

good news!

from Bryant Schools

Our students and staff give us many reasons to be proud of Bryant Public Schools. To highlight honors, awards and recognitions, we share **Good News from Bryant Schools!** with you, our parents and community.

District

Three District administrators (Todd Sellers, Katie Thomas and Dr. Jay Pickering) completed year one of the **Master Principal Program** offered by the Arkansas Leadership Academy.



Over 3,800 staff, parents, students and community members have downloaded the **Bryant School District app**.

Athletic Director Mike Lee was named co-recipient of the 2012-13 Class 7A Athletic Director of the Year by the Arkansas High School Athletic Administrators Association.



Bryant's Transportation Department sponsored a three week bus safety program, **Flashing Red Kids Ahead**. Bus drivers wore bright yellow t-shirts to remind drivers to stop when they see flashing red lights.

Officer Kyle Dunn was selected as School Resource Officer of the Year at the annual Arkansas Safe Schools Conference.

Thanks to the efforts of **Gay Sellers, Food Service Director**, the Bryant School District became a summer meals site sponsor. Part of the No Kid Hungry Campaign, the district received a grant to help feed 16,000 meals over 40 days to children in the Bryant Boys and Girls Club summer program.

Blue Hornet Awards were presented to staff members from each school in recognition of excellence, leadership and service. Congratulations to the following:

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| DISTRICT | Jeanette Irby , Business Office |
| BHS | Margaret Sorrows , Journalism/Yearbook Teacher |
| BeMS | Angel Moran , CBI Teacher |
| BMS | Brooke Plack , 6th Grade Tech Teacher & Cheer Coach |
| BES | Sharon Mitchell , Kindergarten Teacher |
| CES | Stephanie Shaw , 1st Grade Teacher |
| DES | Lindsey Holloway , Kindergarten Teacher |
| HFES | Stephanie Hardin , Paraprofessional/Duty Aide |
| HCES | Lindsey Hartsell , 1st Grade Teacher |
| PES | Dana Waters , 3rd Grade Teacher |
| SES | Statia Smith , 4th Grade Teacher |
| SpES | Elizabeth Hoofman , 1st Grade Teacher |

Bryant High School

The newly constructed Bryant High School was awarded **Silver LEED Certification** through the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design.

Congratulations to the Sr. Lady Hornets and the Jr. Boy's **cross country teams** for winning their respective team championships at the OBU Invitational Sept 7.

Ninth grade English teacher **Lisa Stine**, was featured on the cover of the Arkansas School Board Association's **Report Card Magazine** for her interview on Common Core.



For the first time in school history, last year's **Prospective** newspaper has been named a Pacemaker Finalist, the top award in the nation. Final results will be announced at the National Scholastic Press Association Convention in November. **Robann Brown**, 2014 senior, is a national illustration finalist for her drawings in the election issue last year.

At the **Salt Bowl Blood Drive**, 197 potential donors were processed and 147 units of blood were donated. Thank you, students, for giving the gift of life.

Everett Buick GMC donated a golf cart to use for student safety and security.

Senior **Davis Nossaman** was recently announced as a semifinalist in the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program. Semifinalists are the highest-scoring PSAT program entrants in each state and represent the top one percent of the state's senior students. Davis was also selected for the 501 Football Team 2013 Players to Watch.



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Bethel Middle School

Bethel FBLA has 99 members for the 2013-14 school year. The chapter's first community service project is the Walk for a Cure for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Bethel FBLA will be donating \$400 to JDRF.

Bryant Middle School

Students from Ms. Plack's **Informational Technology**

class visited the Saline County Library to learn how to download the library's e-book software and check out e-books on their digital devices.



Patriot Day was observed by BMS students to remember those who were injured or died during the terrorist attacks on 9/11/01. History students designed ribbons of remembrance to post around the building while the choir classes learned two patriotic numbers, *Bless Our Troops* and *Taps*.

Hurricane Creek Elementary

Parents enjoyed an **Ice Cream Social** during the Annual Report to the Public.

Thanks to PTO donations, the school received a **new LED sign** on Alcoa Road to increase visibility and communication between community and school.

Paron

PES had a great turnout for the annual **Grandparent's Day**.

Each grade level performed a song, poem or skit for the grandparents, with the entire student body singing "Happy Grandparent's Day." Afterwards, grandparents and students enjoyed punch and cookies, and then visited classrooms. Photos were given as keepsakes.



Davis Elementary

Superintendent

Randy Rutherford announced **Michele Lewis** as the **new Davis Elementary principal**.

She was given a warm welcome by staff and students.



Students invited special guests to eat lunch with them on **Grandparent's Day**, September 6. Over 300 grandparents attended. Shannon Hills police officers served as escorts.

Fifth graders joining this year's **Flag Corp** include: Brittney Mitchell, Louise Hobby, Logan Moore, T.J. Danzy, Keely Purifoy, and Jaden Flowers. Shannon Hills Police Officer Chance Priest and Department of Corrections C.D. Cooke assisted in training the Flag Corp on the correct procedure to raise and lower the flags and proper respect of our flag.



Salem Elementary

Salem parent Brittany Cordell organized **Kartwheels for Kali**, a fundraiser for Kali Hardig, a Benton student recovering from parasitic meningitis. The event included KardsForKali, KupcakesForKali and KookiesForKali.

Springhill Elementary

For the past few years, the Saline County Fair Board has provided free rides and lunch for **special needs students** across the area. Springhill students enjoyed the exhibits, animals and fun rides.

Collegeville Elementary

Fifth graders began the first of many **leadership opportunities** this school year. These leaders helped younger students find their classrooms and feel welcome at CES: Ty Bahnks, Hudson Wiltshire, Alex Hanson, Will Hanson, Zach Overton, TJ Metcalf, Jake Palmer, Garret Wilson, Kylie Robinson, Aryn Stiles, Adria Clark, Caroline Pelton, Hallie Suggs, Annalise Robins, Evelyn Rivas, and Kushi Patel.



Bryant Elementary

Kindergarten staff and students organized **Grandparent's Day**. Over 100 grandparents joined their students for lunch and were treated to a special kindergarten program.

Hill Farm Elementary

PTO sponsored a **dessert night** for students and families.

Hill Farm was awarded **LEED Silver Certification** through the U.S. Green Building Council for sustainable green construction, saving the district and taxpayers thousands of dollars in energy usage.