

Bryant Bulletin

February 12, 2020

Staff Spotlight— Mrs. Beisert



Mrs. Beisert is one of our wonderful 1st Grade teachers. She has her BS in Elementary Education from Texas State University and her M.Ed. In Education Administration from Lamar University. This is her 27th year teaching. Mrs. Beisert works in education because she loves to watch her students grow and flourish, not only as students, but as young members of our world who can make a difference. She loves how her students make her laugh and keep her on her toes. She says, "Their curiosity and inquisitiveness are delightful." Mrs. Beisert loves seeing the look on a child's face when the light turns on. She says, "It's then that they realize that they are able to

accomplish what they set their minds to and develop the courage to try new things." One of her most memorable moments in education was during her first year of teaching. A student practiced and practiced until he accomplished his reading goal. The biggest smile spread across his face, he threw his arms around her neck and said, "I did it!" She says she knew right then she would be a teacher for life. Outside of school, Mrs. Beisert loves to go camping at the lake with her family. They fish, go boating, hiking and tell stories around the campfire. She also enjoys reading and restoring old houses. Mrs. Beisert helps create a culture of kindness and care at Bryant by establishing a connection with her students through some of her own interests. She lets them know that she not only cares about them, but also what is important to them. As students share during morning circle, they practice listening to and encouraging each other. Mrs. Beisert says she wants her students to know they have a safe and caring classroom.

Dr. Rhodes' Weekly Message

Texting at School: Students are able to use technology devices at school for instruction only and within teacher defined parameters. We have recently had a number of parents texting their student and students texting parents during the school day. If students use technology outside of instruction, technology privileges will be taken away from a student. This includes smart watches and other devices. A student without technology privileges will still be able to use school provided devices on a rotational basis as needed for instruction. Students who have lost technology privileges can bring devices to school but those devices have to remain off and in their backpacks during the school day. Please see page 69 in our [BES Handbook](#) for more information.

Playground Expansion: We are looking to get in touch with MUD Board members to discuss partnering with us to create a playground expansion. If you know a MUD Board member in your neighborhood, please have him or her contact me. You can also send me their information and I will reach out. williamhrhodes@katyisd.org

Blood Donation Opportunity: Bryant Elementary is partnering with Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center for a community blood drive on Friday, February 28th. Please mark your calendars if you are able to participate in this act of kindness. [Click here](#) for more details.

From Mrs. Flores, School Counselor:



This Week's Character Challenge: Help your teachers.

The week of February 17-21 is *Random Acts of Kindness Week*. Students will be challenged to complete as many random acts of kindness as they can. We hope to continue to spark and encourage kind acts throughout the school. Students will have a tic tac toe board of ideas as well as a kindness chain of random acts of kindness created by our Read, Deed, Run and Kindness Crew members. Read more about the purpose behind Random Acts of Kindness [here](#).

Career Day: Bryant is having a Career Day for grades K-5 on the morning of Thursday, April 30th. If you are interested in helping make this exciting day a success, please contact the School Counselor, Penny Flores, at penelopewflores@katyisd.org or 281-234-4331.

Parent Book Club: We will be hosting a Parent Book Club using the book *The Yes Brain*, which focuses on cultivating courage, curiosity, and resilience in your children. If you are interested in being a part of this wonderful book club, please complete the [following form](#).

Responsibility: This month we reintroduced the character trait Responsibility. Students will be having conversations and activities that help develop and apply Responsibility in their daily lives! As we reintroduce Responsibility, we hope to instill new ideas and skills that students will be able to apply and utilize in school and at home. We are using the following definition at school: to take action and understand how our choices affect others, ourselves, and the world. Responsibility is a skill that will change over time as students take on more and more responsibilities in their lives. If you are looking for ways to extend this trait at home as well, check out our [K-2 resource \(en Espanol\)](#) and [3-5 resource \(en Espanol\)](#). For more information, contact Penny Flores, the School Counselor, at penelopewflores@katyisd.org.

From the District:

Summer Recreation Program: The Katy ISD Outdoor Learning Center (OLC) has released information about the 2020 Summer Recreation Program. Additional information and registration forms can be found on the [OLC web site](#).

Legacy Parent Academy: The next session will focus on Internet Safety and will be hosted February 19th in the community rooms at Legacy Stadium from 6pm to 8pm. [Click here](#) for more information.

Dyslexia Parent Education: The Katy ISD Office of Interventions will be hosting a Dyslexia Parent Education Night at the Education Support Complex on February 25th, from 5:45pm to 8:15pm. [Click here](#) for more information.

Campus Event Calendar

February 13

Grade Level Friendship Parties in the Gym (No Lunch Visitors)

8:45am-9:35am: 3rd Grade

11:45am-12:35pm: 4th Grade

2:45pm-3:15pm: ECAP/YCAP

9:45am-10:35am: 1st Grade

12:45pm-1:35pm: 2nd Grade

10:45am-11:35am: 5th Grade

1:45pm-2:35pm: Pre-K & Kinder

February 14

Early Dismissal @ 12:40pm (No Lunch Visitors)

February 17

Student Holiday – No School

February 24-28

PTA Coin Crazy Fundraiser to benefit stocking the Book Vending Machine

February 28

Go Texan Day! (Dress with a Texan Flare)

Bryant Ball PTA Family Event

March 4

Monthly Character Kickoff for Respect (Wear **Yellow**)

March 5

8:45am-10:00am Kindergarten Field Day

10:10am-11:25am- 4th Grade Field Day

1:15pm-2:30pm- 2nd Grade Field Day

March 6

8:45am-10:00am- 1st Grade Field Day

10:10am-11:25am- 5th Grade Field Day

1:15pm-2:30pm- 3rd Grade Field Day

March 9-13

Spring Break

Information from the PTA

2020-2021 PTA Executive Board Nominations

The PTA Nominating Committee will be accepting recommendations until February 21, 2020 for individuals who would like to serve in one of the PTA Executive Board positions. Our PTA bylaws require that only persons who have

signified their consent to serve if elected shall be nominated for or elected to such office. Likewise, only PTA members in good standing may be elected to any office.

Please only nominate one person per position. You do not need to nominate someone for each of the positions. For your nomination to be considered, you MUST submit your name and email address. Nominations close at 4:00pm on February 21, 2020. The form can be found by [clicking here](#).

Yearbook

It's time to get your 5th grade ads in, as the due date is **TOMORROW** - February 13th. For more information, please contact the yearbook Chair, Christy Boyd, at bryantptayearbook@gmail.com. Please note that our Yearbooks are now \$40 and can be ordered from: <https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/2735885/Bryant-Elementary-School/>.

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.