

Bryant Bulletin

A joint PTA/Campus Newsletter

December 6, 2017

Dr. Rhodes' Weekly Message

I hope everyone is having a great week. Thanks to everyone who showed up at the Bryant Ball last Friday. PTA did an awesome job putting it all together!! The Candy Bar was a huge hit. Also, thanks to parents who made or brought cookies in this week for a staff Cookie Bar...they were all delicious!!

Note: The Robert R. Shaw Center for STEAM will be having a Family STEAM Night on Friday, December 8th. The purpose is to promote student and parental interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math. The event will feature interactive activities and various science presentations. The event is designed for students in grades 3 through 8. More information can be found by [clicking here](#).

Event Calendar

December 6

Smashburger Spirit Night ([Click here](#) for details)- Pin Oak Location. Simply tell them you are with Bryant!

December 7

Winter Choir Concert in the Gym, 6pm (Bryant Singing Bengals choir members arrive in Ms. Marrs' room at 5:45pm)

December 8

District STEAM Night, Shaw Center, 6-9pm (see information above for full details)

December 15

End of Second 9 weeks
Early Dismissal @ 12:40

December 18-January 2

Winter Break

January 3

Beginning of Third 9 weeks

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](#)

Twitter= [@BryantElem](#) [#bengalpride](#)

Website= <http://www.katyisd.org/campus/bes/Pages/default.aspx>

Elementary Gifted and Talented Screening--Katy ISD students in grades 1-4 can be referred for screening for the 2018-2019 gifted and talented program. Parents must complete a Parent Checklist which can be obtained from the student's school or from the [Katy ISD website](#).

The deadline for completing and returning the Parent Checklist is **December 6, 2017**. Checklists which are not returned by the deadline will not be screened for service for the 2018-2019 school year. The State of Texas requires that various types of measures be used to identify students for gifted programs which includes observations and standardized tests. The program for elementary students consists of a one-day pullout in the Challenge classroom with a teacher trained in gifted education.

Parents may contact campus counselors, elementary Challenge teachers, or G/T facilitators if they have additional questions. They can visit the [Katy ISD GT and Advanced Academics webpage](#) for more information.

<https://youtu.be/oSkk6jopPJo> GT Parent Awareness 2017-18 (English)

<https://youtu.be/uWaO9HTx1JE> GT Parent Awareness 2017 18 (Spanish)

Home to School Connection

Connect reading and writing

Reading will make your child a better writer—and vice versa. That's good news, because both will help her do well in every subject. Here are ways she can explore the link between reading and writing.

Try genres

Introduce your youngster to a wide variety of books, from fairy tales and science fiction to graphic novels and biographies. Reading different genres will give her more options to think about—suggest that she branch out and try writing in one of those new genres.

Collect “gems”

Have your child keep a notebook of her favorite parts of stories. She could choose interesting words or lines. She'll get in the habit of paying close attention



to the language that writers use, which will give her ideas for her own writing.

Review books

Your youngster could be a budding book critic and write reviews about what she reads. She'll practice opinion writing and deepen her reading comprehension as she summarizes the plot. Encourage her to include details and quotes from the book to back up her opinions. (“The main character showed empathy when he said, ‘I know what it’s like to be the new kid in school.’”)♥

Information from the PTA

Yearbooks for Sale

Buy your yearbook soon by [clicking here](#). Prices go up at the end of December. Pricing is as follows:

\$30 Now-Dec 31

\$40 Jan 1- March 15

\$50- any remaining books at delivery

Attention 5th Grade Parents—Would you like to buy a yearbook ad to celebrate your student? Pricing is as follows and is also available for purchase on the Jostens website:

\$25- 1/4 page

\$50- 1/2 page

\$100- whole page