

Bryant Bulletin

November 14, 2018



Staff Spotlight—Ms. Clauson

Ms. Clauson is one of our wonderful 2nd grade Math/Science teachers! This is Ms. Clauson's 11th year teaching. She has taught 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade. Ms. Clauson works in education because she loves working with children and helping them grow! She loves helping her students gain confidence in and comfort with their learning. Ms. Clauson shared one of her favorite moments in education, "One of my favorite moments in education was when my first group of 2nd grade students came to visit me the year they were graduating high school. I loved listening to them reminisce about what we did and how much they had grown since 2nd grade. We laughed about how they used to think 2nd grade math was hard,

but now that they were taking Pre-Cal, they wished they could be back in 'easy' 2nd grade math." Outside of school Ms. Clauson is always busy with her 8 and 13 year old. She also loves D.I.Y. projects as well as watching Netflix. Ms. Clauson shared her thoughts on fostering care and kindness, "In my class, I try to create a family environment where we are allowed to express ourselves, inquire about each other, and complement one another. All students can excel at kindness and shine in how they treat others!" We are happy to have Ms. Clauson as part of the Bryant family!!

Dr. Rhodes' Weekly Message

It is hard to believe that we are days away from Thanksgiving Break. I have provided some school-wide reminders and information below. Please also see the PTA Section as we have the Tip Top Holiday Shop and Cookies with Santa coming up the week we return.

Notice: As the days have gotten colder, more students are being dropped off in the morning. In the past we have not had to monitor the traffic in the mornings but now traffic is backing up into the roundabout. We cannot let this happen as it makes the entire roundabout hazardous. If you see Mrs. Durlam or another staff member standing at Hidden Village Drive making a circling motion with the hand, please circle the school just as we do for dismissal in the afternoon. We must ensure buses and daycare vans can enter and exit the side of our school without having to drive down the wrong side of the street or sit in a line of cars. Thank you for your cooperation.

Announcement: Congratulations to 4th Grade for winning the attendance challenge last week. The 4th grade attendance rate was 97.6%!! Each 4th Grade student received five Bengal Bucks.

Announcement: This week's kindness challenge is, "Write a thank you note or draw a picture of appreciation." Please talk to your student about this act of kindness or have them write a note/draw a picture for someone within your family or to give to someone at school.

Announcement: If you do not recognize/celebrate upcoming holidays, please let your child's homeroom teacher know so he or she can provide alternate activities in case there are holiday related activities in class or school.

Safety Reminder: Please remember we will not open the door to the school if you do not have your identification. There are no exceptions. No one can come to the door and talk to you through the glass, etc. Identification will also be needed again at the front desk to Raptor-in or pick up a student early. If you forget your identification at home, you will need to return to get it. I apologize that this is an inconvenience to some, but this is for the safety of all. This is now the process in place for all schools in the district.

Event Calendar

Friday, November 16

Thankful Parties, [Click here to Pre-Raptor before noon on 11/15](#)

No Lunch Visitors

Monday, November 19 – Friday, November 23

Thanksgiving Break

Monday, November 26 – Friday, November 30

PTA Tip Top Holiday Shop

Tuesday, November 27

Progress Reports Go Home

Wednesday, November 28

Family Night, No Homework Assigned

College Shirt Day

Friday, November 30

PTA General Board Meeting, 5:00pm

PTA Holiday Shop & Cookies with Santa, 5:30-7:00pm

Thursday, December 6

Singing Bengals Winter Concert, 6:00pm, Gym

Tuesday, December 11

Read, Deed, Run, LGI

Thursday, December 13

4th/5th Spelling Bee, LGI

Thursday, December 14

The Gift of Time for Teachers. If you can volunteer to help monitor students in our cafeteria or playground, please sign up by [clicking here](#).

Wednesday, December 19

College Shirt Day

Friday, December 21

Early Dismissal, 12:40pm

Monday, December 21-Monday, January 7

Winter Break

Tuesday, January 8

Third Grading Period Begins

New Student Registration, 8:00-12:00pm

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](#)

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From the Student Council:

The Bryant Student Council is hosting a toiletry drive for the Ballard House through the 16th. They are asking for unused travel sized toiletries. This donation will go to the Ballard House, an organization with a mission to give a place to stay for families and individuals who have family members in the hospital and under extended medical care. These toiletries will help to provide them with items they will need and use during their stay. Lots of rewards for the winning grade level!! A generous parent is also paying for pizza for the winning grade level!!

Examples of items to donate:

-deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste/toothbrushes, bar soap/body wash, lotion, hand sanitizer, small packs of tissues, mouthwash

From the District:

Please [Click Here](#) to access the Katy ISD Bullying Prevention and Intervention webpage.

Do you know how to recognize bullying behavior? [Click here](#) to learn more.

The Miller Career & Technology Center (MCTC) Health Science Instructors, along with their HOSA-Future Healthcare Professionals members and students will be holding a **Junior Healthcare Academy** on **Saturday, December 1st, 2018**. Parents can register elementary age children (Kindergarten through 5th grade) for a three-hour drop-off event. The cost of attendance is \$25.00 per child and \$15.00 for each additional sibling. Children will rotate through activities in each of the four MCTC health science areas: (Dental, Clinical, Pharmacy Technician, and Emergency Medical Technician). Each area will have educational and engaging activities for the students. A few examples include: proper handwashing with “glow-germ”, teddy bear trauma activity, good vs. bad foods for teeth, exploring models of teeth, and a medicine vs. candy relay. Children will create a medical goodie bag to take home. The goal is for MCTC High School students to share what they have learned, to inspire a passion for healthcare in children, and to promote awareness of the Health Science courses offered in Katy ISD. The event will be staffed by MCTC Health Science Teachers and staff. Students from courses (all seniors) will lead activities with staff supervision. [Click here for a flyer and registration information](#).

After School Program:

After School Katy Robotics Academy is coming to BES for 2018-2019.

We are excited to announce that our 1st-5th graders will have a wonderful opportunity to learn computer programming with LEGO robotics this year! Students will learn computer science and robotics concepts through hands-on experience with LEGO EV3 and WeDo robots.

Registration is first come, first served, and space is limited. To register or find out more information about this amazing program, [click here](#).

Please note, outside companies rent space at the school and are overseen by the company and its employees. Bryant Staff and Administration are not involved and do not oversee the programs. They have their own method of releasing car riders, etc.

Home to School Connection

PARENT TO PARENT

Making a difference

I wanted my daughter, Charlotte, to learn about the importance of helping our community.

While grocery shopping one day, we saw a sign announcing that each customer could pick a favorite charity for the store to support. I let Charlotte choose, and she decided on a non-profit that benefits kids with cancer. Now every time we buy groceries, she reminds me that we're helping sick children.

That led us to think of other ways kids can make a difference. Recently, we decided to bake brownies and take them to the fire station. I explained that this would show appreciation for the hard work that firefighters do.

Charlotte felt proud when the firefighters thanked her. I realized that the more ways we can find to serve our community, the more likely it will become a habit as she gets older. ♥



Information from the PTA

Gift of Time - Lunch and Recess Volunteers:

We are searching for our super star volunteers to help once a month by covering lunch and recess duties for teachers. December coverage is on the 14th. To be part of this "gift of time" please sign up by [clicking here](#), then get to the school 10-15 minutes early on the 9th to Raptor in at the front (make sure you have your IDs ready) and either help students in the cafeteria or monitor recess. If you have any questions, please email Kathalyn Garza, VP of Volunteers at bryantptavolunteers@gmail.com.

Volunteers of the Month – October

Melissa Gonzalez and Robin Marcoulier are our Amazing Bengal Volunteers for the month of October! Thank you ladies for working so hard on our Bryant year book and helping with our whimsical book fair! All of our wonderful volunteers have had a busy month. Thank you all for always saying yes to helping! Please remember to enter your off campus hours [here](#).



Melissa Gonzalez



Robin Marcoulier

The Giving Tree:

Our Giving Tree is now up in the lobby of our school. The Giving Tree has ornaments representing our teachers in the different grade levels along with additional families. If you do decide to pick up an ornament, please sign it out at the clipboard provided by the front desk. We ask that all gifts be purchased and dropped off to Mrs. Flores by **December 7th at 3pm**. Thank you for your consideration and generosity!

Spirit Store Volunteers:

We are so excited to announce our 2018-2019 Spirit Store opening days! Your interest in helping with these days is very much appreciated. [Click here](#) to sign up!

Parents:

You are invited to join us for our upcoming Thankful Parties on **Friday, November 16th**.

4th and 5th: 11:30 am - 12:15 pm

2nd and 3rd: 1:00 pm - 1:45 pm

Kinder and 1st: 2:15 pm - 3:00 pm

Please use the pre-raptor sign up link below to avoid the line in the front office! Only two visitors per child. *The Pre-Raptor sign in closes tomorrow at 3:00pm.*

[Click here to Pre-Raptor before noon on 11/15](#)

Tip Top Holiday Shop:

Save the Dates: Tip Top Holiday Shop is coming to Bryant the week of November 26-30. On November 30th, we'll have a family event and shopping in the evening after school. Stay tuned for more details.

Yearbooks:

Yearbooks for the 2018-2019 school year are available to purchase by [clicking here](#).

Yearbook App – Upload Your Pictures:

Our yearbook chair would like to implement a new program this year called "Replay It," to help with uploading school pictures for our yearbook. We would greatly appreciate it if you could download the app and upload photos throughout the year. It is quite simple to do and much easier than emailing photos to the yearbook volunteers. Please visit the link below to find the app. You will simply download it, search for Bryant Elementary School, and create an account. Thank you in advance for your help! If you have any questions, please contact Robin Marcoulier at bryantptayearbook@gmail.com.

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