

SUCCESS HAPPENS HERE



may/june 2018

district SNAPSHOT



Dear Bryant Families and Community,

At the close of the school year, I want to say how much I appreciate each of you for supporting our district. The future is bright for Bryant Public Schools. It would not be possible without the support of parents, the communities in the district, and most certainly, our students.

Our facility projects are moving along on schedule. Parkway Elementary has a great presence now that walls and a roof have been added to the structure. Inside work such as electrical and sheet rocking is happening since the building foundation, framing, doors, windows, and the complete roof have been installed. Parkway principal Michelle Lewis, along with assistant principal Kameron Ervin, visited schools to meet their new students and hosted a sundae party for families. They have done a great job generating excitement about the opening in August.

Hill Farm has been a buzz of activity. The new Maintenance, Transportation and Technology Building is underway and set to open in August. Hill Farm Elementary will be receiving new parking as part of the project. The Bryant Junior High School is also in progress and on schedule. We have set a groundbreaking celebration for this facility on June 7 at 4:30pm. The whole community is invited to attend.

Plans are being finalized for the new cafeteria, PE facility, and Fine Arts Auditorium on the high school campus. We will soon share the interior designs of these buildings. Not only will these facilities address overcrowding and improve teaching and learning, but the buildings will serve as a source of pride for our community.

Over the summer, we will be working to enhance safety on our campuses. We plan to enhance the entrances of Hurricane Creek and Springhill Elementary and add enclosures to the walkways between the gym and main buildings at Springhill and Collegeville. We have hired a new District Security Coordinator who will assist all schools in providing a safe environment for students and staff.

Our students are shining, many on the state, national, and global stage. They are competing not only in athletics and music, but also in archery, Destination Imagination, engineering and robotics, languages, and other academic arenas. With our committed staff and innovative teaching, our students will have the opportunity for even greater levels of success.

It's been a great year for Bryant Schools. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your superintendent.

Dr. Karen Walters
Superintendent

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about Bryant Public Schools



**JOURNALISM
& YEARBOOK**

Summer FOOD program

Many parents depend on school programs for healthy meals and struggle in the summer to meet their children's nutritional needs.

We want to continue offering healthy meals for these children and others in the community during the summer months. Within this program, every child — every single child — gets free breakfast and lunch. All children (18 years and younger) eat free at these sites. No one has to qualify or sign up to attend. Just come hungry!

All parents have to do is get their children to one of the locations below:

June 4–August 3*
Boys and Girls Club of Bryant
6401 BOONE ROAD, BRYANT

Boys and Girls Club of Shannon Hills
DAVIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
12001 COUNTY LINE ROAD, ALEXANDER

Alexander Community Center
15202 WEST AZALEA, BRYANT

June 4–July 13*
Hill Farm Elementary
500 HILL FARM ROAD, BRYANT

**Meals will not be served the week of July 2-6.*

Meals are served Monday-Friday during the following times: Breakfast: 7:30-9:00am
Lunch: 11:30am-1pm

MEALS WILL BE PROVIDED TO ALL CHILDREN FREE OF CHARGE AND ARE THE SAME FOR ALL CHILDREN REGARDLESS OF RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEX AGE, OR DISABILITY, AND THERE WILL BE NO DISCRIMINATION IN THE COURSE OF THE MEAL SERVICE.



BRYANT'S TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Chrystal Burkes, third grade teacher at Davis Elementary, was selected from the Bryant School District's most outstanding educators to be the 2017-2018 Bryant Teacher of the Year.

Mrs. Burkes has been a professional educator for the past eight years, with an emphasis on literacy instruction. She has been with Bryant Schools since 2013. In her five years at Davis Elementary she has taken on additional leadership roles within her school such as coordinating a school-wide digital citizenship event and heading a weekly technology training program for fellow teachers and staff.

Congratulations, Mrs. Burkes!

HELP THE HUNGRY

Each year the Bryant School District teams up with Arkansas Food Bank to provide healthy breakfast options this summer for children and families in Saline County who would otherwise go without the most important meal of the day—breakfast.



Donations will be accepted at the district Administration Office until Thursday, June 28. On Tuesday, June 12, the THV 11 crew will be live in Bryant from 5am-9:30am. Stay tuned for the location drop off.

What Counts as Cereal?

- Dry cereal - boxes OR bags, 8oz. or more (Think Nutritious!)
- Cereal/Breakfast Bars
- Pop Tarts
- Oatmeal
- Cream of Wheat
- \$1 donation = 1 box of cereal

Thank you for partnering with us to serve hundreds of children and families in our community.

District Makes Changes to AMI Plan



AMI PLAN



School districts may submit AMI (or Alternative Methods of Instruction) Plans to the state for approval to be implemented when school is canceled due to emergency or exceptional circumstances. Inclement weather days are one example. Using AMI, students complete activities and assignments at home rather than adding those missed days to the end of the school year. Bryant's 2017-18 plan allowed AMI to take effect AFTER five days had been missed.

K-5 students receive a packet for each day eligible for AMI. Students in grades 6-12 receive assignments in Google classroom for each class period. Attendance for AMI days is taken when students submit completed work within three days after the missed school day. Provisions are made for students without internet access at home.

Earlier this spring, the district asked for parent feedback on the AMI Plan for the next school year. A total of 1,072 took the survey, responding with a 74% majority to begin AMI on the FIRST day of school missed. Thanks to everyone who participated!

Based on these responses, the AMI Plan will be changed to take effect beginning on the FIRST day of school missed (due to emergency or exceptional circumstances) in the 2018-19 school year.

4 TOP TIPS TO PREVENT THE SUMMER SLIDE



READ

ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO READ SOMETHING OF THEIR CHOOSING EVERY DAY.



DISCOVER

GO PLACES (LIKE PARKS OR MUSEUMS) AND TALK ABOUT WHAT YOU SEE AND THINK.



MODEL

MODEL READING YOURSELF OR DISCUSS WHAT YOU READ WITH YOUR STUDENT.



DEMONSTRATE

DEMONSTRATE EVERYDAY MATH AND SCIENCE IN YOUR LIFE, BY COOKING IN THE KITCHEN, GOING SHOPPING, OR WHILE USING MONEY.



WHAT IS THE SUMMER SLIDE?

THE SUMMER SLIDE IS WHEN STUDENTS LOSE SOME OF THE ACHIEVEMENT GAINS MADE DURING THE PREVIOUS SCHOOL YEAR.

SUMMER ENRICHMENT SUGGESTIONS: TINYURL.COM/SECONDARYSUMMER

ELEMENTARY

Summer Activities

Ideas to Help Keep Your Child Engaged in Summer Learning



MATH GAMES

UNO * Life * Cards *
Secret Code 13+4 *
Set * Number Chase 8
* HiHo! Cherry-O *
Chutes and Ladders *
Candy Land *
Connect 4 * Trouble *
Sorry!

WEBSITES

[Khan Academy](#)
[Door 24 Plus iPad](#)
[Zearn Math](#)
[PBS Kids](#)
[Starfall](#)
[ABCya](#)
[Storylineonline](#)
[EPIC!](#)
[Prodigy Math](#)
[ReadWriteThink](#)
[Summer Reading](#)

Community Activities

[Summer Reading at the Library](#)

Read a Good Book!!

A

GRADES K-1

[Summer Reading Guide 2018](#)

[Summer Reading](#)

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B

GRADES 2-3

[Summer Reading Guide 2018](#)

[Summer Reading](#)

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C

GRADES 4-5

[Summer Reading Guide 2018](#)

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Summer Enrichment Opportunities

English Language Arts & Social Studies	Mathematics
<p>"Reading just 4 to 6 books over the summer has the potential to prevent a decline in reading achievement scores from the spring to the fall, so even small steps are very beneficial!" according to the CO Dept of Edu State Library Summer Slide research.</p> <p>We recommend participating in a Summer Reading Program at the Saline Co. Library. It is especially beneficial to allow choice in books/reading selections.</p> <p>There is a free summer reading program available from Scholastic also. Go to https://www.scholastic.com/summer/home</p> <p>Any reading of current events from credible news sources such as the newspaper, or online news magazines, would also benefit students. Bryant students have access to Newsela.com, which has several new articles each day. Also, Literacy expert, Kelly Gallagher offers one article a week for students to increase general knowledge.</p> <p>http://www.kellygallagher.org/article-of-the-week/</p> <p>Secondary Recommended Reading List by Grade Bands and Genres</p>	<p>To help your students catch up on core skills from previous grades, Khan Academy has created topic foundation lessons for each module of Eureka curriculum in Grades 1-8.</p> <p>Khan Academy also has developed lessons aligned to each high school mathematics course.</p> <p>Prodigy Game has content from all major topics and will seamlessly cover Grades 1-8. A diagnostic test will place students in the correct grade, embed assessments, and automatic differentiation. With more than 900 curriculum-aligned math skills that adapt as your students play, Prodigy ensures that students succeed at their own pace.</p> <p>XtraMath is a math fact fluency program that helps students master addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts.</p>
Science	Resources and Recommended Activities
<p>Families who explore together nurture great young scientists! Studies show that the family experiences that students bring to school are some of the biggest predictors of success (Hazen and Trefil 1991).</p> <p>Check out these Tips for Busy Parents for some great suggestions from the National Science Teachers Association for engaging kids in science learning through everyday conversations and experiences.</p> <p>This Parent Guide has been designed to help parents become familiar with the new science standards that will guide how students are learning science in grades 9-12. (Parent Guide in Spanish)</p> <p>Khan Academy has developed lessons that support topics addressed in high school science & engineering courses.</p> <p>The Arkansas STEM Coalition has some excellent recommendations for parents and students to support learning in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.</p>	<p>Based on the many articles out there for summer enrichment, the common suggestions are these: read as often as possible, preferably what you choose, go on adventures, visit museums, and talk about what you see, think, and experience!</p> <p>Parents: Preventing Summer Slide (on a Budget)</p> <p>Stopping the Summer Slide</p> <p>10 Arkansas History Museums to Visit</p> <p>Free things to do: Arkansas Parks and Rec website</p> <p>Taking a Hands-on Approach to Preventing the Summer Slide</p> <p>How to Minimize Summer Slide</p> <p>UALR Summer Camps</p>



BRYANT

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2018-19

District Calendar

FIRST DAY FOR STUDENTS: MONDAY, AUGUST 13

LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS: FRIDAY, MAY 24*

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School Closed for Students

Labor Day	Sept 3
School Closed	Oct 26
Professional Development	Oct 29
Thanksgiving Holiday	Nov 19-23
Christmas Holiday	Dec 24-31
Christmas Holiday	Jan 1-4
Dr. Martin Luther King Day	Jan 21
President's Day	Feb 18
Professional Development	Mar 15
Spring Break	Mar 18-22
Good Friday	Apr 19
Memorial Day	May 27

Open Houses

Monday, August 6
Bethel & Bryant Middle Schools
Bryant High School

Thursday, Aug 9

Elementary Schools

Parent Teacher Conferences

Early Dismissal for Students (2pm)

September 25, 2-7:30pm (Middle & High School)
October 25, 2-7:30pm (Elementary)
February 19, 2-7:30pm (Middle & High School)
March 14, 2-7:30pm (Elementary)

Grading Periods

1st Quarter (ends 10/17)
Progress Reports, Sept 17
Report Cards, Oct 25

2nd Quarter (ends 12/21)
Progress Reports, Nov 28
Report Cards, Jan 11

3rd Quarter (ends 3/11)
Progress Reports, Feb 1
Report Cards, Mar 14

4th Quarter (ends 5/24)*
Progress Reports, Apr 26
Report Cards, May 24*

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* Last day of school dependent on AMI Plan and snow days. June 3 date includes five snow days. If no days are taken, May 24 is last day for students. If more than five days are missed, days will be added to the end of school year pushing the last day later in June.