

Bryant Bulletin

A joint PTA/Campus Newsletter

March 28, 2018

Dr. Rhodes' Weekly Message

I would like to congratulate our Bryant PTA for being recognized with the Good Standing Distinction from the Texas PTA. This means our PTA has the 2018 Blue Ribbon seal of approval which requires a lot of work and attention to detail. Thank you to our founding PTA Board and everyone who has helped our PTA this year!!

As we enter the month of April, state testing will begin. 4th and 5th graders will test in April and in May 3rd will join 4th and 5th for final testing. If your student is in 3rd-5th grades, a letter will go home giving you further details about testing as well as information regarding lunches and snacks. Testing dates are as follow: April 10th-4th Grade Writing, 5th Grade Math; April 11th- 5th Grade Reading; April 12th-13th- Make-up testing. May 14th- 3rd Grade Math, 4th Grade Math, 5th Grade Math Retest; May 15th- 3rd Grade Reading, 4th Grade Reading, 5th Grade Reading Retest; May 16th- 5th Grade Science, Make-up testing; May 17th- Make-up testing. Please note the entire campus will be closed to visitors (including lunch visitors) on the above dates.

Reminder: If arriving to school after 8:20, any student entering the building must be accompanied by an adult for sign in.

For Your Information: I have gotten several questions about classroom requests for next year. In April I will open a two week window in which you can send me an email describing the characteristics your student needs in a teacher. I will then take those characteristics and match your student with a teacher who is the closest match. Please know, I do not take requests for specific teachers. If there is a request for a specific teacher, I will not be able to honor it. Be on the lookout in April in this section of the newsletter for more details.

You're Invited: Have you volunteered for Bryant Elementary this year in any way, big or small? If so, you are invited to attend a Brunch honoring YOU! Our celebration brunch will be held on Friday, April 20, 2018 from 10-11:30am, in our campus LGI. In addition, our final three nominees for Volunteer of the Year will be announced! If you will attend, please RSVP by emailing Mrs. Diana Durlam by end of day on April 10th. Mrs. Durlam can be reached at DianaLDurlam@katyisd.org

Kindness Crew Challenge of the Week: Give two compliments to someone each day this week.

Event Calendar

March 29

PTA Board Nominations Due

March 30

Student and Staff holiday- Good Friday

April 4

Core Essential Kickoff for Peace- Students are encourage to wear Aqua.

April 10-13

Closed Campus due to STAAR Testing (No Visitors on Campus)

April 10

4th Grade Writing STAAR Test

5th Grade Math STAAR Test

April 11

5th Grade Reading STAAR Test

April 12-13

STAAR Test Make-Ups

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.

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From the Counselor:

Our Core Value for April is **PEACE**. "Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding" (Albert Einstein). 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 have peace!

Please help us kick off this core essential trait by wearing aqua on Wednesday, April 4, 2018.

SAY IT: Peace is proving you care more about each other than winning an argument.

KNOW IT:

Ask a kid:

- Have you ever known you were "right" in an argument but decided to let it go in order to keep the peace?
- Think of a time when you avoided a conflict you knew was about to happen. Was this difficult to do? How were you able to divert yourself from the situation?

Ask a grown up:

- When is the last time that you held a grudge against someone? How long did you do this? What was the end result?
- How does it feel to let someone else win an argument or conflict in order to keep the peace?
- What are some things that you have done that have helped you be successful in keeping the peace?

SEE IT: Watch this short cartoon about Ferdinand the Bull. He liked to sit quietly under a tree and smell the flowers. When he is taken to a ring for a bull fight, everyone is surprised because he is content with sitting quietly and peacefully smelling flowers. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ALYj24vKmR4>.

BE IT: Choose a night this month to challenge your family to a board game, puzzle or other fun, competitive activity. Throughout the night be aware of disagreements, challenges and arguments arising. Coach your children up by teaching them along the way the importance of keeping the peace with one another and communicating effectively.

Please contact our awesome School Counselor, Mrs. Flores, if you would like additional resources--
penelopewflores@katyisd.org

From the PE Department:

Coach Gregorski and Ms. Atwood want to give a huge thank you to Kathalyn Garza for organizing the Field Day volunteers and checking them in and all of the PTA work room moms who helped with the Field Day score cards, you all are amazing! We also want to thank all of the parent volunteers who came to run a station at Field Day. We could not have done it without all of your help and cooperation. The students truly enjoyed themselves and it was the best ever Field Day!!!

Home to School Connection

ACTIVITY CORNER

Structural engineering

Your child will have fun exploring engineering with homemade building blocks. Share these steps.

1. Make triangle blocks

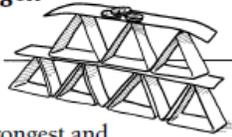
Let him cut poster board, file folders, or index cards into 24 strips, each about 1" x 5". Then, have him fold each strip into thirds, bend it into a triangle, and tape the ends together. (Note: He should save a few unfolded strips to use for building.)

2. Build a structure

Encourage your youngster to experiment with different designs. He can fit triangles together into rows with every other block pointing up, lay an unfolded strip on top, and continue alternating layers. Perhaps he'll make the rows all the same length or make them different lengths.

3. Test strength

Ask your child to check each structure to see which design is the strongest and most stable. He could put a strip of paper on top and add pennies, counting as he goes, until the structure topples. Which arrangement of blocks holds the most pennies?♥



Information from the PTA

Save the Date:

On the evening of April 27th, PTA will hold an outdoor movie night hosted by Cane Island. The evening will also feature various food trucks for dinner and snacks. More details to come!!