

Bryant Bulletin

August 21, 2019

Dr. Rhodes' Weekly Message

We are having a great 2nd week of school. Thanks for hanging in with us as we adjusted dismissal procedures. We are continuing to shave minutes off our car rider line. However, we did gain over 180 students, which will naturally increase the amount of car riders and create a lengthier car rider line.

We have not received many Lunch Visitor Forms from our First Day Packets. If you have not returned or can't remember if you did return it, simply [complete this electronic form](#) to grant access for your student to have lunch with parents/step-parents/guardians, non-school aged siblings, or grandparents. Without this information on file, we are unable to grant access to your student during lunch.

Next week we will have our first fire drill. Please remind your student that when an announcement comes on the intercom at school, they are to listen and follow all teacher directions. Next week we will provide more information on all the other drills we will have this year and how you can help prepare your student.

Congratulations: Melissa Walker, 2nd Grade Teacher, earned a perfect score on her Reading Specialist exam over the summer.

After-School Program: The Katy Robotics Academy is coming back to BES in September for 1st-5th Grade students. Students will have a wonderful opportunity to learn computer programming with LEGO robotics this year! Students will learn computer science and robotics concepts through hands-on experience with LEGO EV3 and WeDo robots. Paid registration is first come, first served, and space is limited. To register or find out more information about this amazing program coming to Bryant, visit www.katyroboticsacademy.com.

Please note--outside companies rent space at the school and are overseen by the company and its employees. Bryant Staff and Administration are not involved and do not oversee the programs. After school programs have their own method of dismissal, releasing car riders, etc.

From Our Counselor:

The five character skills we will be focusing on this year are: Respect, Kindness, Empathy, Perseverance, and Responsibility. We will focus on a skill each month during the fall and spring semesters.

This month we're talking about the character trait of Respect. The dictionary defines it as the value of admiring another person for who they are and what they do. The definition we are using throughout the school is: *seeing good in people and things (and treating them with care)*. Click here for a [PK-2nd](#) or [3rd-5th](#) resource about ways to incorporate respect at home and in the community.

This Week's Character Challenge is: Find out something new or unique about three different classmates and celebrate them.

From the District:

This year the Department of Special Education will offer training sessions for parents on relevant topics pertaining to special education. Below you will find the Special Education Parent Training Session for September which is also located on the Special Education Website. All training sessions will be held at the Jeanne Coleman Support Annex (JCSA).

Katy ISD Special Education Department, Programs, Supports, and Services

Presenter: Dr. Brian Malechuk, Executive Director for Special Education

Thursday, September 5, 2019

2:00PM-3:30PM and 4:30PM-6:00PM

Learn more about the Katy ISD Department of Special Education and the programs that are offered across the continuum of supports and services.

The Legacy Parent Academy will continue in the 2019-2020 school year with sessions focusing on prevalent social-emotional topics. The first Legacy Parent Academy is August 28th from 6:00 - 8:00pm and is titled "*Mental Health Awareness and Services*." The academy is intended to provide parents with information on current topics that impact students and school districts. Academy sessions are supplemental to campus-based programs and initiatives. The Legacy Parent Academy webpage, which includes session descriptions and a link to register for the sessions, is accessible by [clicking here](#).

Campus Event Calendar

Friday, August 30

All K-5 curriculum slide presentation links will be emailed to parents/guardians. As a reminder we are presenting basic curriculum for each grade level electronically and we will then have an Open House in September (see calendar below). This is different than previous years.

Monday, September 2

Labor Day- School Holiday

Tuesday, September 3

Lunch visitors begin, once per week.

Wednesday, September 4

Character Education Monthly Kickoff--Kindness. Wear Pink as a school unifying color for our kickoff.

Thursday, September 5

PTA VIPS Kickoff, 9-10:00am in the LGI.

Monday, September 9

National Teddy Bear Day. Students can wear Pajamas to school (with school appropriate shoes) for the day with a \$1 donation. All proceeds will be donated to the Katy ISD Teddy Cop Buddies Program. [Read more about this project.](#)

Monday, September 9- Friday, September 13

Grandparents Week. Grandparents are invited to visit one day during the week and sit with their grand child(ren) at their *class lunchroom table or visitor table*. Grandparents must be listed on the Katy ISD Lunch Visitor Form sent home in the First Day Envelope or [completed here](#).

Friday, September 13

PTA Spirit Store Open during lunch times. *If students will make purchases, please place money in a sealed ziplock bag labeled with student name and indicating the money is for Spirit Store.*

Tuesday, September 17

PTA Watch DOGS Orientation and Pizza Night, 6-7:00pm in the gym.

Wednesday, September 18

Progress Reports go home for 1st-5th Grade students

Thursday, September 19

Fall Picture Day

Friday, September 20

PTA "Paws for Kindness" fundraiser begins

Tuesday, September 24

PK, Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, ECAP, YCAP, and ASIP Open House, 6-7pm

Wednesday, September 25

Wear a College Shirt Day

Thursday, September 26

3rd, 4th, 5th, YCAP, and ASIP Open House, 6-7pm

Information from the PTA

PTA VIPS Kickoff - September 5

Please join us on Thursday, September 5th from 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the LGI Room for our annual VIPS Kickoff. If you are interested in volunteering but don't know where or how to help out, this is a great time to come and find out more

about all the exciting things we have planned this school year and all of our different volunteer opportunities.

You will also have the opportunity to meet your 2019-2020 PTA Board and those heading up many of our events. You can ask questions and learn first-hand about where you can put your talents to use.

Come make some new volunteer friends!

If you are unable to attend but you are interested in volunteering, please contact Christina Rannigan at:
bryantptavolunteers@gmail.com.

"Paws for Kindness" Fundraising Committee

We are gearing up for our major fall fundraiser and are looking for parents that would like to be a part of our planning committee. This year, our fundraiser will be coordinated by our PTA, and there are a number of roles, big and small, that you can help us with to guarantee this fundraiser is a success for our school and an amazing experience for our children. It's time to "Paws for Kindness." For more information, please contact Brian Lennox at
bryantpawsforkindness@gmail.com.