

Bryant Bulletin

October 3, 2018

Staff Spotlight—Mrs. Debbie Ellis



Mrs. Ellis is our 1st grade team leader! She graduated from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor's in Elementary Education specializing in Special Education and Early Childhood Development. Mrs. Ellis has been teaching for 24 years. We asked Mrs. Ellis why she works in education and she shared, "I love my profession as I feel I can make a positive impact on the lives of the children I'm blessed to work with each day. I want to equip them with the tools they will need to make the world a better place not only from an academic standpoint but also so that they will share kindness and compassion with those they will meet along life's journey." Mrs. Ellis loves watching her students beam with excitement when they learn

something new, make a new discovery, and make new friends. Mrs. Ellis shared one of her favorite moments in education, "My favorite moments are numerous. Seeing my shy children become confident; my reluctant readers become avid readers; seeing my students' hearts love the gift of learning, and having their eyes sparkle with enthusiasm always leaves a lasting and memorable impact on me as an educator. Because I have been in this profession for quite some time, I have been blessed to have many of my former first grade and kindergarten students keep in touch sharing the many milestones in their lives – proms, college experiences, marriages, and even children of their own." Some of Mrs. Ellis' favorite hobbies include gardening, Bible study, and spending time with friends and family. Mrs. Ellis loves fostering care and kindness in her classroom and school wide, "I believe that we should always be looking for opportunities to share acts of kindness with others. Making sure that we treat others the way we want to be treated and have the mindset of always looking for the best in others and every situation has served me well over the years. I want my kids to shine their little lights for all to see." We are so grateful to have Mrs. Ellis on our staff!!

Dr. Rhodes' Weekly Message

Thank you to everyone who made the PTA Boosterthon a success last week. The generosity of our families, relatives, friends, and this community has been amazing! Soon the students will get to see Mrs. O'Leary and myself SLIMED for hitting the initial goal of \$18,000. When all pledges are collected, approximately \$24,000 will have been donated to the PTA which goes directly back to enhancing teacher growth, student learning, and additional enrichment for all students and families, like the Dinosaur George exhibit coming next week (see below for details). Thank you again for this amazing support!!

FYI: October is Bullying Awareness and Prevention Month. As a school we will be featuring a variety of activities through our Kindness Matters campaign which will highlight what bullying is and is not, what bullying looks or sounds like, and how to stand up, or be an "upstander," if bullying behaviors occur. The district is also featuring several short videos about bullying. The following video ([click here](#)) discusses the policies and procedures surrounding bullying.

New Event: This coming Tuesday we will host our first Coffee with the Principal. This is an informal time for parents to come ask questions about the school or share suggestions to make us better. We will meet in the LGI at 9:00am.

Notice: On October 17th we will be closed to lunch visitors. We will be one of two campuses to host district visitors to celebrate National School Lunch Week!!

Announcement: Congratulations to 2nd Grade for winning the attendance challenge again for last week. Way to go 2nd!! Each 2nd Grader received five Bengal Bucks. Congratulations to Ms. Walker's class for having the lowest absence rate for the month of September.

Event Calendar

Monday, October 8

Early Dismissal, 12:40pm

Tuesday, October 9

Coffee with the Principal, 9:00am

Thursday, October 11

Dinosaur George travelling museum brought to all students by the Bryant PTA!! This event will include a daytime event for students and an evening event for your whole family!! [See below for details.](#)

Friday, October 12

PTA Spirit Store during grade level lunches (Please place money to be spent on Spirit Store in a ziplock bag with your child's name, grade level, and Teacher written on the outside. Please label the bag as "Spirit Store Money." We apparently had some students who decided to use lunch money for Spirit Store, so we want to prevent that from happening moving forward)

Monday, October 15

Chick Fil-A Spirit Night, 5:00-8:00pm

Wednesday, October 17

Family Night, No Homework Assigned

National School Lunch Week Celebration with district visitors (no student lunch visitors on this day)

Friday, October 19

Early Dismissal, 12:40pm

Monday, October 22

Report Cards Go Home

Wednesday, October 24

50th Day of School

Friday, October 26

Trunk or Treat, 5:30-6:30pm

PTA Spirit Store during grade level lunches

Wednesday, October 31

AbraKadoodle, 2nd Session Starts

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](#)

From the District:

Gifted and Talented Screening for Kindergarten Students

Information regarding screening of kindergarten students for the gifted and talented program will be sent home with kinder students beginning the week of September 10-14. Kindergarten parents who would like to refer their children for screening must return the Kindergarten Parent Checklist to their campus by **October 5, 2018**. There is a FAQ page and video on the Katy ISD GT/Advanced Academics website for more information about kindergarten screening that can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

Love and Logic Parent Trainings

Love and Logic Parenting Classes are being offered at multiple campuses during the 2018-2019 school year. The Love and Logic schedule is below as well as posted on the Professional Learning website. All parents in the district are invited to attend Love and Logic Parenting Classes at one of these campuses.

Date	Campus	Contact
9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23	Kilpatrick Elementary	Cheri Hayes
9/25, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30	Pattison Elementary	Karen Merriman
1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26	Kilpatrick Elementary	Cheri Hayes
1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/19	Franz Elementary	Yaritza Colón (Spanish) Diana Sutherland (English)

After School Program:

AbraKadoodle's **Session II** starts on October 31st! For registration please [sign up here](#). Please note that 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. They have their own method of releasing car riders, etc.

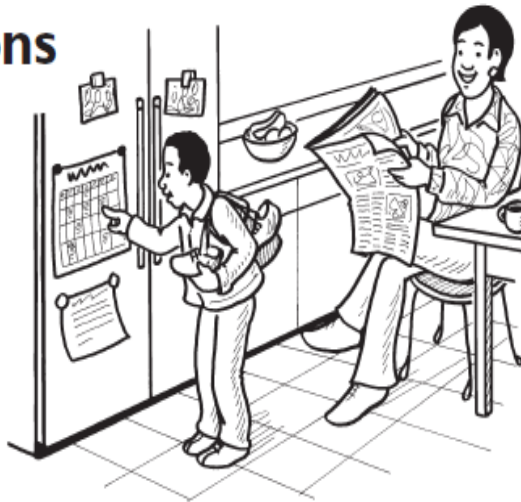
Home to School Connection

Setting expectations

Andrew always wears his sneakers to PE class and returns his books on library day. Robert sometimes forgets his sneakers and misses out on PE, or he leaves his library books at home and can't check out new ones.

What's the difference? Andrew's parents expect him to keep track of his schedule. Here's how to set expectations for your youngster.

Discuss in advance. Be clear about what you expect, and remind your child regularly. For example, if you want him to manage his schedule,



you might post it on the refrigerator and tell him that it's his job to check it each day. Or if you're getting a pet, explain what he'll need to do to care for it. ("You'll be in charge of filling the food bowl every evening.")

Be reasonable. Set expectations that your youngster can live up to. If he plays soccer, for instance, you might not expect him to score goals, but you could expect him to attend every practice, show good sportsmanship, and try his best.♥



School Safety

For the safety of our students, please follow the street signs and directions from our crossing guards. They are working to cross all students and their families safely. They also help by directing traffic, keeping the car rider line from backing up, and helping students be on time for school. *Our school has many students that walk and bike to school and for their safety, our crossing guards cannot make them wait for a long period of time.* We appreciate your help with keeping our students safe!

Information from the PTA

Boosterthon Sponsors:

Thank you to [Kuk Sool Won Cinco Ranch Traditional Martial Arts](#) as well as [PaySafe](#) who were both sponsors for Boosterthon at Bryant!! Their donations helped pay for the t-shirt each student received!!

October 11 – Dinosaur George

Bryant is being invaded by Dinosaurs! The students will be able to visit an on-site museum full of dinosaurs, fish, and ancient creatures from around the world during their school time when "Dinosaur George" comes to Bryant on October 11th. There will be a tour and scavenger hunt for each of our students, with an opportunity for families to visit this incredible exhibit after school from 4:30-6:30pm. We will be sharing additional information and details on our PTA Website and Facebook later this week.

October 15 – Chick-fil-A Spirit Night:

Save the Date as our next Spirit Night will be at Chick-fil-A on Monday, October 15th from 5:00 to 8:00pm. More information will be available next week.

Order a Yearbook Now:

Yearbooks for the 2018-2019 year are now available to pre-order. The cost is \$30.00 until October 26th, with discounts on personalization available. Please [visit this link](#) to place your order.

Website:

Visit the PTA website for up to date information by [clicking here](#).

Facebook:

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