**Attendance is Important**

It is hard to believe we are already in the 2nd Nine Weeks of the 2020-2021 school year! We want to remind you of the importance of excellent attendance. Attending school, regardless of brick and mortar or e-learning, is extremely important for children’s social, emotional and educational development. Whether absences are excused or unexcused, they all represent lost time in the classroom and a lost opportunity to learn. Please be sure to have students attend school every day, all day to get the most out of their education. If you would like any helpful hints or strategies to assist with attendance be sure to reach out to Bryant’s school social worker, Jessica Cellupica. Here is the link to the 2020-21 school year calendar: [https://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/calendar](https://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/calendar)

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**Student Spotlight**

Congratulations to Andrea Cruz, voted Student Council President! We are proud of all our Student Council Representatives!

Congratulations to 4th grader, Milana Pavlinic, Hope for the Future Challenge Winner! Her project highlights actions to protect the Florida Gulf Coast. Check out her video submission in the link below!

[https://youtu.be/4py17_g51Ms](https://youtu.be/4py17_g51Ms)

We are very proud of 5th grader Brooke Smith and her sister Haili! These two created “Books Like Me”, a nonprofit for students to be able to read about diverse characters.

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**Duke Tip**

As a result of the pandemic, Duke TIP will not be offering programming (incl. the Academic Talent Search) for the remainder of 2020-21 school year. The program is being revamped to offer new online courses and other opportunities for precollege age students. At this time, the Hillsborough County Gifted Department is still planning to offer ESY opportunities for eligible elementary students. More details will be available in early spring.

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**Florida Cell Phone Law School Zones**

As of October 1, 2019, Florida drivers are not allowed to hold cell phones in their hands in work or school zones. Our school zone begins on Nine Eagles Road and extends through all school property including Car Line. Drivers in these zones should not hold the phone up to their ear, type anything on their screen, or even hold their phone to read their GPS. If law enforcement sees a driver breaking this new law, they may issue a citation.

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