

Bryant Bulletin

A joint PTA/Campus Newsletter

November 29, 2017

Dr. Rhodes' Weekly Message

I hope that everyone had a nice Thanksgiving. It is hard to believe that we have three weeks until the 1st semester is over! This year is definitely flying by. I would like to thank everyone who helped with our Fun Run—whether you were a lap marker, cheering parent, or made donations. Everyone came together to make the event fun for all students. The students raised enough money to see me roller skate in the hallways and cafeteria, wear a crazy wig with the admin team, become a Human Sundae with Mrs. O'Leary, and serve food in our cafeteria. We have had fun with our students and I think they have been surprised to see us do all these crazy things.

Please see below for information about PTA's Bryant Ball coming this Friday. This is a family dance event in which we can get dressed up, dance to a live DJ, enjoy a candy bar and photo booth, and have lots of fun. I hope to see your family there!

Note- There is concern about speeding cars on Willowmoor and Ash Creek Court. Please understand that this is still within a school zone and decreased speeds are required during arrival and dismissal times. Please obey the posted speed limit signs that are posted on Kingsland Blvd as you enter the school zone. It is also important to remember that you cannot be on a cell phone in a school zone, which includes the streets around the school and while moving in the pick-up line. Thanks for helping make all parts of our community safe.

Event Calendar

Wednesday November 29

Family Night- No Homework

December 1

All Giving Tree items need to be turned in to the school

Bryant Spelling Bee, 9am (parents of students who qualified may attend)

Bryant Ball, 6-8pm in the gym ([Click here](#) and see below for more details)

December 6

Core Essential Kickoff- students are encouraged to wear Green

Smashburger Spirit Night ([Click here](#) for details)- Pin Oak Location. Simply tell them you are with Bryant!

December 7

Winter Choir Concert in the Gym, 6pm (Bryant Singing Bengals choir members arrive in Ms. Marrs' room at 5:45pm)

December 15

End of Second 9 weeks

Early Dismissal @ 12:40

Office and Other Information

- Click [HERE](#) for the Bryant Website
- Click [HERE](#) for Katy ISD Home Access Center (HAC). Register to gain access to grades, e-news, etc.

Follow us via social media:

Facebook= [Bryant Elementary](#)

Twitter= [@BryantElem](#) [#bengalpride](#)

Website= <http://www.katyisd.org/campus/bes/Pages/default.aspx>

Elementary Gifted and Talented Screening--Katy ISD students in grades 1-4 can be referred for screening for the 2018-2019 gifted and talented program. Parents must complete a Parent Checklist which can be obtained from the student's school or from the [Katy ISD website](#).

The deadline for completing and returning the Parent Checklist is **December 6, 2017**. Checklists which are not returned by the deadline will not be screened for service for the 2018-2019 school year. The State of Texas requires that various types of measures be used to identify students for gifted programs which includes observations and standardized tests. The program for elementary students consists of a one-day pullout in the Challenge classroom with a teacher trained in gifted education.

Parents may contact campus counselors, elementary Challenge teachers, or G/T facilitators if they have additional questions. They can visit the [Katy ISD GT and Advanced Academics webpage](#) for more information.

<https://youtu.be/oSkk6jopPJo> GT Parent Awareness 2017-18 (English)

<https://youtu.be/uWaO9HTx1JE> GT Parent Awareness 2017 18 (Spanish)

From the Counselor

This month our Core Value is **GENEROSITY**. Please help us kick-off this Core Essential trait by wearing GREEN on Wednesday December 6, 2017. I love this quote by John Wesley because it shows the idea of being generous in our own way: "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can." Below are some great activities that you can do with your family so that we can SAY, KNOW, SEE and BE what it means to be generous!

SAY IT: Generosity is making someone's day by giving something away.

KNOW IT:

Ask a kid:

- Has someone ever unexpectedly given something to you that you really wanted?
- What is one way you can be generous to a classmate?
- What is one way you can be generous to a stranger?

Ask a grown up:

- Who are some people who have helped you the most in your life? How have you shown them gratitude over the years?
- What are specific ways you have shown gratitude to people other than simply telling them thank you?

SEE IT: Visit your local library and check out the book *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein or search <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xODAQbu6bJ0> to listen to a reading of the story. Read this book with your family and brainstorm ideas of ways to be generous with one another. Extend the lesson by taking opportunities to serve in your community (soup kitchens, community thrift stores, etc.). Watch your children's joyful expression as they give their time and talents to those in need.

BE IT: One night this month when you are driving through somewhere picking up dinner with your family, pay for the car behind you as well. This small act of generosity will spur on a movement and is sure to resonate with your family. Be sure to stress anonymous giving (receiving no recognition) to your children as this is an important piece of being generous.

Home to School Connection

Know your library

The local library is a great place for your child to discover books she will treasure, find information for school projects, or simply settle in and read. Help her establish a library habit with these ideas.

Get a card. Have your youngster sign up for her own library card. This will make her feel like she belongs at “her” library.

Become acquainted. Explore different sections of the library together. Encourage her to get to



know the librarians—they will recommend titles or help her locate resources.

Return books on time. Fines can add up and keep your family from checking out more books. Suggest that your child decorate a reusable bag to hold books and add a sticky note with the due date. Each time she checks out books, she could replace the note with a new one—and a new due date.♥

Information from the PTA

Giving Tree Sponsored by PTA

If you took a gift tag from the Giving Tree, don't forget that the items are due by this Friday.

Teacher/Staff Cookie Bar-Monday, December 4th

Bryant PTA is sponsoring a Teacher/Staff Holiday Cookie Bar on Monday, Dec. 4th and we need your help supplying the cookies whether homemade or store bought or professionally made! See sign up below:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080449afac2ba2fb6-cookies>

Bryant Ball

The 1st Annual Bryant Ball will be on Friday evening, December 1st from 6-8pm in our gym. The Bryant Ball is open to all students and parents to attend. Get dressed up, come dance, and enjoy a visit to the Candy Bar. There will also be a DJ and Photo booth. [Click here for details.](#)

Yearbooks for Sale

Buy your yearbook soon by [clicking here](#). Prices go up at the end of December. Pricing is as follows:
\$30 Now-Dec 31

\$40 Jan 1- March 15

\$50- any remaining books at delivery

Attention 5th Grade Parents—Would you like to buy a yearbook ad to celebrate your student? Pricing is as follows and is also available for purchase on the Jostens website:

\$25- 1/4 page

\$50- 1/2 page

\$100- whole page