

Bryant Bulletin

January/February 2012

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BRYANT MIDDLE SCHOOL

460 N. Vernon
Dearborn, MI 48128
Office: 827-2900
Attendance: 827-2901

PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

Second semester is well under way here at Bryant! The students are adjusting to their new elective courses. Please discuss with your child the importance of taking advantage of a new marking period. Take some time to set goals with him/her. Goals can be very helpful in making better choices if a plan is created and regularly evaluated along the way. Goals can be as simple as getting a higher GPA, studying 2-3 days prior to every test or turning in all assignments.

Please remember that most of the teachers have blogs. Teacher blogs/staff websites let you know what is being studied and homework that has been assigned. Staff blogs are an excellent resource in finding out what is due BEFORE it is late. Parent connect is another resource. However, remember that parent connect lets you know what is missing. We do have extended day tutoring available for struggling students. Please contact the office for more information.

Together, we will continue to make Bryant Middle School the best!

Mrs. Peterson



No School February 20-24

LATE START DATES

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

February 15th
February 29th March 14th
March 28th April 4th
April 25th May 2nd
May 16th

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BOYS BASKETBALL, GIRLS' SWIMMING AND CHEERLEADERS ON A FANTASTIC SEASON!

MEAP CUT SCORES ARE CHANGING. WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

Recent articles and news reports announced a change in the way that the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) and the Michigan Merit Exam (MME) scores will be reported to the public. Specifically, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) raised minimum scores (cut scores) needed for a student to be considered proficient on the MEAP and MME tests.

The MDE feels that this change will better reflect whether students are on-track to being career and college ready when they complete their high school education. Michigan is only the third state in the nation (after New York and Tennessee) to adopt this more rigorous level of assessment scoring. With the more rigorous cut scores, students will need to answer correctly approximately 65% of the questions in order to earn a score of "proficient" on the state test, a substantial increase from approximately 39%, the previous requirement.

At Bryant, we will continue to look at the data and improve our instruction to improve student achievement. Although this will show a dip in our scores, we will bounce back stronger than ever.

REPORTING ABSENCE/TARDY

Attendance Line: 827-2901

FROM THE DESK OF MR. DEAR:

Making Good Choices

Second Semester brings with it the promise of nicer weather, class trips, outdoor activities, and new adventures as we look to the next year, but sometimes those promises get in the way of making the best choices. Often times we hear adults ask us if we made the best choice, what does that really mean. The best choice under the circumstances, the best choice for all involved, the best choice for now, or the best choice for the future? The correct answer is all of the above. When you make choices it is necessary to consider all of the possible effects of that choice.

If you choose to toss someone’s lunch out of the bus window, it is obvious that the person most affected is the young man or young lady who no longer has a lunch. What about the driver of the car behind the bus who is shocked by the bag hitting the windshield, slams on the brakes in busy morning traffic, slides on the wet road, and hits another car. Now two individuals are unable to continue their morning commute, and are late for work as they wait for the police to make a report. I doubt you thought about that as you tossed the lunch, or planned on it happening that way, but the chain reaction of bad choices is often unpredictable.

Now consider making a good choice. You are on the way home from school, you notice an elderly man having trouble fixing a flat tire. You don’t know a lot about changing tires, but you do know that you could help in removing the flat, and lifting the new tire into place if directed to do so. You stop and help, the elderly man is very grateful, but has no reward for your kindness. You were hoping for something, but you choose to be polite, wish the gentleman well, and head home. The next morning you are called to the office, and a phone message is played for you. It is the elderly gentleman and his daughter. They have called the school to thank you again and let us know how proud we should be of your actions. Your reward is realized and you can proudly face the rest of the day knowing you truly made a difference in someone’s day.

As you continue to make choices this year, stop and think, “Who will be affected by my choice, is it a positive effect, or a negative effect, and what will be the outcome be.

“Have the courage to choose, use your knowledge to choose well”

Kelly Dear
Assistant Principal

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 sto-

len 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.


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.

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 side of the cover with the teacher’s name. This will help us get lost books back to the student quickly.
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1. Do remind your child not to lend their books to friends as he/ she are responsible for the book that they have been assigned.

LUNCH INFORMATION

Prices:

- Complete lunch \$2.75
- Sandwiches \$2.50
- Fries \$1.25 and \$1.75

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.

PTSA Members, Parents, Students and Staff!,

All of the PTSA will work hard to see that these goals are achieved. As I stated last year, please note that the name is not **SPTSA** - as in **Some** Parents - each of us have children at Bryant and each of us needs to play our part in achieving this success. We all have busy schedules and multiple commitments as I know all too well. Again, **if each family has just one parent volunteer for just a single event, or even just one hour out of the entire school year, we will meet all our volunteer needs!** Can you honestly say you cannot afford one hour over the next year to help out? Please sign up on one of the volunteer sheets or give us a call/drop us a note to say you can help in any small way! Join the PTSA today.

Make your voice heard ... call us, come to a PTSA meeting, let us know what we can do to be even better. Many of the improvement and support programs we are working on will, of course, mean a commitment of money. Bryant PTSA has only one major fundraiser a year - the magazine subscription program. Even if you are not interested in this program, a donation per family of just \$20 or \$25 for the entire year, would mean we could meet our goals without having to rely entirely on the fundraiser. You can help in other ways too, such as the no cost Kroger, GFS, or Subway card programs, which again cost you nothing and rewards our school with each of your purchases - ask for details. And as also stated previously, we're all in this together for the same 700+ reasons - our 700+ kids - and with just a small effort you can help us make this year just a bit better for all. Please do what you can and I promise you and your child will be better because of it.

Vida Chatila
Bryant PTSA President

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Advisory to all Parents

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:

Shannon Peterson, Principal
Bryant Middle School
460 N. Vernon
Dearborn, MI 48128 (313) 827-2900

Pesticide Prior Notification Request

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.

REPORTING ABSENCE/TARDY **Attendance Line: 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.

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.

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.

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.

ATHLETIC/ ACADEMIC FEES

To participate in athletics or academic after school activities, middle school students must pay a \$50.00 activity fee. Participation requires the above fees to be paid before the activity begins. This one fee will cover students for every activity/sport during the current school year.



If you have difficulty understanding this notification, please call the Bilingual and Compensatory Education office at 827-3007.

ALBANIAN: Ju lutemi telefononi zyrën e Programit Dygjuhësor në 827-3007 për colo vështirësi në kuptimin e këtij njoftimi.

ARABIC:
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إذا كان لديك أية استفسارات، الرجاء الاتصال بالمكتب ثنائي اللغة على رقم 3007-

ITALIAN: Chiamano l'ufficio Bilingual and Compensatory Education 827-3007 se incontrano difficoltà a capire questae nota.

ROMANIAN: Daca nu intelegeti acest mesaj va rugam sa sunati la biroul Bilingual cu numarul 827-3007.

SPANISH: Por favor, llamen la oficina de Bilingual and Compensatory Education 827-3007 se no comprendon esta nota.

The following pages are filled with students who have made the honor roll. **Bolded names** are those with a perfect 4.0 GPA and have made the Principal's HONOR ROLL!

Congratulations!

Keep Up The

Congratulations!

Great WORK!!

Zeina	Ghoul	8	4.00
Nathan	Gonzales	8	4.00
Amanda	Guido	8	4.00
Nina	Gutierrez	8	4.00
Muhammad	Haidous	8	4.00
Adnan	Hamka	8	4.00
Kathryn	Joachim	8	4.00
Abigail	Kirk	8	4.00
Linda	Kobeissi	8	4.00
Maye	Kuhr	8	4.00
Karl	Lehmkuhl	8	4.00
Nour	Makki	8	4.00
Selena	Nehmeh	8	4.00
Gillian	Neubert	8	4.00
Michael	Prosi	8	4.00
Malek	Rammouni	8	4.00
John	Rudolph	8	4.00
Shannon	Salter	8	4.00
Natalie	Schlesinger	8	4.00
Mohammad	Shryim	8	4.00
Dylan	Smith	8	4.00
Roman	Stokes	8	4.00
Alexandra	Thompson	8	4.00

Zachary	Alabakoff	6	4.00	Batoul	Abbasi	7	4.00
Matthew	Apostle	6	4.00	Angie	Achkar	7	4.00
Ivana	Awada	6	4.00	Jacob	Agemy	7	4.00
Laura	Bazzi	6	4.00	Nina	Agemy	7	4.00
Adam	Bazzi	6	4.00	Sandra	Alaziz	7	4.00
Alexander	Belaire	6	4.00	Bint	Alsaad	7	4.00
Jenna	Berry	6	4.00	Taylor	Barry	7	4.00
Zane	Berry	6	4.00	Medina	Baydoun	7	4.00
Alexander	Brown	6	4.00	Selena	Bazzi	7	4.00
Josephine	Bryan	6	4.00	Hussein	Bazzi	7	4.00
Hussein	Chaaban	6	4.00	Zeinab	Beydoun	7	4.00
Adam	Chatila	6	4.00	Anthony	Brown	7	4.00
Grace	Cooley	6	4.00	Shadi	Dubaisi	7	4.00
Cassidy	Darragh	6	4.00	Gabrielle	Earley	7	4.00
Mohamed	Darwiche	6	4.00	Hani	Elhasan	7	4.00
William	Dobbs	6	4.00	Brianna	Hansen	7	4.00
Layla	Elmokadem	6	4.00	Grace	Joachim	7	4.00
Adriana	Fahs	6	4.00	Elizabeth	Jones	7	4.00
Adam	Ferris	6	4.00	Shaza	Maatouk	7	4.00
Zahraa	Ghoul	6	4.00	Joshua	McCliment	7	4.00
Nicole	Gonzales	6	4.00	Aaron	Mei	7	4.00
Kassem	Habhab	6	4.00	Ali	Mekled	7	4.00
Ali	Hamandi	6	4.00	Anastasia	Mohler	7	4.00
Maya	Hamka	6	4.00	Amina	Mustafa	7	4.00
Zein	Hassan	6	4.00	Jenna	Qasem	7	4.00
Lauren	Hopping	6	4.00	Ali	Rammouni	7	4.00
Zunaira	Imran	6	4.00	Aryanna	Rudolph	7	4.00
Sammy	Jaber	6	4.00	Emma	Scott	7	4.00
Yasmine	Jawad	6	4.00	Brenna	Shelton	7	4.00
Layla	Jawad	6	4.00	Christopher	Shunkwiler	7	4.00
MohamedAli	JawadMakki	6	4.00	Autumn	Skazalski	7	4.00
Fatime	Jomaa	6	4.00	Stephanie	Stan	7	4.00
Anna	Karoub	6	4.00	Joseph	Stanley	7	4.00
Grace	Kolongowski	6	4.00	Jack	Stemas	7	4.00
Bruce	Liepe	6	4.00	Vanessa	Szalkowski	7	4.00
Aurora	Liepe	6	4.00	Jessica	Wensley	7	4.00
Mya	Makled	6	4.00	Mohamed	Zaher	7	4.00
Sophie	Martin	6	4.00	Celine	Abdallah	8	4.00
Ryan	Montierth	6	4.00	Rania	Abouzour	8	4.00
Favia	Nixon	6	4.00	MaryKate	Abraham	8	4.00
William	Pederson	6	4.00	Madisyn	Aleks	8	4.00
Hannah	Pfeiffer	6	4.00	Omar	Alkawasmie	8	4.00
Caleb	Rice	6	4.00	Zachary	Awad	8	4.00
Youseph	Saad	6	4.00	Abbigail	Balaka	8	4.00
Lielle	Saad	6	4.00	Amanda	Bazzi	8	4.00
Leah	Schlesinger	6	4.00	Gabriella	Bourke	8	4.00
Benjamin	Schondorf	6	4.00	Dahlia	Dabaja	8	4.00
Abby	Stewart	6	4.00	Tyser	Dawoud	8	4.00
Grace	Torrance	6	4.00	Erin	Deutschman	8	4.00
Courtney	Turner	6	4.00	Dalia	Elmokadem	8	4.00
Joseph	Wendzinski	6	4.00	Marjorie	Gaber	8	4.00

Zeinab	Albugalal	8	3.833	Reda	Hassan	8	3.667
Mohammad	Alharbi	8	3.2	Matthew	Hofmeister	8	3.833
Zeinab	AlHassan	8	3.5	Ahmed	Jaber	8	3.5
Lena	Ali	8	3.167	Hassan	Jawad	8	3.5
Hamazah	Alkawasmie	8	3.833	Lauren	Johnston	8	3.833
Ahmed	Alsaedi	8	3.667	Ali	Kadouh	8	3.833
Ali	Alsarraf	8	3.167	Jack	Kearns	8	3.667
Hussein	Aoun	8	3.167	Griffin	Kenney	8	3.667
Lamis	Aoun	8	3.167	Nour	Khalifa	8	3.667
Fatima	Awada	8	3.833	Abigail	Kiroff	8	3.333
Alexis	Baer	8	3	Joseph	Korte	8	3.5
Ali	Bajje	8	3.455	Siairra	Lemuz	8	3.167
Sophie	Barczyk	8	3.167	Devin	Lynch	8	3.5
Michael	Bastine	8	3.667	Elise	Mack	8	3
Belal	Baydoun	8	3.333	Ali	Makled	8	3.833
Jamil	Bazzy	8	3.5	Hassan	Makled	8	3.667
MahdiKumail	Bazzy	8	3	Zeinab	Makled	8	3.333
Joelle	Berry	8	3.833	Grogorio	Martinez	8	3.167
Michael	Berry	8	3.167	Matthew	Miller	8	3.5
Joshua	Betts	8	3.667	Jamal	Mogalli	8	3
Zeinab	Beydoun	8	3.167	Alex	Mohler	8	3.333
Kyle	Bolger	8	3.833	James	Monteith	8	3.5
Maria	Bushamie	8	3.667	Molly	Morey	8	3
Devon	Caillouette	8	3.167	MaryElizabeth	Mozeleski	8	3.667
Amanda	Chatila	8	3.833	Marissa	Munoz	8	3.5
Mary	Costello	8	3	Hassan	Najm	8	3.5
Owen	Courtright	8	3	Amber	Norwood	8	3.833
David	Cwik	8	3.333	Ibrahim	Noureddine	8	3.5
Khalil	Dabaja	8	3.833	Adam	Ouza	8	3.833
Courtney	Dabao	8	3.833	Sophia	Palajac	8	3.333
Anisa	Dagher	8	3.667	Jasmine	Perez	8	3.5
Youssef	Danaoui	8	3	Jeremy	Peterson	8	3.5
Jacob	Depper	8	3.75	Elizabeth	Roman	8	3.833
Wisam	Diab	8	3.667	Izaak	Rooney	8	3.5
Hussein	Dourra	8	3.333	Ali	Saab	8	3.455
Jonathan	Dulmage	8	3	Farah	Salameh	8	3.833
Hassan	Elhajdiab	8	3.333	Ali	Saleh	8	3
Aya	Elmokadam	8	3.833	Mahdy	Saleh	8	3.5
Iyah	Fadhil	8	3.333	Aliah	Sareini	8	3.667
Ali	Faraj	8	3.833	Ian	Sorensen	8	3.833
Sarine	Fawaz	8	3	Raymond	Stokes	8	3.833
Noah	Field	8	3.167	Kyle	Swider	8	3.833
Mohamed	Ghamloush	8	3.833	Chelsea	Thompson	8	3.727
Zachary	Giorgi	8	3.167	Valerie	Tomaszewski	8	3.833
Michael	Gregory	8	3.833	Jacob	Turner	8	3.833
Jade	Guerin	8	3.167	Craig	Weaver	8	3.833
Marissa	Haag	8	3.667	Tyler	West	8	3.5
Ali	Hammoud	8	3.5	Dante	Williams	8	3
Sara	Hammoudeh	8	3.667	Yasmeen	Wooten	8	3.667
Ahmed	Harajli	8	3	Dacota	Young	8	3.667
Asia	Hart	8	3.545	Mohammad	Younis	8	3.167
				Ali	Zahr	8	3.833

Mathcounts!

Mathcounts is a Bryant Club that focuses on Advanced Math skills. From October through February the team practices every Wednesday for an hour after school. There are two retired Ford Engineers that volunteer their time to help the students with the really difficult skills needed to solve the advanced questions. There is a tournament on February 11th that will decide who the Chapter winners are, and which students get to participate in the State competition in March. Bryant has always done very well against local schools and last year they represented the area at the State competition. Good Luck to this years' MATCHCOUNTS team.

