ali
Alshumary	Yousef
Andrews	Avery
Awali	Ruba
Baidoun	Lana
Bazzi	Reem
Berry	Hassan
Beydoun	Jena
Darwich	Maha
Darwiche	Reem
DeKoning	Sophie
Devlin	Brooklyn
Dourra	Zaharaa
Doverspike	Chloe
Elboraii	Mahassen
Farhat	Layal
Ghazy	Malak
Hamka	Fatimah
Hamka	Rawan
Hammoud	Ali
Hammoud	Sally
Harajli	Amanda
Harb	Hadi
Hassan	Maya
Hazamy	Yasmeen

Hussein	Hasan
Koussan	Biladi
Lemuz	Elisett
Lindow	Madison
Luckey	Madelyn
Makki	Alayna
Mekled	Latifa
Nehme	Sajed
Oakley	Aidan
Peter	Antonina
Phillips	Tess
Quick	Ashley
Ramouni	Medina
Roberts	Grace
Roberts	Samuel
Saleh	Hawraa
Shatawi	Hadee
Yaghmour	Amneh
Zahwi	Heba

7th Grade Principal's List

Alenzi	Ali
Ali	Gabriella
Ali	Maya
Almohana	Amir
AlRabiah	Mahdi
Alsheeblawy	Zane
Atwi	Tia
Badaoui	Fatima
Baidoun	Dana
Baydoun	Malina
Berry	Ali
Bertini	Sophia
Besek	Thomas
Blake	Kade
Blumenstein	Brandon
Chaaban	Layla
Chahine	Ayah
Ciccione	Kiersten
Danclovic	Autumn
Eberwein	Jackson
ElArab	Mohamad
Elder	DemaNora
Elghoul	Ali
Elhajj	Lara
Elhawli	Walaa
Engel	Julia
Fitiani	Nimer
Giedeman	Erik
Hamade	Jennell
Hamed	Amily
Hammoud	ZeinabLatifa
Hazamy	Hussein
Homayed	Ali

Homayed	Mariam
Hughes	Averie
Ilayan	Billal
Jomaa	Ali
Kabbani	Fatima
Khanafer	Ali
Koehler	Jessica
Kristensen	Annabel
Mashhour	Nassim
Matar	Zahraa
McBroom	Lucas
Miller	Joseph
Montierth	Andrew
Moughni	Aya
Mounzer	Shaymaa
Nasser	Ava
Noureddine	Zahraa
Polk	Bridget
Rachidi	Haddy
Ryan	Brody
Saad	Lianna
Saad	Sonya
Sabra	Mohamad
Salame	Katya
Salameh	Serena
Sareini	Hassan
Sayed	Amany
Termos	Marian
Zein	Joud
Zorkot	Zeinab

6th Grade Principal's List

Abadi	Ayman
Alhabobi	Jude
Alidani	Muhammadali
Allebban	Maryam
Alzergani	Hawraa
Baidoun	Raya
Bazzi	Mia
Bazzi	Rayan
Best	Lily
Chahine	Nour
Chami	Rayan
Chehab	Mahdi
Ciavaglia	Stefano
Coykendall	Carter
DeSanto	Julius
Elayan	Zakaria
Elhajomar	Lena
Fakhoury	Aymen
Farhat	Sarina
Fawaz	Ali
Fawaz	Aya
Ghamlouche	Mariam
GutierrezSchmittou	Lila
Haidous	Ali
Hammoud	Manar
Head	Jacob
Hijazi	Celine
Ibrahim	Yara
Khalil	Moses
Khalil	Zahera
Lansang	Julian
Maginity	Emily
Majed	Maya

Makled	Adam
Meister	Alec
Melton	Anna
Morales	Harmony
Mroczka	Edward
Nasser	Ali
Nassereddine	Nouhad
Nsief	Layal
Owens	Julius
Phillips	Joseph
Pizzini	Marissa
Raza	Zainab
Reda	Yara
Ruselink	Kaitlyn
Saad	Adam
Sabbagh	Mahdi
Scurlock	Glenn
Sobh	Diala
Sobh	Mahmoud
Yasarlar	Semih

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.

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.

CELL PHONES

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. To obtain your PIN and password for Parent Connect, please stop by the Bryant main office and be prepared to show photo ID.

LUNCH IS NOW FREE

All Dearborn Schools students receive breakfast and lunch for free.

BRYANT PTA

PTA President = Stacey Krol
PTA Vice President = Kirstin Karoub
Secretary = Erin Andrews
Treasurer = Kim Roberts



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.



PARENTS / GUARDIANS BRYANT NOTIFICATION CENTER

Please remind your child to check the Bryant Notification Center located in the hallway between the main doors and office for items that have been dropped off. We post a large note with the student name on the board. They should remove the note and bring it to the office to retrieve the item. This includes, but is not limited to: lunch, homework, instruments, keys, money, backpacks, donuts, gym clothes, socks, shoes, swim gear, books etc. This is to reduce the interruptions in the classroom. The office staff will not interrupt the classrooms for forgotten/dropped off items.

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.

