

Bryant Bulletin

November 13, 2019



Staff Spotlight— Mrs. Morgan

Mrs. Morgan is our fabulous Kindergarten Team Leader. She earned her bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University with a specialization in ESL. She has been teaching Kindergarten in Katy ISD since finishing her student teaching at Cimarron Elementary where she then continued for 4 years as a Kindergarten teacher. This is now her third year teaching Kindergarten at Bryant. Mrs. Morgan chose education as her career in order to help students be the absolute best people they can be. She wants to create an environment where her students can pursue their passions, build a strong academic foundation, and develop a lasting love for learning. She says, "Kindergarten is a year full of growth and new discoveries, so I feel absolute JOY coming to work each day to help my students achieve their goals!" Mrs. Morgan loves how her students view the world. She states, "They have such a curious spirit and their eagerness to learn is infectious." Mrs. Morgan loves having fun with her students each day

while conducting hands-on experiments or laughing during a silly read aloud. Some of her most cherished moments have transpired in the small snapshots of the day: cozying up with a favorite story at Readers Workshop, working in a small group, or simply talking about the best superheroes at recess. Mrs. Morgan has seen firsthand the positive impact of establishing positive relationships with her students and states, "There are few things more rewarding than when a student has worked hard to understand a concept, finally understands, and celebrates that they DID IT!" Outside of school, Mrs. Morgan loves to explore and is happiest when she gets to be outdoors with her friends and family. Some of her favorite activities include: morning walks with her husband and their adorable 3 year old husky, hiking, playing tennis, and reading by the pool. She also loves to travel and takes any chance she can to explore new places and cultures. Mrs. Morgan helps to create a Culture of Care and Kindness at Bryant by facilitating Community Circle each morning with intentional time to build friendships, share feelings, and establish a place that is nurturing and inviting for anyone who walks in the room. She also dedicates time for the "Star of the Week," a rotation in which students get to learn about one classmate each week and celebrate their similarities and differences. Additionally, each day during student arrival and dismissal, Mrs. Morgan greets her students with a smile, wave, or hug (student's choice). She believes it is so important for her, as a teacher, to be a positive role model for her students and demonstrate the power of positivity. Her hope is that each day when her students leave her room, they are excited to return and know they are loved, supported and cared for.

Dr. Rhodes' Weekly Message

It has been a chilly week! The following are Katy ISD Guidelines we follow for outdoor activities during our colder months:

- When the temperature falls below 45° or the wind chill is below 40°--Teachers should ensure students are dressed for cold weather before taking them outside.
- When the temperature falls below 32° or the wind chill is below 30°-- Outdoor activities for elementary students should be limited to 25 minutes or less.
- When the temperature or wind chill is below 20°-- Outdoor activities should be discontinued until the temperature warms.

Business Partners: Our teachers and staff spend countless hours working to best serve our Bryant Bengals! They put so much effort into teaching, equipping, and caring for our students. We want to show them appreciation by providing a small token each school day from 12/5-12/20. Business partners and organizations make this possible. If you are part of a business or organization that might be interested in hosting one of these appreciation days, please reach out to Dr. Amanda Fait (amandafait@katyisd.org) by 11/20.

Thankful Parties: Currently we have 122 visitors planning to attend our Thankful Parties next week. In previous years we have had many more visitors for these parties. Please understand that if you plan to visit and are not pre-raptored, there will be quite a wait to be processed through the raptor system. We cannot guarantee that you will make the entire grade level party. Party times are listed below in the calendar. Pre-Raptoring can be requested by [clicking here](#) (please read all details on the webpage). If you have not visited the school and been raptored this year, you will not be able to Pre-Raptor. If this is the case, drop by any time before the party day and your license can be scanned into the system so that you can successfully Pre-Raptor.

Thank You: Thank you to our PTA for sending four of our math teachers to the Conference for the Advancement of Mathematics Teaching this past summer. These four teachers recently shared part of their learning with our K-5 Math Vertical Team of teachers!!

Weekly Satisfaction Survey: [Click here](#) to take our Bryant Satisfaction Survey. This survey will be open through Sunday evening.

Second Semester After-School Enrichment Program: iKids University® is coming to Bryant Elementary in January for After-School Enrichment! iKids U® is an on-site and customizable program designed for your child! Each day after school, students will have the opportunity to select an optional "Enrichment" activity for an enjoyable learning experience. iKids U® offers a variety of after-school activities from 1 to 5 days per week. There is something for every child!

Enrichment Activities being offered for the 2020 Spring Semester include Art, Brain Games, Cooking, Hip Hop, Karate, LEGO® Robotics, Science, Spanish, Sports, and more! Please be on the lookout for registration information coming out the first week of November. Registration will run Nov. 12 – Nov. 22! For more information, please visit www.ikidsu.com or contact iKids at 832-913-6652 or katy.sugarland@ikidsu.com. [Click on this video link](#) to learn more about iKids U®

As a reminder: 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 Mrs. Flores, School Counselor:

This Week's Character Challenge: Spend time with someone new.

Today was World Kindness Day! Students were challenged to write kind messages to three different people in their lives on sticky notes. We have been working on giving meaningful compliments because they can make a difference for someone. Staff members also wrote kind notes to other staff members at Shafer Elementary.

From Our Art Teachers: Mrs. Marker & Mrs. Teuton:

We are excited to tell you about a very special program that we are coordinating at our school in conjunction with Crayola. It's called Crayola ColorCycle – an amazing program devised to repurpose used markers rather than sending them to landfills!

The ColorCycle program has repurposed more than 70 tons of expended markers in the United States and Canada since 2013, and uses the most advanced plastic conversion technologies available today to make wax compounds for asphalt and roofing shingles as well as to generate electricity that can be used to heat homes, cook food, and power vehicles.

All around Bryant, students and teachers will be collecting used markers that are ready to be discarded. We would LOVE you to help support our efforts by sending in your used markers you may have around the house - even non-Crayola brands! Highlighters and dry erase markers can also be included. Drop-off boxes will be located outside of the art room to deposit the markers.

Thank you in advance for participating! Remember, don't throw out that used marker—*ColorCycle it!*

From the District:

Sign-ups are now open for the Junior Healthcare Academy through Miller Career and Technology Center (MCTC)! This is a great opportunity for students to learn basic healthcare knowledge doing activities and crafts in our Clinical, Dental, Pharmacy and EMT labs. Plus, since this is a drop-off event, it will provide you a little extra free time for holiday shopping or other Saturday activities! Space is limited. [Click here](#) for a flyer and registration

Campus Event Calendar

Tuesday, November 19

Progress Reports Go Home

3rd PTA Spirit Night, Marco's Pizza (see PTA section below for details)

Friday, November 22

No Lunch Visitors due to Parties

Grade Level Thankful Parties in Gym

PK & K- 8:45-9:35

1st- 9:45-10:35

2nd- 12:45-1:35

3rd- 1:45-2:35

4th- 11:45-12:35

5th- 10:45-11:35

Pre-Raptor by [clicking here](#).

Monday, November 25-Friday, November 29

Thanksgiving Break (Students and Staff)

Wednesday, December 4

Monthly Character Kickoff for Perseverance (wear green)

Candy Cane Grams on Sale (details TBA)

Friday, December 6

Pajamas for Junior Achievement (JA). Students may wear pajamas with a \$2 donation to JA. School appropriate shoes must be worn.

Monday, December 9-Friday, December 13

PTA Holiday Shop

Friday, December 13

PTA Cookies with Santa (evening event- Time TBA)

December 20

Early Dismissal 12:40pm

Information from the PTA

December Spirit Store

Due to so many activities on campus during the coming month, the December Spirit Store has been cancelled.

5th Grade T-Shirts

Hello fabulous 5th Grade Families!! We are sending home an [order form](#) today for you to order your 5th Grade T-shirt. Our design was hand-drawn by one of our very own 5th Grade Bengals. 5th Grade Parents or Volunteers are also welcome to purchase a shirt! Cash and checks are accepted, with checks being made payable to Bryant PTA. The shirts will be delivered to your child's homeroom after Thanksgiving break.

ALL ORDERS ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH

Please contact 5th grade chair Flora Rogers for any questions at bryantpta5thgradechair@gmail.com.

3rd Grade Spirit Night- Marco's Pizza

3rd Graders were given pizza boxes to take home and decorate today. These are due by 11/18. When you order a pizza on 11/19, tell the Marco's employee that you are ordering from Bryant Elementary and give your 3rd Grade child's name. The pizza will be delivered in your child's decorated box!!

PTA Special Membership Meeting

A special membership meeting is being held on Friday, December 6, 2019 at 9:15am in the BES LGI Room. All paid 2019-2020 members are welcome.

Yearbooks on Sale!

Yearbooks are continuing to be sold. The price is now \$35. [Click here](#) to buy a yearbook through the Jostens website.

Get your Spirit Wear!

Our Spirit Wear is in-stock and ready for you! 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.