



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 14th.

Please note that the 8th Grade Honors Program will take place on Monday, June 10th @ 6:00 p.m. More detailed information will be sent to 8th grade parents about this event early in June. It will be a great evening of celebration for our students and their parents.

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.

All Bryant students (current and incoming 6th graders) will be required to participate in a summer math and reading program. Your child will earn a grade next fall for participating. Specifics on these requirements will be posted on the school blog, reviewed with students before they leave for summer vacation and sent home with the last report card for the school year. 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, Bryant Middle School

UPCOMING TESTING

M-Step Testing: 6th & 7th graders

Week of April 29th; make-up testing the following week

NWEA Testing (Math and Reading)

All grades will test from May 13 - 31

NWEA Testing (Language and Science)

All grades will test from May 28 - June 13

***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.***

STUDENT COUNCIL

SPEAK OUT BE HEARD MAKE A CHANGE

WE MUST BECOME THE CHANGE WE WANT TO SEE

Recently Student Council made 15 blankets to give to children in hospitals through a program called Fleece and Thank-you. They also sponsored a book drive to benefit to RX Detroit and collected over 914 books. Because the school met their challenge, Mr. Denison allowed Mrs. Osak's advisory to through pies at him during the spirit day assembly. Student Council is now sponsoring a fundraiser "Pennies for Patients" to support the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Bryant Students and their families are being asked to collect loose change in order to help this organisation find a cure for blood cancer. The advisory that collects the most change will receive a pizza party.



BRYANT MEDIA CENTER NEWSLETTER

If you would like to read the latest Bryant Media Center Newsletter click on the link below

<https://www.smores.com/6epaq>

LAW DAY



Congratulations to the following Bryant students who were named winners in the 2019 Law Day Essay contest.

6th Grade 2nd Place Winner **Galeana Mireles**

6th Grade 3rd Place Winner **Stefano Ciavaglia**

7th Grade 1st Place Winner **Lara Elhadj**

7th Grade Honorable Mention **Amany Sayed**

8th Grade 1st Place Winner **Mahassen Elboraii**

8th Grade 2nd Place Winner **Hannan Farhat**

8th Grade 3rd Place Winner **Hadi Harb**

LATE START DATES

April 24, 2019

May 15, 2019

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

ART NEWS

The free City Wide Student Art Show and Youth Arts Night returned to the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center on April 24. The art show will be on display until May 29. The gallery is open Tuesdays to Fridays from noon to 6 p.m. and during select concerts at The Center.



Congratulations to the following students for having their art work selected to represent Bryant Middle School this 2018-2019 school year;

Anna Melton 6th grade

Fatimah Rice 6th grade

Erik Giedeman 7th grade

Sophie Bertini 7th grade

Mariam Alibrahimi 8th grade

Caitlin Milligan 8th grade

Maha Almachy 8th grade

Peter Schondorf 8th grade

Judi Abdulnaser 8th grade

Serena Salameh 7th grade

Sam Roberts 8th grade

Medina Ramouni 8th grade

Ava Assenmacher 7th grade

David John LeVasseur



David started scouts as a Tiger Cub in Pack 1147 at Howard Elementary School. He had great Leaders over these years but loved having his Dad as Pack Leader during his last year. After enjoying years of campouts at Camp Dearborn and Pinewood Derby Races, he became a Boy Scout in Troop 1147 on October 16, 2012. He served in leadership roles as Den Chief of Cub Scout Pack 1117 at Duvall Elementary where Mr. Andrew Angel was Pack Leader. He also served in Troop 1147 as Patrol Leader of the Xenon Patrol, Chaplain Aide, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Troop Guide, and since recently turning 18, is pursuing Adult Leader in the Troop status.

Of David's 33 merit badges, his most challenging was his last one; Personal Fitness. He enjoyed his Metalwork badge that he earned during summer camp at Camp Rotary the most. The four summers he spent at Camp Rotary are his most memorable camping experiences. He also loved the Marango Cave trip where he crawled around in the caves. David is most proud of being in the Order of the Arrow and will remember his "Ordeal" for the rest of his life.

David's Eagle Project was to clean, renovate, and upgrade the Natural Wonders Courtyard at Bryant Middle School. With help from Mrs. Mark and Mrs. Tozzi, the Courtyard Club Advisors, fellow scouts, friends, and family, the Courtyard is now ready for teachers to bring their classes outside and experience the beauty of nature and science in its various learning centers.

Currently a senior at Dearborn High School, David is part of the Collegiate Academy and will graduate from high school this June and plans to graduate from Henry Ford College with an Associate of Science degree in Pre-Engineering next May.

David is a member of the Dearborn High School Marching Band where he is the clarinet section leader. He also performs with the DHS Symphony Band and has earned high honors at Solo and Ensemble District and State Competitions. He also plays clarinet in the Dearborn Youth Symphony Orchestra.

David works summers as a Lifeguard and Water Safety Instructor at Boyne Area Swim School on Lake Charlevoix. He is also active at St. Anselm Catholic Church as a member of their Youth Group and as an Altar Server.



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 continuing to participate in a recycling program called ‘Recycle at Home, Recycle at School’. 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.

Enhanced recycling program comes to the
City of Dearborn. Collection is every week.

CURBSIDE RECYCLING GUIDELINES





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. Thank you to Officer Hansen for providing additional support during the morning drop off times on the southside of the building.

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 motorists who fail to adhere to traffic laws and are creating an unsafe environment for students, staff members and other motorists. 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.

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.

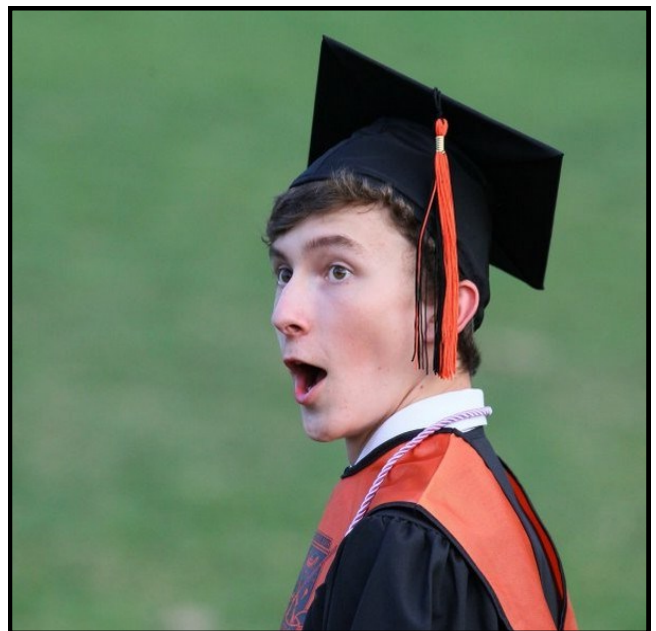
8TH GRADE PARENTS

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.



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.

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 _____



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 الإستشارة يرجى الإتصال بمكتب خدمات الطلاب على الرقم 827-3005

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