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## Calendar Highlights

### April

- April 6, Awards Assembly, 1:10 - 4th-8th; 2:10 - ECE-3rd
- April 6 & 7, Mr. O'Brien's 5th gr. class to Balarat
- April 7, Mariachi Juvenil performance at Metropolitan State College, 4:30
- April 10, Lifetouch Picture Day
- April 16, ECE Parent Meeting, 8:00-11:00
- April 17, DPS Planning Day, **NO SCHOOL**
- April 18, Mariachi Juvenil performance at Denver Health Foundation, 6:15
- April 20, CSC Meeting, 5:00
- April 21, **LATE START DAY, school begins at 10:55**
- April 23, Parent Café, 8:00 in Auditorium
- April 24, Bryant Webster Professional Development & Assessment Day, **NO SCHOOL**
- April 28, Family Reading Night, 5:30-7:00
- April 30, Bryant Webster Professional Development & Assessment Day, **NO SCHOOL**

### May

- May 5, Mariachi Juvenil to play with the Colorado Symphony, 7:00
- May 15, **LATE START DAY, school begins at 10:55**
- May 16, Mariachi to play a "Thank You" concert on behalf of Bryant Webster at Denver Athletic Club
- May 20, Music and Art Show, 6:30
- May 21, 8th gr. Trip to Estes Park
- May 22, Field Day, 3-5 AM & K-2 PM
- May 28, 8th gr. Continuation Ceremony
- May 29, Mariachi Juvenil Annual Fundraiser at North High School, 7:00
- May 29, **Last Day of School for Students**

## Principal's Corner

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a wonderful break. Wow, it is hard to believe that we only have approximately nine weeks left of school! Though, lots of learning has taken place, we still have instruction that students need to learn in these last nine weeks. We want to make sure students continue to be focused and come to school EVERY DAY.

Great news! We are beginning a new positive behavior program. You may be seeing Bryant Webster Bucks in your child's backpack. Students will earn Bryant Webster Bucks for demonstrating Bryant Webster's Six Pillars of Character, which are respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. You can take a look at the Six Pillars of Character posted in the hallways. At the end of the month, students can use their Bryant Webster Bucks to purchase items at the end of the month at the BWB (Bryant Webster Bulldog) Store.

Did you know that we have 8<sup>th</sup> graders who are taking high school math and language arts classes at Bryant Webster? Because we want our students to be college bound when they leave Bryant Webster, we are offering free on-line classes to those students who are academically ready for the challenge. By taking and passing these classes, students are placed on a more accelerated track in high school, which will enable them to be college bound. The course work is difficult and challenging. Yet, these students have not given up. I want to recognize and celebrate the work and dedication of this group of 8<sup>th</sup> graders!

I am very proud of our parents' dedication to Bryant Webster. We have many parents volunteering at school in various capacities. We have a group that will be working on fundraising for Bryant Webster. Another group presented at the DPS School Board to voice concern over the lack of funding for personnel such as Social Worker, Psychologist, and Counselor.

For those students choosing to wear shorts, while standing, the length of the shorts should be no shorter than the tips of the fingers when the arms

are at the side against the body. No muscle shirts, spaghetti strap blouses, midrifts (short shirts that allow the belly to be seen), low cut blouses, or skating shoes, etc. The main idea is that we want bodies to be covered, especially around the torso.

One of the district's focus this year is on data collection, analysis of the data, and data walls. During our late start days and other days that we don't have students, our Bryant Webster teachers have met in teams to collect data, analyze the data, and set goals based on the data. When you come to visit the office or classrooms, you can see data walls posted in each classroom. Your child should be able to explain what the posted data means.

As you know, times are tough right now. The economy is terrible and many people are out of work. It has especially been hard for our families and students. Our 6<sup>th</sup> graders are going on a field trip to Georgetown, Colorado. The cost of the trip is \$20 per student. To subsidize this cost, the 6<sup>th</sup> graders will sell **E Books** for \$10 each. The **E Books** are coupon books that contain a wealth of savings. If you are interested in purchasing an **E Book**, please come to the main office.

In closing, I want to celebrate the many wonderful things going on at Bryant Webster. There are just too many to write about in this edition of the Bulldog Quarterly. I am very thankful that we have absolutely the best students in Denver; we have great teachers, and terrific parents. Together we are making sure students are developing into great students and responsible citizens.

Once again, thank you for choosing Bryant Webster and allowing us to educate your children.

Sincerely,

Pamela Liñan

"It is our dream that students will experience their classrooms as invigorating even inspiring environments – places they look forward to going to and places they hate to leave. It is our dream that they will come to love the process of learning itself... by making it their own." - S. Papert

## CSC News

CSC has worked on and approved staffing and the school budget for next year. At this time we are working on data collection, looking at and analyzing the data, and setting goals for our school improvement plan (SIP) for next year. We are specifically looking at our parent engagement goal at this time. Please see Terri Davalos, Margarita Ruiz, Morgan Elmer, Yolanda Ortiz, or Maria Huizar if you want more information or to give input on parent engagement.

## How to Learn Social Studies

The best way for students to learn history is not sitting listening to a teacher lecture them. Eighth graders participated in a Mock Congressional Hearing in December where they became experts on American government and testified in front of lawyers and members of our community. They were nervous at first, but by the end of the hearing, they were all smiles.

Just before spring break, seventh graders held a symposium on the Crusades. A symposium is a meeting where experts discuss a topic and then answer questions from the audience. The purpose was for students to learn the different perspectives of Christians, Jews, and Muslims during the Crusades. Most of the students played the role of modern-day historians and twelve students played actual historical figures who were directly involved in or affect by the Crusades. The students enjoyed working together in groups, making costumes and props, and acting their roles.

## 6<sup>th</sup> graders need your help!

Sixth grade is planning an excursion to visit Georgetown, the historic mining and railroad park, on May 26 to experience more of Colorado's unique history by taking a ride on the train and visiting the mine. We are in need of funding. The trip originally costs \$20 per student. We would like to get the costs down so more students can participate. We are beginning our sale of "E" books this week to help reduce the cost of the Georgetown trip. Please ask your child to tell you about the upcoming field trips and support them by purchasing an "E" to help reduce the cost of the Georgetown trip. If you would like to purchase a book, please see Ms. Grant or Ms. Guerrero.

## Sports Report

As we are coming towards the end of the year, the Spring Season of sports for the Middle School Prep League has begun. For this final season of the year, Bryant-Webster will be competing with our Girl's Soccer Team. The girls have been working extremely hard, and they are ready for a great season of soccer. Also, Bryant-Webster was selected to be a part of the Colorado Mammoth's "Sticks for Schools" program. This was a week-long lacrosse clinic, in which the Mammoth's players and trainers came to Bryant Webster and worked with all of the Physical Education classes. The students learned many valuable lacrosse techniques and strategies, and at the end of the program, every student received tickets to the Mammoth Game. The equipment used for the clinic was donated to Bryant Webster. Mr. Shalls and the students will have a great time using the equipment! Thanks, Mammoth!!

## Box Tops 4 Education

We are continuing to collect Box Tops. The Box Tops are on many of the items that you have at home. We will receive 10¢ for every Box Top turned in. We are having a monthly contest at school. The class that collects the most Box Tops at the end of the month wins a prize. So far this year, we have collected enough Box Tops to equal more than \$80. We would really like to finish the year with lots of Box Tops. Please send them to school with your child. Our recent monthly winners were Mrs. Perry's first grade class and Mr. DeRose's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class. Congratulations to 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade student, which have won an ice cream social.

## Science Fair News

Our Bryant Webster Science Fair was very successful. Several of our students won the opportunity to participate in the DPS Science Fair. Pamela Hernandez-Guerrero won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the DPS Science Fair. She then competed at the Denver Metro Science Fair against the top students across the state. Pamela won "Outstanding Project Award" and a fifty dollar prize. The judges were very complimentary of her effort, knowledge, and skills. Her project and award are located outside Mr. Darnel's room if you wish to see it.

## Mariachi Message

We are very excited about our upcoming trip to Tucson, Arizona. We will be participating in and performing at La Frontera Tucson International Mariachi Conference on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April. We will also have several performances coming up at different events around Denver.

We have been invited again to perform with the Colorado Symphony for Cinco de Mayo. We will be performing with a Soprano from Mexico, Jeff Nevin, Mariachi Sol de mi Tierra, Mexican dancers, and the Colorado Symphony. This is a tremendous honor for our group.

## Football comes to Bryant Webster!

Bryant-Webster was selected to participate in the inaugural season of the Denver Broncos Futures Football Program. Our 7th and 8th Graders are given the opportunity to play tackle football for their future high school, and throughout the length of the season, get a chance to work with High School coaches and Denver Broncos players. This is an amazing opportunity for our students, and they are having a great time participating. The players chosen are Juan Rodriguez 08, Carlos Balderrama 08, Carlos Rios 07, Rudy Gamboa 07, Josh Santistevan 07, Antonio Bernal 07, Giovanni Rodriguez 07, Olivia Hernandez 07, and Sean Guzman 07.

## Imagination Makers Theater Company Returns to Bryant Webster

On April 28th, our students will have the opportunity to see a play by the Imagination Makers Theater Company. The performance at our school is made possible by grants from the Janus Foundation and Xcel Energy Foundation.

"Poetrees and Other Verses from Nature" is an imaginative musical play expressed in a tapestry of poetry styles. It celebrates children's experiences of the one thing we all share—the earth. From tickle your ribs funny, to heartbreakingly sad, young people have used imagery from trees and nature to craft poems about what they encounter in the out of doors and in their lives. Penned by kids from a variety of different cultural, geographic and experiential backgrounds, "Poetrees and Other Verses from Nature" is an ever flowing stream of joyous youthful expression. It will inspire audiences to look at the earth with a renewed sense of wonder.

Imagination Makers ([www.imaginationmakers.org](http://www.imaginationmakers.org)) is a professional theater company that has been performing for children throughout the Denver metro area for the past 29 years.

## Outstanding Opportunity for 1<sup>st</sup> Graders

In addition to the exceptional classroom instruction, first grade students have Reading Recovery and Descubriendo la Lectura to assist low performing first graders in Reading and Writing.

Reading Recovery and Descubriendo la Lectura are researched based reading and writing programs designed to help low first graders achieve grade level by the end of the school year. These programs provide daily thirty-minute individual tutorials to students who need the extra assistance. Bryant Webster first graders have had great success with these additional programs. Bryant Webster will continue to fund Reading Recovery and Descubriendo la Lectura for the 2009-2010 school year.

## After School Programs

The after school program has been very successful this year! We offered Boy Scouts, Chess, Ballet Folklorico, Drawing, and Tutoring for students in grades 2 – 6. As part of the after school program, students are provided with a snack that was donated by Food Bank of The Rockies. Even students who are not in a club, can come down and receive something to eat and drink. We have served cookies, crackers and juice or milk. The after school programs are winding down and will end soon. Make sure that you keep an eye out for the after school program for next year!

## Parent Reading Night

If you love eating free pizza and drinking free drinks, you'll want to remember the date of Tuesday, April 28, 2009, because that's just the beginning of the wonderful night known as Parent Reading Night at Bryant Webster School. You'll receive free books in Spanish and English for your children! You'll be listening to Story Tellers reading quality literature in both English and Spanish. You'll learn tips on how to help your children by reading aloud to them and letting them turn the pages to keep them involved in the story plus how to ask your child to retell small parts of the story. Don't forget, Tuesday, April 28, 2009, from 5:30-7:00 PM at Bryant Webster.

## Our Dual Immersion Program

In our dual language program here at Bryant Webster, we use English and Spanish for literacy and content instruction. Students also formally learn each other's language to communicate and to become biliterate. The dual instruction we provide in two languages is from Kindergarten through currently third grade. Next year our dual language will be taught in fourth grade. ECE students only take English and Spanish as a second language respectively for their part of the day. The instruction in both languages provides the same academic rigor and addresses the same standards as other high quality educational programs. For more information about our dual language, please contact our school at 303-433-3336 and schedule a guided tour.

## Perfect Attendance for Third Quarter

Aleman-Cardenas, Sergio 00	Lopez, Santiago M 00
Balderas, Paula L 00	Lovato, Lillyanne A 00
Berzoza, Jenica B 00	Macias, Alejandro J 02
Bracamontes, Hector E 07	Martinez, Andrea 08
Bracamontes, Luis G 05	Martinez, Patrick C 00
Calderon-Luevano, Gavriela 07	Martinez-Gonzalez, Giselle 00
Calderon-Luevano, Leonel 01	Mergil, Natalie N 07
Camacho, Mario F 00	Montano, Heaven A 01
Carrasco-Burciaga, Alan J EC	Morelos, Andrew R 02
Carrasco-Burciaga, Kevin M 01	Nunez-Nickles, Ivan V 00
Carrasco-Burciaga, Raul C 02	Pacheco, Annabelle E 00
Carrasco-Burciaga, Samantha 04	Parra-Rodriguez, Daisy 01
Casas, Hector E 06	Pena, Isabella 00
Castillo-Flores, Jocelyn 07	Penaloza, Isaiah 00
Cervantes, Rosa I 00	Ramirez-Suazo, Brooke S 00
Cespedes, Isaias D 07	Rios-Martinez, Alejandro 06
Duran, Lorence L 00	Santos-DeLaTorre, Daniel J 00
Escalera, Damien A 00	Saucedo-Rosales, Brandon 02
Gallegos, Kayla M 00	Silva-Hernandez, Alejandro 02
Garcia, Elezar E 00	Tejeda-Gonzalez, Adan D 05
Garcia, Gabriel A 05	Urrutia, Alexa J 00
Gaytan-Marin, Wendy D 01	Valles, Victoria F 04
Goodwin, Adrian J 00	Vargas, Trinity T 00
Hughes, Lynn B 04	Velez-Sotelo, Aaron 01
Kellen, Reyna Y 00	Villa, Alyssa R 00
Lopez, Phillip A 00	Villa-Rodriguez, Guillermo C 08

## Principal's Honor Roll Winners for Third Quarter

Stefanie Olivan -Pierce	Jessica Luna
Jesus Velez -Pierce	Ana Silva 8th
Ever Esparza -Pierce	Julia Baldserrama - 8th
Ashley Robinson -Pierce	Samuel Guerrero – O'Brien
Jesus Luna-Gleaton	Micheal Nguyen- O'Brien
Natalia Bracamontes-Gleaton	Lynn Hughes
Jose Barranco-Morrison	Camilla Ruiz
Jose Macias-Morrison	Juan Garcia –Calderon
Cassandra Lopez-Cervantes	Reyna Kellen Forest
Ben Robinson-Cervantes	Dulce Oaxaca- Pope
Marisol De luna- 7th	Brandon Saucedo – Pope
	Libier Huizar – Lopez