



# Bryant Bulletin



May 2011

## Mark Your Calendar

- 5/3: Neighborhood Story  
Time 9:30-10:30
- 5/4: All-School Picture
- 5/8: Mother's Day
- 5/10: Neighborhood Story  
Time 9:30-10:30
- 5/10: PTO Meeting 3:45
- 5/10: PTO Recap 7 PM
- 5/11: Hilltop Action Coalition  
7-8:15 PM
- 5/13: Coffee w/Ms. Mason  
9:15-10:15
- 5/17: Neighborhood Story  
Time 9:30-10:30
- 5/17: All-School BBQ
- 5/19: Art Night 4-6 PM
- 5/24: Neighborhood Story  
Time 9:30-10:30
- 5/26: Early Dismissal 12:15  
PM
- 5/27 & 30: Memorial Weekend  
Break
- 5/31: Neighborhood Story  
Time 9:30-10:30

# MSP Testing

The **M**eaure of **S**tudent **P**rogress Testing (MSP) will begin May 2nd and continue through the month of May. Grades 3-8 will be tested in many areas, such as: math, writing (expository and narrative), reading, and science. Some testing will be done on computer while others will be paper and pencil. Bryant Montessori's testing schedule may be found on the following page.

Parents: Please help students do their best. You can help by:

- Have your student at school on time. Students who come late might need to wait in the office, until his/her class has finished testing.
- Please do not schedule appointments (doctor, dentist) for your student during this time.
- Sleep is very important. Please ensure your student receives adequate rest.
- Proper nutrition has been shown to increase brain function. Offer healthy meals and snacks. Breakfast is very important each day.

## Test Taking Do's and Don'ts

- Don't be too anxious about a child's test scores. Too much emphasis on test scores can upset a child.
- Do encourage children. Praise them for the things they do well. If they feel good about themselves, they will do their best. Children who are afraid of failing are more likely to become anxious when taking tests and more likely to make mistakes.
- Don't judge a child on the basis of a single test score. Test scores are not perfect measures of what a child can do. For example, a child can be affected by the way he or she is feeling, the setting in the classroom, and the attitude of the teacher.
- Do communicate with your child's teacher about his/her progress. Ask the teacher to suggest activities for you and your child to do at home to help prepare for tests and improve your child's understanding of schoolwork.



## All-School Picture

An all-school (all-student) picture will be taken May 4th, to imitate the archival print located in Bryant's first floor hallway. The archival print is pictured below.



## Bryant Montessori Testing Schedule

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Math 4/5 9:20-12:00 1. <b>Engle rm. 204</b> 2. <b>Taylor rm.</b>	7th Writing 8th Reading (Computers) 9:00-	6th Grade Reading (Computers) 9:00-	4/5 Reading (5th Grade Computers) 9:20—	6 Writing 8th Science (Computers) 9:00-	7th
8	9 4th— Expository Writing 5th— Science	10 3rd Grade Test- ing Reading 9:25-	11 3rd Grade Test- ing Math 9:25-	124th— Narrative Writing 9:20- 3:00	137th Reading (Computers) 9:00- 11:30 1. <b>Tran rm. 212</b>	14
15	16	17 Middle School Make up Testing (Parent	18 Middle School Make up Testing (Parent	198th Math (Computers ) 9:00-	206th Math (Computers) 9:00- 11:30	21
22	23 7th Math (Computers )	24 Middle School Make up Testing	25 Middle School Make up Testing	26 * Any time computers	27 * <u>If students are still testing</u>	28
29	30	31	Testing	<b>West</b>	<b>Alvis</b>	



## Free One Day Clinic for the Uninsured

When: Saturday, April 30, 2011-10 AM-6PM

Where: Tacoma Dome, 2727 East D Street, Tacoma, WA 98421

Who: This event is for those without insurance. Recipients of Medicare, Medicaid, or Veterans Administration benefits are not eligible.

What to bring: If you are taking prescription medications, please bring your medicine bottles.

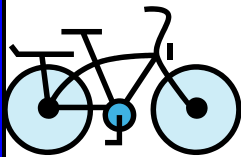
Parking: Free

Questions/Reservations: To register and schedule an appointment, call 877.233.5159 (Walk-ins will be seen only on a limited, first-come, first-serve basis...and no guarantee unless you have an appointment.)

Attendees with appointments will see a doctor or nurse practitioner and will receive information on additional medical resources.

**Schedule an appointment as soon as possible!**

# Bikes & wheels



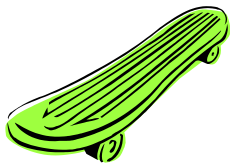
As the weather turns warmer (finally!), modes of transportation to and from school may change. If you and/or your children ride bikes or scooters to

school, please remember to walk them on school grounds. Once inside the gates and on the playground, all bikes, trikes, skateboards,

and scooters need to be dis-mounted.

Thank you for helping main-

tain safety first at Bryant.



## The 5th Grade Growth and Development and HIV/AIDS Classes

are tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 26th. Mrs. Engle and Mr. Heller will be conducting the classes. If any parent would like to preview the materials, please contact the nurse, Libby Gilston, at 571.2843 as soon as possible and leave a message with a contact number.



### CAMBODIAN

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### KOREAN

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Attached is an important document from your child's school. Please have this document translated for you. Thank you.

### LAOTIAN

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### RUSSIAN

В приложении Вы найдете важный документ из школы, где учится Ваш ребенок. Пожалуйста, попросите, чтобы Вам его перевели. Спасибо!

### SPANISH

Adjunto encontrará un documento importante de la escuela de su hijo/a. Si corresponde, sírvase pedir que se lo traduzcan. Muchas gracias.

### VIETNAMESE

Kèm theo đây là giấy tờ quan trọng của nhà trường con em quý vị. Xin hãy nhờ người giải thích những giấy tờ này cho quý vị. Cảm ơn.



## BRYANT MONTESSORI FAMILY NIGHT WITH THE RAINIERS

**NEW CHENEY STADIUM  
TACOMA RAINIERS VS. RENO ACES  
THURSDAY, JUNE 2ND, 2011 @ 7:05PM**

First Ever Season in New Cheney Stadium!

Be one of the first to experience the excitement of new Cheney Stadium!

### **Discounted Tickets and Food**

Each family will receive a reserved seat ticket, hot dog, drink, bag of chips, and a complimentary game program!

Tickets are \$9.95 per person

Please make all checks payable to  
Bryant PTO

Children under the age of 3 do not need a ticket

**Orders due May 16th**



### **Top Five Reasons Why Handwriting Is Important: Excerpt From *Handwriting Without Tears Connections*, March 2011 Submitted by Bailey Dahms, O.T.**

1. **It helps bump up grades and test scores**-Focusing on learning to write fluidly allows your letters and words to be legible. Studies demonstrate that legible papers receive higher grades than illegible ones. On the other hand, poor handwriting can impede school performance. A recent study indicated that difficulty with handwriting results in lower grades on written assignments, has a negative effect on the quantity and quality of students' writing, and influences how long students take to complete written assignments.



2. **It puts the focus on content**-More fluid and automatic handwriting translates to more time for concentrating on contents rather than on the mechanics of writing.
3. **It boosts confidence**-Approximately two out of every five teachers indicated that poor handwriting adversely influenced self-concept. However, fluid and automatic handwriting leads to better communication and an easier time completing school work.
4. **It is required for many jobs**-A recent Monster.com search reveals that positions in security systems, healthcare and engineering, childcare, writing, and utility work require legible handwriting in

their job descriptions, underscoring the ongoing value of handwriting in the workplace and the importance of the skill for lifelong success.

5. **It is an everyday communication skill**-If teachers can't read a child's writing, they can't properly grade their work. If bosses, colleagues and friends can't read a note, the note is useless. That's not all. Handwrit-

### **Whether or Not Your Child Earns All A's, He Can Win with These 3 A's**

**Attendance:** Businesses know how important attendance is. When they call schools before hiring, they ask about attendance and grades. Model good attendance by going to work when it's cold or when you are tired. Pass those values on to your children.

**Attitude:** Jesse Jackson often says, "It's your attitude, not aptitude, that determines your altitude." The brightest student may be a failure if he doesn't work hard. Help your child learn the importance of work. Let him know you expect their best.

**Achievement:** We all need goals. Help your child set goals in school and at home. Then support him as he works to achieve his goals. Encourage your child to keep raising his sights. Make a time for homework. Let him see the relationship; between hard work and achievement.

# Sr. Blanco Visits Spanish Classes



Special thanks to Tyree Smith and his Mother, Carmetrus Parker, for connecting Bryant's Spanish class with Sr. Miguel Blanco, publisher of *El Aguila*, the only bilingual newspaper in Puget Sound. Sr. Blanco came to speak and share his paper, free at libraries and many other community locations, with our Spanish classes Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Students asked a variety of questions in Spanish and in English, and Sr. Blanco good naturedly answered them all – from what kind of "carro" he drives (a different car each

week!) to which language he learned first (he couldn't remember, having spoken both English and Spanish with his family for as long as he can remember).

Sr. Blanco told students about growing up in Honduras and the U.S., breaking stereotypes of Latinos, loving language and making connections between the English and the Spanish speaking groups of Latinos in the areas where he has lived. Sr. Blanco promised our Spanish classes copies of *El Aguila* hot off the presses for the months of May and June.

Muchas gracias a Sr. Blanco y a mis estudiantes geniales! – Dona K (Kate Kuravackal, Spanish Teacher)



## Room 102 (Ms. Hoyer's Lower Elementary Class) would like to thank everyone for supporting our classroom at Earth Day 2011. Our glass Peace Globes were a huge success!

If you would like to make your own Peace Globe, here are the materials and the directions that you will need:









- A box of clear glass ornaments (sold at most craft stores)
- Blue and green acrylic paint
- String

We suggest putting in a little green paint first (that represents land) and waiting 2 days for it to dry well. Then add the blue paint (that represents the water) and completely fill in the glass ornament. Wait two more days for it to be dry, replace the top add string and you have your very own Peace Globe.

Enjoy!

# May 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Staff Appreciation Week	2	3 Neighborhood Story Time 9:30- 10:30	4 All-School Picture 1:15 PM	5 	6 	
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15 Book Fair  May 16-20	16 International Children's Festival Middle School Performance begins at 11 AM	17 Neighborhood Story Time 9:30- 10:30 BBQ	18	19 Art Night 4-6 PM 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade to L'Arch 8-3:30	20 MS Sunrise Readers 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade to L'Arch 8-3:30 Upper El Pantages The Whiz 10:15-1:00	21 
22	23	24 Neighborhood Story Time 9:30- 10:30	25	26 Early Dismissal 12:15	27 Memorial Day Break	28
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