

Bryant Bulletin

October 31, 2018



Staff Spotlight—Mrs. Becky James

Mrs. James is our awesome Reading Intervention teacher! She received both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Texas Tech University. Mrs. James works in education because she loves being part of a school community that works to promote positive social, emotional, and academic growth for students. She loves watching her students meet and even surpass their personal learning goals! Mrs. James shared one of her favorite moments in education, "Fortunately, I have had many favorite moments! One that really blew me away was when one of my intermediate students that really struggled with reading taught another student a strategy we had been working on in class. His classmate was kind enough to

thank him for the help, and said, 'Now I get it!'" Later, the struggling student mentioned to me that he thought he might want to someday become a teacher. I was thrilled to see this student feel confident and proud of himself!" Some of Mrs. James hobbies include, spending time with her family, volunteering at church and in the community, reading, exercising, shopping, and anything to do with music, theater, or art. Mrs. James shared how she helps promote a culture of care and kindness, "Reading aloud selected children's books with my students is something I like to do to begin developing a culture of care and kindness. The shared stories lend themselves to classroom discussions about the attitudes needed to maintain a positive mindset for learning. We learn a lot about each other during these discussions. The attitudes we talk about are: optimism, persistence, flexibility, resilience, and empathy. Throughout the year as our group changes, we use examples from these texts to refer back to help remind us to stay on track in keeping a positive culture of care and kindness." We are so happy to have Mrs. James at Bryant!!

Dr. Rhodes' Weekly Message

Thank you to everyone who participated in Trunk or Treat. We ended up having 16 trunks for students to enjoy. A good time was had by all!!

A couple of times a year I like to point out that the Katy ISD Curriculum and Learning Department has a great site that explains units of study in mathematics, K-5. Each unit has videos of Katy ISD teachers teaching strategies which are taught to our students. This is a great resource for your student and even for you. Education has changed a lot since we were all in school and things are taught a bit differently. These video demonstrations will help you help your student. I hope you find them useful. [Click here](#) to visit the website.

Announcement: Congratulations to Kindergarten for winning the attendance challenge last week. The Kinder attendance rate was 96.68%!! Each Kinder student received five Bengal Bucks.

Announcement: This week's kindness challenge is, "go out of your way to make a new friend." Please talk to your student about a new friend they have made this week.

Event Calendar

Thursday, November 1

Spirit Night, Texas Road House, 4-10pm

Wednesday, November 7

*Wear a russett (reddish Brown) ítem to kickoff Core Essential of Cooperation

*Book Fair, Library

*Cartoonist during Specials, Steve Hapster

Thursday, November 8

*Book Fair, Library

*3rd Grade Veteran's Day Program, 6:00pm, Gym

Friday, November 9

*November Gift of Time, Recess and Lunch Coverage for Teachers. [Sign up here.](#)

*Book Fair open until 12pm, Library

*Square 1 Art Orders Due

Tuesday, November 13

Class Pictures/Fall Retakes

Friday, November 16

Thankful Parties, more information and pre-raptored sign-in link going out soon!

Monday, November 19 – Friday, November 23

Thanksgiving Break

Monday, November 26 – Friday, November 30

PTA 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

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 Art Teacher:

Bryant Families:

Coming home soon will be your child's custom Square 1 Art catalog featuring their artwork. The Bryant art department earns profit from every order and it goes right back to YOUR child. We use the profit to purchase more tools and supplies for the art room - so your child can continue to create amazing projects for years to come. And as a thank you for participating, Square 1 Art provides each child with a sheet of stickers imprinted with their artwork — absolutely FREE!

Watch for more details about the campaign and order deadlines. All online orders must be turned in by the due date on your child's custom catalog. (No late orders can be accepted.)

Thank you for your support.

Mrs. Marker

From the Counselor:

This month our Core Value is **COOPERATION**. Cooperation means working together to do more than you can do alone. It's like the quote from Pythagoras "Friends are as companions on a journey, who ought to aid each other to persevere in the road to a happier life."

Please help us kick off this month's trait by wearing **russet on Wednesday, November 7, 2018**. Below are some great activities that you can do to encourage cooperation!

KNOW IT:

Ask Your Child:

- Have you ever had to ask a friend to help you with something? Have you ever been asked by a friend to help them do something? How did it feel to work together to accomplish a goal?
- Think of the last time you cooperated with classmates, siblings or your parents to accomplish a goal. Examples might be group work in your class, household chores or helping bring the groceries in from the car. Think of how much more time and effort it would have taken if you would have done the task alone.
- What are some ways you can show others that you are willing to cooperate?

SEE IT:

Have a family movie night one weekend this month and rent or check out Remember the Titans, or a similar movie. It is a movie that portrays teamwork and cooperation and is based on a true story. The players and coaches on the team

were not simply working together to win football games, they were also tasked with changing the culture and attitudes of their small community in Virginia back in the early 1970's.

BE IT:

Sit down as a family and discuss each member's role and responsibility in maintaining a clean and functional house. Together, create or refine a chore list. Assign age appropriate tasks to each member, even involving very young children (an example might be to pick up toys and put them in baskets every night before bed). Promote this as a positive opportunity, not a consequence, since it is an opportunity for everyone to cooperate because a lot more can be done together than alone.

Please contact me if you would like additional resources.

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Home to School Connection

Organization made easy

Good organizational skills will help your child find what he needs—and save time. Try these tips:

- Encourage your youngster to help with jobs that teach organization. For instance, have him organize your toolbox. Let him try his ideas, such as grouping together same-size screws or arranging wrenches from shortest to longest.
- Point out that *staying* organized is easier than *getting* organized. If he cleans out his school desk and his backpack every Friday, those tasks won't be overwhelming. *Idea:* He could put sticky notes on his desk and bag that say "Please clean me on Friday!"♥



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. November Coverage is on November 9th. 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.

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.



*Tip Top Holiday Shop
is coming to our school!!*

November 26 - November 30.

Family Event and Shopping on the evening of the 30th.

Spirit Night - Thursday

Our next Spirit Night takes place tomorrow, November 1 from 4-10pm at Texas Roadhouse on 20840 Katy Freeway.

Join us for this great event, as the restaurant will donate 10% of the proceeds back to Bryant that evening. Just let them know you're with Bryant Elementary!

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