

Bryan and his family moved from Hicksville to Kings Park in 1970, and he began 2nd grade at Indian Head Elementary School. At that time the Principal of Indian Head, William T. Rogers, was also his neighbor. It was in the 4th grade when he was encouraged by a teacher, Miss Arlene Sturm, to join the band. He played trumpet until Junior High School when two other teachers, Miss Constance McDermott and Miss Patricia O'Brien, convinced him to move on to the trombone. They are the people he credits with inspiring him to continue with music and to become a music educator. But Bryan says the most influential person during his time in High School was his Principal, Mary de Rose.

Bryan was determined to be a musician and Kings Park surely nurtured that ambition. He very much enjoyed marching with the Long Island Kingsmen Drum and Bugle Corps from 1975 to 1980. And after graduating in 1981 from Kings Park High School, Bryan went on to the Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam. He received his degree in 1985 and started teaching right away – first in Sag Harbor, then in Patchogue-Medford, and finally in Baldwin. In 1989 he moved to New Jersey, where he has been ever since. In addition to his day job of the last 11 years at South Amboy Elementary School, in 2009 Bryan became Director of Pep Band and Instrumental Ensembles at Monmouth University, where he continues to work today.

Bryan has been in the field of music education for 30 years, inspiring and influencing countless young men and women. He shares his joy of music with an appreciation he seems born to express.