

accomplished, we recognize one key essential element is a strong link connecting the home and school. We believe engaging parents is essential to improving student achievement and acknowledge that parents play an integral role in assisting student learning.

BMS currently has a strong link to the home, but we know more could be done to enhance our existing programs and are committed to forge ahead with new creative plans.

BMS currently houses sixth, seventh, and eighth graders with a population of 1150. With a diverse social-economic student body and varying ability levels, there is an obvious need to connect with ALL families.

Currently, BMS offers the following services for parents and their students:

- 1. Open House on August 9th (Mr. Sellers/All Staff)**
- 2. PTO Meetings scheduled throughout year. Report to the Public will be given on September 26th.**
- 3. Two Formal Parent Teacher conference dates: October 20th and March 16th. We also invite parents to come for P/T conferences on a regular basis-not just the designated P/T dates. Many parents take advantage of the opportunity and schedule conferences during teacher's planning periods. All parents will engage in CAP (Career Action Planning) Conferences on March 16th to work closely with the staff in helping identify their child's interest/aptitude and outline a course of study for the following year. Parents are encouraged to become involved in the decisions affecting course selection, career planning, and preparation for post-secondary opportunities. (All Teachers)**
- 4. Parental Shadowing Program (Mr. Sellers, facilitator)**
- 5. Guest Speakers: Parents are invited into the school on a regular basis to speak to various classes about career choices or peer pressure and/or decision making skills.**

- 6. Family Night Out- Department/Clubs plan socials to engage parents, staff, and students for an evening of fun and fellowship.**
- 7. Organization/Club Boosters: Band, Athletics, Special Olympics, Cheer/Dance- these all have active organizations whereby parents are involved to enhance school spirit and pride.(Ms. Gerber, Ms. Thompson, & Ms. Ballard)**
- 8. Fundraising- Parents assist teams/clubs with fundraising activities to help benefit the team and/or activity (Field trips, equipment purchase, etc.)(Ms. Chism, Mrs. Ballard, & Ms. Thompson)**
- 9. Parent Volunteers have always been invited and made to feel welcome by volunteering to attend, work, and/or sponsor school dances, field trips, tutoring, library/media, nursing, quiz bowl, awards assemblies, talent shows, art shows, science fairs, and chess tournaments. (All staff, Mr. Sellers, Upcoming P.T.O.)**
- 10. Regular correspondence sent home to families by staff and/or administration.(Mr. Sellers; All Teachers)**
- 11. Drug Free Week involving parents/medical professionals/law enforcement from the community. (Counselors)**
- 12. ESOL (English as a Second Language) Services offered to students and their parents. (Ms. Cox)& Ms. Eriksen**
- 13. We continue to involve parents with the Backpack Food Program (Mid Towne Church) (Ms. Brandi Weng)**
- 14. Parental Survey: BMS will conduct a survey every October to determine how parents might want to get involved and areas they would like to see improved. (Ms. Gattin & P.T.O.)**
- 15. Pre-AP course selection and transition requiring parental involvement and contracts. (Counselors)**
- 16. Curriculum and Common Core Standards are distributed at Open House to every parent outlining**

- the goals we have for our children (as outlined by the State Frameworks) and what they can expect to know upon completion of the grade. (Mr. Sellers)*
- 17. Host a Parent Evening to report on the schools goals/objectives as outlines by the State Frameworks and an overview of how their student will be assessed (ACT Aspire) (Spring) (Mr. Sellers-Facilitator).*
 - 18. Parents of students receiving Title 1 services will a complete School- Parent Compact Agreement stating that attendance and academic performance will be monitored on a regular basis. (Mr. Sellers-All Teachers)*
 - 19. Flu vaccinations will be offered to all students free of charge.(Ms. Mindy Greiner-Facilitator) (October)*
 - 20. Counselors work in conjunction with the Parent Center Coordinator to assist families in need (homeless, economic distress, loss of employment, etc.). They work to supply clothing, food, school supplies, financial assistance, and holiday help.(Ms. Lisa McNeely & Mrs. Katie Brooks)*
 - 21. E-Mail Access-Parents are encouraged to email their child's teachers if they have questions. /Google Classroom/Weebly/Remind will be done daily/weekly by all teachers.*
 - 22. Grades may be accessed through Bryant School District website using TAC. A resource book can also be found on this site.*

Program /Activities we plan to implement this year to help increase Parental Involvement are:

- 1. Parental Reading: Parents will be invited to read to whole groups as well as individual reading through Literacy Lab training.(Lang. Arts Teachers)*
- 2. 6th, 7th & 8th Quiz Bowl teams to include more parental involvement. (Mr. Dearman-Facilitator)*
- 3. Chess team- (Ms. Ballard)*

4. ***Invite more professionals into the classrooms to discuss theory and operations (Science and Mathematics).(Ms. Atkinson & Ms. Royal)***
5. ***Host a Talent Show inviting parents and community. (Ms. Chism)***
6. ***Recognize guest speakers for Veteran's Day and Black History Month.(Ms. Lee & Ms. Jeffries)***
7. ***Host a Career Day (Ms. Atkinson, Ms. Royal, & BMS PTO)***
8. ***Review our written policies and handbook to ensure BMS parents are made to feel welcome on campus, and they have a voice in their child's education.(All Staff)***
9. ***Create a PI Day (mid March) as a celebration and competition for students and parents.(Math Teachers)***
10. ***Encourage parents and community to come support the band program through Mass Band events, and seasonal concerts & fundraising. (Ms. Gerber)***
11. ***Anticipated quarterly P.T.O. meetings & monthly staff recognition by P.T.O.***
12. ***Parental Involvement Inservice Every four years-2 hours 2014-15. (Ms. Gattin-Facilitator)***
13. ***Host a Culture Night for parents-Late Fall (Culture teachers)***
14. ***Academic Fair in November (Ms. Calhoun)***
15. ***Host a Pre-AP Night at BMS-Spring (Ms. Calhoun)***
16. ***Theater at Night-January & March (Mrs. Gattin)***
17. ***Archery Club-(Mr. Abels & Mr. Armstrong)***

BMS currently has a resource section in the library for parent checkout. We plan to continue to add to the volumes of books/journals/magazine. Our schools current website also contains parent information concerning current and upcoming events, school lunch menu, and parent reminders.

The BMS handbook is a thorough document that engages parents in the discipline practices of the school. The school has a Parental Advisory Board that meets with our Assistant Principals and teachers each February to discuss the rules and regulations. Parents are invited to offer suggestions for handbook revisions and improvement in the overall operation and function of the school.

Bryant Middle School has Lisa Gattin as their building level Parent Involvement Facilitator. She will be instrumental in communicating to parents the services we currently offer and suggestions on how they can become involved in their child's school. Then entire staff and administration will focus on strategies to ensure participation and create an inviting environment whereby parents would feel welcomed and desire become engaged.

The BMS staff participated in Staff Development on what an effective parenting program looks like and how we can draw upon community and district resources.

We believe the saying "It takes a village to raise a child" holds true, and we commit ourselves to reaching beyond our school boundaries to accomplish just that. We strive to establish a meaningful relationship with our students and their families.

Bryant Middle School
Parental Involvement Committee Members
2016-2017

Parental Involvement Coordinator: Lisa Gattin
Media Center Specialist/Librarian: Tracy Paul
Counselors: Kati Squires, Corbi McAllister, & Casey Mattox

PTO President: Jennifer Carlton

Parent Center Coordinator: Katie Brooks

Principal: Todd Sellers

Teachers: Karen Tratham, Sandra Weihe, Debra
Catton

Parents: Kathleen Travis Neal, Melanie Lewellen,
Alicia Atwood & Mr. Carlton Billingsley

Community Parent: Kathleen Travis Neal