

# 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

Each January, school board members are recognized for their service. On behalf of the entire Bryant School District, students from Salem Elementary presented **school board members** with gifts to thank them for improving the educational opportunities for every child in the district.



**Superintendent Randy Rutherford** was named Man of the Year by the Bryant Chamber of Commerce for going above and beyond his service as an educator to help make Bryant a better community.

Upon completion of the on-campus **Standards Review**, Johnnie Walters, head of monitoring for ADE, stated, "I have been conducting monitoring in the Bryant School District for the last twenty years and the District has never looked better."

## Sykes Athletes of the Month

**December:** Katy Stillman (Softball); **January:** Trevor Ezell (Baseball)  
**February:** Callie Schalk (Soccer)

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

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| DISTRICT | <b>Angie Keen</b> , Intervention Specialist                 |
| BHS      | <b>Angela Means</b> , FACS Teacher                          |
| BeMS     | <b>Dale Jones</b> , Coach/PE Teacher                        |
| BMS      | <b>Heather Welch</b> , 6th Grade Science Teacher            |
| BES      | <b>Karen Tucker</b> , Paraprofessional                      |
| CES      | <b>Charissa Eakin</b> , 5th Grade Teacher                   |
| DES      | <b>Phyllis Rogers</b> , Cafeteria Manager                   |
| HFES     | <b>Carolyn Phillips</b> , Cafeteria Manager                 |
| HCES     | <b>Joy Simmons</b> 1st Grade Teacher                        |
| PES      | <b>Liz Cunningham</b> , 4th/5th Grade Literacy & SS Teacher |
| SES      | <b>LouAnn Filiatreau</b> , Cafeteria Manager                |
| SpES     | <b>Leslie Smith</b> , 5th Grade Teacher                     |

## Bryant High School

Senior **Davis Nossaman** was recently announced as a 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program Finalist.



Congrats to the **9th Grade Quiz Bowl** team which finished 2nd at regionals.

**Hornet Wrestling** finished second in the 2014 Central Conference.

**Marley Adams, Mikayla Douglas and Melinda Murdock** signed letters of intent to continue their educations and athletic endeavors.

**Bryant Varsity Dance** placed 15th in Pom out of 88 teams in national competition.

Congratulations to the **2013 Bryant yearbook staff** for winning 21 Quill and Scroll Yearbook Excellence awards.



**Lady Hornets and Hornet Swim Teams** captured the South District Championships for five consecutive years.

Eleven students have qualified for the state **FBLA** competition.

Fourteen BHS band students were selected for Arkansas **All State Bands**.



Student Senate sponsored **Suicide Awareness Day** to encourage students to be a positive influence in the lives of others.

NHS, Student Senate and the girls soccer and softball teams volunteered at the annual **Winter Banquet** for the Bryant Chamber of Commerce.



## Congratulations, National Champions!

The Bryant High School **Varsity Cheerleaders** captured the 2014 Universal Cheer Association National Championship in Orlando, Florida on February 9. The team, which competed in the large varsity non-tumbling division, is coached by Karen Scarlett.

The team received a grand welcome home as they were escorted to Bryant High School by the police and fire departments.

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## Bethel Middle School

Money collected from **Candy Grams** was donated to AR Children's Hospital Hematology/Oncology Unit in honor of Bethel student Amelia West.

Congratulations to **Walker Bowden**, who placed second in the Saline County Spelling Bee.

## Bryant Middle School

Congratulations to John Dellorto, Elizabeth Loudermilk, Kevin Weng, Erin Chappell, Marisa Honeysuckle, Whitney Wyeth, Vatsal Patel,



Jasmine Johnson, Emily Sanders, and Madison Betz who recently earned a spot in the state **Quiz Bowl** tournament by placing 4<sup>th</sup> at regionals.

Joining others around the world, Mrs. Trantham's science students plan to submit their names to be etched on a microchip aboard a **spacecraft** headed to the asteroid Benu in 2016. Students will follow the mission on social media.

## Hurricane Creek Elementary

A long standing tradition at HCES, the annual **Daddy Daughter Dance** featured a special time of crafts, fun and connection for girls and the father figure in their lives.

## Bryant Elementary

Over 200 dads attended **Donuts for Dads** in honor of the school's Watchdog program.

## Hill Farm Elementary

**Ashleigh Hill**, 3rd grader, and **Braden Pierce**, 5th grader, represented Hill Farm in the Saline County Spelling Bee.

**Kim Akers** and her first grade class were featured and taped by AETN as an example of effective math instruction in the classroom. This will be shared with parents next school year.

## Davis Elementary

**Luke Zacher**, 5th grade, placed 1st in the Saline County Spelling Bee and will advance to the state spelling bee in March. **Alexia Owens**, fifth grade, placed 7th.



**Joshua McCoy** and **Matthew Nowak** raised over \$200 to help students in India after reading *Iqbal*. Donations were

given to The Good Weave of India.

The 5th grade **Quiz Bowl Team** won the district Quiz Bowl tournament.



## Paron Elementary

Paron Elementary students and parents enjoyed **Family Game Night** in February. Each grade level had stations set up to show parents and students how playing simple games at home can provide practice for math skills all while spending quality family time.



## Collegeville Elementary

**Caroline Perryman**, 3rd grade student, was recognized in front of her peers for raising money for the Salvation Army. Captain Dee Ann Glick surprised and presented Caroline with a Certificate of Recognition and the Salvation Army bell.



## Salem Elementary

Over 500 dads attended the **Donuts for Dads** event.

## Springhill Elementary

**Breakfast Clubs** are in full swing at SpES. Over 40 students participate each morning in Raz Kids reading in the computer lab and Reflex math in the Chrome lab.

**Courtney Worthen** and her 5th grade class were videotaped for AETN, highlighting classroom instruction for multiplying money. This will be shared with parents next school year.

