

# Bryant Bulletin

November 20, 2019



## Staff Spotlight— Mrs. Kulow

Mrs. Kulow is one of our fantastic Resource/In-Class-Support teachers. She started her career as a Special Education teacher at Rhoads Elementary for 4 years and then as a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher for 3 years before joining Bryant this year. Mrs. Kulow is a graduate of University of Phoenix. Mrs. Kulow works in education because she absolutely loves working with children. Getting to know her students personally and challenging them to learn new things is her passion. It makes her day when she sees her students finally understand something they have been trying to learn. Mrs. Kulow loves working with students because she shares an enthusiasm for life and learning with them. She says, "I love to listen to their stories and connect with my students." Mrs. Kulow feels her students challenge her every day to be the best person and teacher she can be. Her favorite moment in education is when one of her second grade students became an avid, excited reader. He started the school year very

quiet and did not enjoy books. Mrs. Kulow worked with him each week to build his confidence, find books he enjoyed, as well as strategies to enhance his reading skills. On the last day of school, he told her that he loved to read because of her. Mrs. Kulow was so excited to see not only his growth as a reader, but the relationship they had built to get him there. Outside of school, Mrs. Kulow enjoys reading, running, and riding bikes. She loves spending time with her family and watching her kids do the things they love. She helps to create a Culture of Care and Kindness at Bryant by always treating her students with kindness and acceptance. Mrs. Kulow enjoys building relationships with her students and making sure they know they are loved and cared for.

## *Dr. Rhodes' Weekly Message*

I hope each of you and your family enjoys a restful break next week. Don't forget to turn yummy cooking and many other home activities into everyday math activities. More info can be [read here](#).

Please remember, if you check your student out after the Thankful Parties on Friday, it is counted as a partial day absence.

See you in December!!

**Thankful Parties:** Currently we have 278 visitors planning to attend our Thankful Parties this Friday. Pre-Raptor can be requested by [clicking here](#) (please read all details on the webpage) through tomorrow (11/21 at noon). If you have not visited the school and been raptored this year, you will not be able to Pre-Raptor

**Weekly Satisfaction Survey:** [Click here](#) to take our Bryant Satisfaction Survey. This survey will be open through Sunday evening.

**Second Semester After-School Enrichment Program:** iKids University® is coming to Bryant Elementary in January for After-School Enrichment! iKids U® is an on-site and customizable program designed for your child! Each day after school, students will have the opportunity to select an optional "Enrichment" activity for an enjoyable learning experience. iKids U® offers a variety of after-school activities from 1 to 5 days per week. There is something for every child!

Enrichment Activities being offered for the 2020 Spring Semester include Art, Brain Games, Cooking, Hip Hop, Karate, LEGO® Robotics, Science, Spanish, Sports, and more! Please be on the lookout for registration information coming out the first week of November. Registration will run Nov. 12 – Nov. 22! For more information, please visit [www.ikidsu.com](http://www.ikidsu.com) or contact iKids at 832-913-6652 or email at [katy.sugarland@ikidsu.com](mailto:katy.sugarland@ikidsu.com). [Click on this video link](#) to learn more about iKids U®

*As a reminder:* Bryant Staff/Administration are not involved in the program and do not oversee the program. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to let the after school program staff know of any special needs, allergies, or other pertinent information their instructors may need to know in order for your child to be successful in their program.

### ***From Mrs. Flores, School Counselor:***

**This Week's Character Challenge:** Respect others! Respect their feelings and their things.

Did you know that research conducted by Angela Duckworth found that Grit (something directly related to perseverance) is a higher indicator of success than SAT scores, IQ, or GPA? Perseverance is our next character trait that will be highlighted for the month of December and something that is an important component of student success. Please help us kick off our next character trait, Perseverance, by wearing green on Wednesday, December 4th. This month students will be having conversations and activities that help develop and apply perseverance in their daily lives! We are using this definition at school: **Perseverance-** the ability to work through situations even when there are obstacles or challenges in the way. Students encounter daily obstacles each and every day and how we persevere through these obstacles allow us to grow as individuals so that we can prevail in difficult situations. 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](mailto:penelopewflores@katyisd.org).

### ***From Nurse Osbourne:***

We would love for all students to attend school every day. However, we know sometimes kids get sick. We have had a sharp increase in contagious illness and clinic visits in the past weeks.

Please remember, Katy ISD has a 24-hour rule.

Fever (100.0 or above), contagious illness like strep, diarrhea, or vomiting? Your child must be 24 hours free of the above symptoms without medication before returning to school. A doctor's note does NOT override this rule.

If your child has any of the symptoms listed above, please call in your child's absence at 281-234-4300.

Please also let the nurse know if your student is diagnosed with contagious illness such as flu, strep, or pink eye. Nurse Osbourne can be reached at 281-234-4325

A student can be sick without a fever, vomiting, or diarrhea. If your child has very frequent cough with thick yellow or green mucus, wheezing, crusty or pus-like discharge from the eye, or rash of unknown origin, we recommend a sick day and sometimes require doctor release, with treatment, to be in school.

### ***From Our Music Teacher, Ms. Marrs:***

The 4th and 5th graders are trying to keep warm this season with some of our favorite Folk Dances while reviewing some of our newly learned rhythms. We are also using "Rhythm Wars" (version of Star Wars) to review our previously learned rhythms.

The wonderful third graders are coming off of their splendid Veteran's Day Celebration performance and are enjoying reviewing and playing some old favorites from the beginning of the year and reviewing our 2nd grade concepts.

The younger students are getting into the "Turkey spirit" by using locomotor and non-locomotor movements to the Chicken Dance, reviewing one and two sound words and rhythms with fall terms, learning about high and low with falling leaves, and creating/reviewing our own compositions with a Leaf Relay.

The 5th grade Singing Bengal Choir has been working hard every Friday morning this semester and are almost ready to share our Winter Performance for all to attend on Thursday, December 12th at 6:00pm in the gym. Come join in on our Winter fun!

## ***Campus Event Calendar***

### **Friday, November 22**

No Lunch Visitors due to Parties

Grade Level Thankful Parties in Gym

PK & K- 8:45-9:35

1st- 9:45-10:35

2nd- 12:45-1:35

3rd- 1:45-2:35

4th- 11:45-12:35

5th- 10:45-11:35

Pre-Raptor by [clicking here](#).

### **Monday, November 25-Friday, November 29**

Thanksgiving Break (Students and Staff)

### **Wednesday, December 4**

Monthly Character Kickoff for Perseverance (wear green)

PTA Candy Cane Grams on sale through 12/11 for \$1 per candy cane delivery (flyer coming home 12/4)

**Friday, December 6**

Pajamas for Junior Achievement (JA). Students may wear pajamas with a \$2 donation to JA. School appropriate shoes must be worn.

**Monday, December 9-Friday, December 13**

PTA Holiday Shop

**Friday, December 13**

PTA Cookies with Santa (evening event- Time TBA)

**December 20**

Early Dismissal 12:40pm

**January 7**

School resumes

## *Information from the PTA*

***December Spirit Store***

Due to so many activities on campus during the coming month, the December Spirit Store has been cancelled.

***PTA Special Membership Meeting***

A special membership meeting is being held on Friday, December 6, 2019 at 9:15am in the BES LGI Room. All paid 2019-2020 members are welcome.

***Yearbooks on Sale!***

Yearbooks are continuing to be sold. The price is now \$35. [Click here](#) to buy a yearbook through the Jostens website.

***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](mailto:bryantptafundraising@gmail.com).