

Bryant Bulletin

A joint PTA/Campus Newsletter

May 16, 2018

Dr. Rhodes' Weekly Message

Thank you for a great Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week. All staff and teachers send a huge THANK YOU for all the appreciation and kindness shown during the week. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the PTA Coin Crazy Fundraiser. The total raised from classrooms was \$1,469.25. There were also two donors who wish to remain anonymous who donated \$500 each, for a grand total of \$2,469.25. Third grade won the grade level competition and will receive a popsicle party this week! These funds will be used towards a new set of swings for our playground.

FYI: A list of 2018-2019 school supplies can be found by [clicking here](#). If you would like to purchase these pre-packaged from PTA, please see the PTA section below.

FYI: All items left in the Lost & Found will be donated to a local charitable organization at the end of day next Thursday, May 24th. If your child is missing an item, please look in the lost and found located inside our cafeteria.

Reminder: We continue to have a Closed Campus through tomorrow (Thursday) due to STAAR Make-Up Testing in grades 3-5.

Automobile Accessibility Change for 2018/2019: With the addition of approximately 100 students next school year, we will no longer be able to allow cars to enter the front or side parking lots during arrival or dismissal. All cars will need to use the car rider line. Please go ahead and start practicing this so that it will become routine before next year. In the 18/19 school year, enter the front parking lot to enter the building if you need to: drop off cupcakes, making a special delivery, making a change of transportation, volunteering, etc. Parents wishing to avoid the car rider line or wanting to walk their student to the front door will be directed to the car rider line. This has been allowed this year due to our small number but as we grow it becomes a safety concern. Thank you for understanding and for helping ensure *safety* for all.

Bike Rider Accessibility Change for 2018/2019: We will also be streamlining how students riding bikes will enter campus grounds. Please see [this map](#) for information. This change is being made in order to reduce the use of the crosswalk which cuts through the car rider line. This will ensure more *safety* and keep the car rider line moving smoothly. Please go ahead and start having your students practice this new route this year so it is not brand new in August. Thank you!

Congratulations: 3rd grade teacher, Mrs. Colton, and instructional coach, Mrs. La Rocca, will be presenting at a national level at the NCTE (National Council for Teachers of English) annual conference in November. Other teachers from around the nation will learn how to raise student voices in writing through an inquiry approach to grammar and conventions. We can't wait for these two to represent BES and KISD!

Congratulations: Congratulations to our very first PTA Volunteer of the Year, Robin Marcoulier. Robin was recognized at the district-wide VIPs breakfast last Friday. Thanks for all you do Robin!!

Summer Programs: Summer learning loss, or summer slide, is the loss of academic skills and knowledge over the course of summer holidays. Wondering what you can do to help prevent the summer slide? Check out the Katy ISD homepage for ideas and programs your child can participate in over the summer months. We certainly want our students and families to enjoy the summer days, but are also encouraging parents to have their children engage in something academic for at least 30 minutes to an hour each day. [Click here](#) to find the Scoop on Summer Learning.

Summer Technology Home Access: Throughout the summer, students still have access to technology programs we use during the school year. Students in K-5 have access to IStation, students 3-5 have access to Imagine Math, and students in 1-5 have access to FASTT Math. Learn how to access these programs by [clicking here](#).

Opportunity: Does your student love hands-on learning, like to have fun and enjoy STEAM learning?? We want to start our first Destination Imagination Teams at Bryant Elementary next school year. This program is after school and requires parent team managers as well as eager students who enjoy creativity, being courageous, and being curious! [Learn more here](#).

Event Calendar

May 17

STAAR Make-ups, Closed Campus to visitors

May 18

2nd Grade End of Year Celebration, 11am- 12pm. Classroom presentations followed by picnic in Science Courtyard. Badges will be pre-printed for parents who completed an RSVP and Pre-Raptured.

May 21

5th Grade Completion Ceremony, 9am-10:30am. School Clap-Out as students make their way to the gym for Grade level presentations followed by reception in 5th Grade Bengal Den. Badges will be pre-printed for parents who completed an RSVP and Pre-Raptured.

Kindergarten End of Year Celebration, 11:15am-12:15pm. Grade level songs in gym followed by classroom presentations. Badges will be pre-printed for parents who completed an RSVP and Pre-Raptored.

May 22

1st Grade End of Year Celebration, 12:30pm-1:30pm. Class songs followed by classroom presentations and a short play. Badges will be pre-printed for parents who completed an RSVP and Pre-Raptored.

3rd Grade End of Year Celebration, 11:30am-12:30pm. Classroom presentations followed by grade level picnic in Science Courtyard. Badges will be pre-printed for parents who completed an RSVP and Pre-Raptored.

May 23

4th Grade End of Year Celebration, 12pm-1pm. Classroom presentations followed by grade level picnic in Science Courtyard. Badges will be pre-printed for parents who completed an RSVP and Pre-Raptored.

May 24

Last day of school. Dismissal at 12:40pm.

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 Clinic:

As we wind down the year, please remember medications in the clinic will be sent home. Medications are sent home toward the end of the day on the last day of school and there are certain medications that only parents can pick up. Next year's medication or procedure doctor orders have to be dated after June 1, 2018. Remember if your child has shots over the summer to send the BES nurse a copy in August so their records can be updated. If you have any questions or need to make arrangement please don't hesitate to contact me. Christilynn Osbourne, RN 281-234-4325 ChristilynnJPriceOsbourne@KATYISD.ORG

From the Registrar:

Do you want to know who your student will have as their teacher next year? The only way to know is with a Home Access Center account (the same account which you check your student's grades). The school will not be able to provide you with the name of an assigned teacher over the phone or email, you must check

through the Home Access Center in August. If you need access to the Home Access Center (HAC), please send an email with your student's name and homeroom teacher to michellemartinez@katyisd.org and one will be sent home in your student's report card. Please note...teacher assignments are not available through HAC until August.

Home to School Connection

Explore the outdoors

From sunny mornings when dew sparkles on the grass to dark nights when stars appear in the sky, the great outdoors is the perfect summer "classroom" for your child. Enjoy these activities together to help him appreciate nature and learn more about it.

Observe nature

Have your youngster put together an outdoor exploration kit. He could fill a shoebox or a reusable grocery bag with a magnifying glass for examining bugs, binoculars for gazing at constellations, and a sketch pad and colored pencils for drawing and labeling what he sees. Let him use his kit all summer long in your backyard, at the park, or on hikes.

Count collections

Encourage your child to gather leaves, nuts, seeds, and other objects from the ground. He'll practice math skills as he counts, sorts, and graphs his "finds." He might make a pictograph to compare the number of seeds, nuts, and leaves he collected. *Idea:* Suggest that he research his



discoveries in nature guides and display his collection with facts on index cards. ("A sweetgum ball is the fruit of a sweetgum tree.")

Take poetry walks

Go on poetry walks. Your youngster can jot down notes on what he sees, hears, feels, and smells. Perhaps he'll walk barefoot across damp grass, sniff a patch of honeysuckle, or run his hand over the bark of a tree. Then, he could use his notes to write a poem, such as:

*Dew is cool under my bare feet
The honeysuckle smells so sweet.♥*

Information from the PTA

Social Media:

Check out the [Bryant PTA Facebook](#) page for up to date information, pictures, and other great information.

Website:

Check out the PTA website by [clicking here](#).

Yearbooks:

Yearbooks will be sent home Friday, May 18th. Each grade level is scheduling a date for students to bring yearbooks back to school for autographing, if you wish for your student to participate.

Newsletter:

The PTA May newsletter will be sent home in report cards next Thursday.

School Supplies (18/19):

The PTA will have school supplies available to order soon for the 2018-2019 school year. [Click here](#) for the order form.