

# Bryant Bulletin

October 9, 2019



## Staff Spotlight—Mrs. Fry

Mrs. Fry is one of our wonderful 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade teachers. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Education from New Mexico State University. She has been working in education as a teacher for over 8 years. She chooses to work in education because she “has an ability to reach kids and inspire their learning.” She wants to help kids enjoy school. Mrs. Fry has two big things she enjoys the most about teaching: The “ah-ha” moments of learning and enjoyment of learning from kids. Kids teach her new facts about various topics, and on a deeper level, teach her life lessons. Learning in the classroom is reciprocal. Outside of school, she enjoys hiking, road trips across the U. S., board games and puzzles. Mrs. Fry helps to create a Culture of Care and Kindness at Bryant by giving the kids a voice and listening to them. She says, “Kids are amazing and have so much to offer. They often see things through untainted eyes and speak pure, unfiltered words.” Mrs. Fry feels that if she takes the time to listen and have real conversations with her students, while valuing their input, she can build genuine relationships with them.

## *Dr. Rhodes’ Weekly Message*

I am blown away by the generosity of our community and supporters of our students and school. PTA Paws for Kindness was a huge project and executed very well by our volunteers. Other PTA’s and schools have heard about what our community did and are asking for all the details. Please keep the kindness going all year long. One student, Cooper S., even started a kindness day of the week at home in which the family practices extra acts of kindness each week. We can never talk about, teach, or model kindness too much for our students. Furthermore, outwardly demonstrating what kindness is and looks like helps children internalize kindness at a young age—a time when it can be imprinted into their personality and character. The Principal kissing a pig and Administration playing beanboozled (ugh!) on live announcements is also memorable...those things are not acts of kindness but are tied to the acts of kindness our entire school completed. Any way in which we can get kids excited about kindness is worthwhile. Thanks again for all who helped PTA in reaching all goals. I look forward to working with PTA in determining playground enhancements!!

**Campus Handbook:** Due to changes in Board Policies in August, the Student Handbook, including the Bryant-specific pages were delayed. They are finally ready and are posted online. While most things remained the same in the Bryant-specific pages, the handbook is a valuable resource for families new to Bryant. The updated Student Handbook can be read by [clicking here](#). Campus pages begin on page 43. If you need a paper copy, we have ordered a few which should arrive soon—just let us know.

**Thank You:** [Cinco Meadows Dental and Dr. Brian Williams](#) who donated school-colored golf umbrellas for our Safety Patrol to use on rainy days!!

**Weekly Satisfaction Survey:** [Click here](#) to take our Bryant Satisfaction Survey.

## ***From Mrs. Flores, School Counselor:***

**This Week's Character Challenge:** Give ten meaningful compliments.

This month we are discussing empathy in classroom community circles. Empathy is an important skill for creating connected and kind communities. Students will be understanding the meaning of empathy and how to practice it in their everyday lives.

Did you know that teens today are forty percent less empathetic than they were thirty years ago? 40%. This month, we are focusing on empathy with meaningful activities and discussions. The definition of empathy that students are learning at school is "the ability to understand and connect with the feelings of another." As students build their empathetic skills, they are likely to connect with others, enriching our school and our children's lives with kindness and care. If you are looking for ways to extend this learning at home, please read our [K-2 resource](#) and [3-5 resource](#). If you would like more information or have questions, please contact the School Counselor, Penny Flores, at 281-234-4331 or [penelopewflores@katyisd.org](mailto:penelopewflores@katyisd.org).

**Bullying Prevention Month/Red Ribbon Week:** October is National Bullying Prevention Month. While we continuously educate students about bullying and how to stand up against bullying, the month of October brings extra emphasis through Counselor lessons, teacher lessons, and morning announcements. The month of October also brings Red Ribbon Week which focuses on drug-free living. We will celebrate Red Ribbon Week October 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. Students are welcome to join our fun dress up days to show support for drug and bullying prevention. [Click here](#) for school and district specific dress days (note- the 23<sup>rd</sup> is the 50<sup>th</sup> day of school so we will celebrate Unity Day one day early on the 22<sup>nd</sup>). Participation is always optional for all students and families.

## ***From Our GT Teacher:***

### **Elementary Gifted and Talented Screening**

The gifted and talented program in Katy ISD serves elementary students with a one day per week pullout program. If you would like your **1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> grade** child screened for Challenge for the **2019-20** school year, please request an Elementary Parent Checklist from the Counselor's office or front desk beginning **October 14th**.

The Parent Checklist form is also available online from [www.katyisd.org](http://www.katyisd.org). Look under Departments > Gifted and Talented. **Completed forms must be returned to the Challenge teacher by Wednesday, October 30, 2019.**  
**\*\*PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A MUCH EARLIER DEADLINE THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS.\*\***

On **October 15th @ 7:00 pm, in room 1200 at the Education Support Complex**, a Parent Awareness Session will be held for parents of students in grades 1-4 who are interested in screening their child for the Gifted and Talented (GT) program. For more information, please contact Jodi Foreman, Challenge Teacher- [jolindagforeman@katyisd.org](mailto:jolindagforeman@katyisd.org).

## ***After School Program:***

Abrakadoodle after school art program is returning for the third year beginning October 30<sup>th</sup>. Please [click here](#) for more information. Please note--outside companies rent space at the school from Katy ISD and are overseen by the

company and its employees. Bryant Staff/Administration are not involved in the program and do not oversee the program. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to let the after school program staff know of any special needs, allergies, or other pertinent information their instructors may need to know in order for your child to be successful in their program.

### ***From the District:***

The Legacy Parent Academy will continue in the 2019-2020 school year with sessions focusing on prevalent social-emotional topics. The academy is intended to provide parents with information on current topics that impact students and school districts. Academy sessions are supplemental to campus-based programs and initiatives. The Legacy Parent Academy [webpage](#) includes session descriptions and a link to register for future sessions.

## ***Campus Event Calendar***

### **Thursday, October 10**

PTA Spirit Night @ USwirl 4-9pm

### **Friday, October 11**

PTA Spirit Store Open during lunch times. *If students will make purchases, please place money in a sealed ziplock bag labeled with student name and indicating the money is for Spirit Store.*

### **Friday, October 18**

Early Dismissal @ 12:40pm (No lunch visitors)

### **Monday, October 21-25**

Red Ribbon Week

### **Friday, October 25**

PTA General Board Meeting 4pm

PTA Trunk or Treat Event 5:30pm

### **Monday, November 4- Friday, November 8**

Library Book Fair

### **Thursday, November 7**

3rd Grade Veterans Day Program 6pm

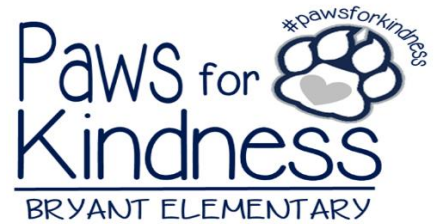
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# *Information from the PTA*

## ***Paws for Kindness – THANK YOU***

We want to thank all of our students and their families that participated in Paws for Kindness, and for all the volunteers who made this fundraiser a great success. We ended up making over \$55,000 and saw almost 11,000 Acts of Kindness completed in that two-week period. Congratulations and Thank you!!



## ***Spirit Night – Tomorrow***

Our first Spirit Night of the year will be a sweet one! Please make plans to join us at U-swirl Frozen Yogurt tomorrow beginning at 4pm. Be sure to mention you're with Bryant Elementary!

## ***Yearbooks on Sale!***

Yearbooks are on sale for this school year. The price is \$30. Price will increase after October 25th!

<https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/2735885/Bryant-Elementary-School/>

## ***Trunk or Treat –October 25***

Our annual Trunk or Treat will be held on Friday evening, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-6:30pm. Parents who are interested in hosting a trunk or donating candy can sign-up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D4AA4A62DA4FF2-trunk> by **October 11th**.

Candy can be dropped off at the designated "Candy-Drop" in the BES Lobby beginning Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>. Trunks should be decorated in your favorite board game theme.

## ***Get your Spirit Wear!***

Our Spirit Wear is in-stock and ready for you! If you have previously placed an order through our online store, you should be getting your orders very soon. For your convenience, you can purchase all your Bryant Spirit Wear online by visiting <http://officialbryantpta.com>. If you have any questions, please contact our VP of Fundraising – Jennifer Nash at [bryantptafundraising@gmail.com](mailto:bryantptafundraising@gmail.com).