



Bryan Elementary Handbook

2023 – 2024

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Bryan Elementary Mission and Vision

Bryan Elementary is fully committed to providing our children with:

- Engaging learning opportunities requiring deep levels of thinking
- Instruction and practice with the skills necessary to be excellent citizens
- The emotional health and resiliency skills needed to be healthy, happy individuals

Bryan Elementary, “A Great Place to Be!”



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A Message from the Principal

Welcome to Bryan Elementary School!

The teachers and staff at Bryan are committed to working with parents to help children achieve their highest potential. If you are new to the school, you will soon find out what makes Bryan so special. We have been a neighborhood school in Coeur d'Alene for over 100 years. Adults that once attended Bryan now request to bring their children here because of the positive, caring atmosphere and excellent learning environment.

Bryan Elementary recognizes our responsibility entails educating the whole child. We hold high expectations for both academic excellence and healthy social/emotional practices. To this end you will find us continually focused on our own professional development to best meet the children's needs.

We pride ourselves on the relationships we form and maintain with our families. Knowing how important working together and sharing information is, we have a goal for 100% parent attendance at our conferences. There's no time better than the beginning of the school year for families to renew their support of their child's education. The year ahead will offer many opportunities for you to be involved. We look forward to seeing you volunteering in the classrooms, joining your children for an occasional lunch, and participating in our many family events.

Please feel free to contact me at any time in the year ahead. I look forward to getting to know you on an individual level.

Kristin Gorringer, Principal

A Brief History of our School

The original Bryan elementary was a four-room brick building on the east end of the current playground. Funding from a school bond in 1923 helped expand Bryan Elementary to eight rooms.

The student experience for Bryan has changed over time. In the 1920s and 1930s, the playground was divided into a boys' side and a girls' side. Popular games from the time included hopscotch, tag, duck-duck-goose, and stickball. One student from that era remembers getting in trouble for dancing the Charleston in front of the school. The principal informed the dancing girl that, "School was no place for a dance such as that!"

Up until the 1960s, one of the big highlights was the annual Maypole Dance. Students practiced throughout March and April. Each May day they would meet with students from throughout the school district at the park and perform in a large, all-city assembly.

Another popular event from the past was a potluck on the last day of school. Each students' mother would bring a favorite food from home to share with all of the students. There weren't quite as many students then! In more recent years, Bryan has added new traditions such as the Turkey Trot, Dr. Seuss Night, and Spirit Week.

The original Bryan Elementary was demolished in 1963 and replaced with what is now the west wing of Bryan. The east wing and multi-purpose room (gym, stage, and cafeteria) were added in the 1970s, and our latest addition in 2014 brought with it a third hall in the center and a beautiful new gym.

Bryan staff and students celebrated the school's 100th year in 2005 by painting the mural located on the east side of the building (with help from volunteer artist Cheryl Mink), and inviting past principals and teachers to share their experiences at a 100th year celebration assembly.

Bryan will keep growing and changing as time passes, but students of all generations have been proud to call themselves Bryan Bears. You will often hear us say, "Once a Bear, Always a Bear!"

School Bell Schedule

Bryan Monday Schedule

9:45 Breakfast Served

10:00 School Begins

3:30 Dismissal

Bryan Tuesday – Friday Schedule

8:45 Breakfast Served

9:00 School Begins

3:30 Dismissal

Kindergarten

9:05-9:20 Morning Recess

11:35-12:15 Lunch

2:45-3:00 Afternoon Recess

1st Grade

10:55-11:10 Morning Recess

11:45-12:25 Lunch

2:00-2:15 Afternoon Recess

2nd Grade

10:40-10:55 Morning Recess

12:10-12:50 Lunch

1:45-2:00 Afternoon Recess

3rd Grade

10:40-10:55 Morning Recess

12:00-12:40 Lunch

1:30-1:45 Afternoon Recess

4th Grade

12:20-1:00 Lunch

2:10-2:25 Recess

5th Grade

12:30-1:10 Lunch

2:25-2:40 Recess

Attendance

Attendance Matters

Daily attendance is important in our school. Did you know our school is assessed at the state level based in part by student attendance levels. Experiencing tough times? Reach out! Our schools have resources available to help solve many issues. Periodically, our district offers attendance incentive contests. We will provide details for the latest attendance incentive when they occur. Let's make the very most of this school year.

Please, Please Notify the Front Office of Any Absences

We ask that you call the front office to let us know when your child will be absent from school. For safety reasons we must reach out to every parent who does not make a phone call letting us know about the absence. This can take a lot of time, and your help is greatly appreciated!

Behavior Expectations

Bryan Bears Three B's. . .

- Be Responsible
- Be Safe
- Be Respectful

Special Program Behavior Expectations

Bryan Elementary strives to offer unique learning and experiential programs throughout the course of the year. These programs include Cross Country, Turkey Trot, After School Adventures, Youth Theater, Math is Cool, Special Chorus, Marimbas, Gardening Club, and more.

These experiences are an opportunity for children to grow their interests, skills, and excitement outside of the traditional academic arena. We want them to get the most out of these experiences without being negatively impacted by the behavior of others. Similarly, volunteers should leave feeling positive about the experience and impressed with the behavior of our Bryan Bears.

If there is a disciplinary issue with a student in an experiential program, a parent/admin meeting is required before resuming participation. Depending on the severity, participation may be suspended permanently at that time. If reinstated and a second infraction occurs, the child will no longer be eligible to participate in the program.

This policy is our attempt to ensure your child has a positive experience when choosing to become involved in the many programs we offer.

Dress Code (See the District Handbook for Parents and Students, Policy 3255)

Our school board has adopted a comprehensive dress code. Articles of clothing with inappropriate logos such as obscenities, vulgarities, offensive remarks, advertisements of controlled/illegal substances or activities are not allowed.

- No hats, sunglasses, or hoods shall be worn in the building.
- Bandanas and bandana headbands are prohibited.
- Footwear shall be worn at all times (P.E. appropriate footwear is recommended.)
- Tank tops and other tops or dresses must have wide straps and high cut arm holes. Tops should not be low cut or revealing (i.e. spaghetti straps). Tops must be waistline length with no midriffs or skin showing. Shirts must be worn at all times.
- No undergarments are to be visible.
- Shorts and skirts are to be mid-thigh length or longer.
- Accessories that may be used as a weapon are prohibited.
- Sleepwear cannot be worn to school except for special occasions.

Electronic Devices/Cell Phones

Student cell phones and smart watches need to be off and in backpacks while on school grounds. Phones and smart watches being used outside of these expectations will be kept in the office for the parent to pick up. If you need to contact your child during the day, please call the office. Students must have permission from their teacher prior to using the office phone.

Bus Procedures

To view safety rules and the Transportation Department's discipline guidelines, or for bus route and information, visit www.cdaschools.org/transportation or call (208) 667-3451.

Technology Agreement for Students

Students must be good digital citizens and follow the expectations detailed in the district's Student Technology Use Agreement. For more information about digital citizenship and data privacy in our schools, visit www.cdaschools.org/stu or see the District Handbook Policy 3265 and 3270.

Character Cards

Besides praising positive behavior, "Character Cards" are randomly presented to students when they are "caught" practicing behaviors correctly. The good characteristics that we look for are: Safe, Respectful, Responsible, Compassion, Perseverance, Self-Control, Trustworthiness, Manners and others. These tickets are good for a licorice on Friday afternoon.

General Information

Change of Address/Phone Number

Please make sure we have your current contact information so we can contact you in the event of an emergency, update, or teacher communication. This information can be changed online by logging into

Skyward. If you have forgotten your password, or need extra assistance, call our front office at (208) 664-3237. Please note the following when completing the phone number records: If you do not have a landline, we need your cell phone recorded in BOTH areas requesting phone numbers. In the event of an emergency the system will use the cell phone number section to send a text to parents. If it isn't listed in that area, it does not generate a message for you.

Field Trips

When you registered your child in our district, you were asked to agree to or deny permission for your child to participate in school field trips. Unless you have updated this information, prior authorization is assumed. Through published calendars, newsletters and special notes, we will inform you of the time/date of each field trip prior to the event. This will give you the opportunity to be in touch with your child's teacher if you have questions or decide your child should not participate.

Skyway Family Access

Skyward Family Access links parents and schools via the Internet where you can get up-to-date attendance, current grades (secondary students only) and communicate with teachers via email.

You can login to Skyward Family Access at <https://skyward.cdaschools.org>. For help with access or passwords, contact the front office.

Safety & Security

The safety of our students and staff is our top priority. We encourage you to visit the district's Safety & Security channel to learn more about our safety measures, www.cdaschools.org/safety.

Visiting our School

Our district uses the Raptor tracking system to help protect your children. District policy requires that all visitors entering a school during school hours are screened with this program. The software uses information from the visitor's driver's license or state ID card to check the sex offender database from all 50 states.

Please follow these procedures:

- **Be ready to provide a driver's license at the front office.**
- Sign in and receive a visitor's badge. Remember to sign out and return the badge when you leave.
- Once inside our school, never open the doors to admit another visitor.

Thank you for cooperating and supporting the safety of our students, staff, and families.

Emergency Drills

Our school conducts monthly drills for safety and training. Scheduled drills are typically not shared with our families before the event to ensure an effective training environment.

Snow Days / Closures

Schools may be closed for weather, road conditions, or other safety issues. When severe weather or road conditions are the issue, the Superintendent makes the decision by 5:00 a.m. If school is closed, you can expect to receive an email or text but not if we are open, unless there are extenuating circumstances.

Messages are also posted on the district's website and social media accounts. Additionally, you can call the District Closure Hotline at 208-667-0784. Local television and radio stations share the information too.

School Resources

School Nurse Visit the Health Services and Nursing channel on the district website for additional information, local resources, forms, and more: www.cdaschools.org/nursing.

Our school nurse provides:

- Patient-centered care using evidence-based practice, and teamwork
- Care coordination with conditions such as diabetes, epilepsy, severe allergies and asthma
- Support in accessing community healthcare
- Enforcement of illness guidelines
- Education for health promotion and disease prevention
- Immunization tracking
- Health screenings including vision and scoliosis.

Medications at School (See the District Handbook Policy 3510)

Elementary students are not allowed to possess prescription or nonprescription medication on the property unless specifically authorized to do. If your child requires medication during the school day, contact the front office for assistance and the steps to take.

Illness Guidelines

- Diarrhea: Students shall not attend school if they've had watery stools within a 24 hour period.
- Fever: Students shall be sent home or not attend school if the fever is over 100 degrees or when symptoms of illness or behavioral changes are present. Temperature should be taken without anti-fever/pain medication use, which will skew results. A child is able to return to school if their temperature is lower than 100 degrees, without fever-reducing medications, for 24 hours.
- Vomiting: Students shall be sent home or not attend school if there are episodes of vomiting within 24 hours.

- Pink Eye: Students with irritation *and* drainage from the eye shall not attend school until symptoms have been resolved, or treatment has been started.
- Cold Sores and draining lesions must be covered completely to be at school.
- Shingles: Student may remain in school if the rash is covered completely.
- Scabies: Student may attend school 8 hours after medical treatment has begun.
- Impetigo: A student shall not attend school until a medical provider's release is obtained.
- Ringworm: Students may attend school if lesions are covered and medication therapy has begun.
- Streptococcal: Students with any Strep infection shall not attend school until they have been on antibiotic therapy for 24 hours.
- Chicken Pox: Students having symptoms shall not attend school until all vesicles have crusted over and no drainage or fever is present.

School Counselor

Our Bryan School counselor is Isaac Myers. You may contact him at (208) 664-3237 or imyers@cdaschools.org.

Students may see Mr. Myers through self-referral, parent referral, staff referral, or referral from other community professionals. The range of counseling services available to students includes:

- Individual counseling
- Group Counseling
- Consultation
- Collaboration
- Classroom Lessons
- 504 Case Management

Hope on the Homefront

Our district's dedicated Hope on the Homefront team is ready to help students and families struggling with precarious housing or in need of help with school supplies, shoes and more. For more information or for assistance call (208) 664-8241 or visit www.cdaschools.org/help.

School Meals

Monthly school menus are available at www.cdaschools.org/menu. It is preferred that lunch payments be made online using the "online payments" link at the top of the page. [Payments by credit card will incur a fee but payments by checking account — using a bank routing and checking account number — is free.]

Families are encouraged to apply for free and reduced meals. This process and status is confidential. Families are required to reapply each year. Go to www.cdaschools.org/reduced.

Parent Groups / Volunteering

2022-2023 Bryan School PTA

Our Bryan Elementary School PTA welcomes you and your child. We warmly invite all families to be involved with our PTA to whatever extent they are able.

The PTA meets on a monthly basis. Contact the school for meeting dates and times. Please join us and find out how you can help make the year a memorable one for our children. Feel free to contact the Bryan PTA with any questions, concerns and/or ideas by emailing ptaofbryan@gmail.com. Please note, we love welcoming grandparents to our PTA. Please consider joining us!

Sign Up to be a Volunteer

Volunteers are asked to complete a volunteer application prior to your second visit. If visits or volunteering is infrequent

Volunteers working one-on-one with students may have more stringent requirements. For more information about this visit www.cdaschools.org/volunteer. This link will take you to the form. It takes about 5 minutes to complete and can be accessed from our front office if you need access to technology..