

Bryant Bulletin

October 24, 2018



Staff Spotlight—Mrs. Sema Gregorski

Mrs. Gregorski ("Coach G") is our wonderful PE Teacher! Mrs. Gregorski has a Bachelor's of Science and has been teaching for 26 years. Since Mrs. Gregorski was a child she has always wanted to teach and work with children. She loves seeing their enthusiasm for learning new skills and concepts. Mrs. Gregorski shared what she likes best about working in education, "I enjoy getting to know my students and making connections with them. Every day is different which makes teaching fun and interesting!!" Outside of school, Mrs. Gregorski loves reading, watching movies about superheroes, spending time with family and friends, and watching Texans and Rockets games. Mrs. Gregorski shared how she helps create a culture

of care and kindness, "I try very hard to learn the names of all my students as fast as I can to show them that I value and care them. The most important rule in my class is to treat others the way you want to be treated and modeling it every about day. Also, throughout the year, students participate in team building activities and games to help them learn how to work and get along with others in a nice and respectable manner."

We are so grateful to have Coach G at BES!!

Dr. Rhodes' Weekly Message

It is hard to believe that the first nine weeks are complete. Time has flown by so far. Thank you to everyone who has helped in making our school an amazing place this year. There is so much more excitement, learning, and fun awaiting our students in the days, weeks, and months ahead. On another note, our new swings are installed and ready to be used by the kids (we just need the rain to stop)!! Our new swings were funded through PTA and part of last year's fundraising proceeds. Thank you to our PTA for helping us get this new piece of equipment.

Announcement: Congratulations to 1st Grade *again* for winning the attendance challenge for last week. The 1st Grade attendance rate was 96.47%!! Each 1st Grader received five Bengal Bucks.

Volunteers Needed: This Friday is our October lunch and recess duty coverage for our amazing teachers. Volunteers help campus administrators supervise lunch and recess so that the entire grade level of teachers can have an hour for lunch and fellowship. We haven't had a lot of people sign up for Friday and we need your help to give this once-a-month treat to our teachers. To be part of this "gift of time" all you have to do is [sign up here](#), get to the school 10-15 minutes early to Raptor in at the front (make sure you have your IDs ready) and either help students in the cafeteria or monitor recess. Note- Kinder will be on a Field Trip Friday so their coverage will be provided by administrators and a few volunteers. Thanks in advance for helping!!

Attention: In the *Home to School Connection* below, there are tips on how to talk to children about Lockdown Drills. While our teachers speak generally (especially to our primary students) about staying safe and what to do if we go into a Lockdown, it would be great if you can discuss this with your child as well. We will practice Lockdown and our other semester drills, as well as our monthly fire drill in November. We do not want students to ever worry

unnecessarily; the most important thing for children to know is if an announcement is made, do exactly what the teacher says. See below for more ideas for discussion.

Event Calendar

Thursday, October 25

*"Team Up Against Drugs" –wear your favorite team shirt

Friday, October 26

*"We have CHARACTER to Stomp Out Bullying" – dress up like your favorite, inspirational character: past, present, or future (future=what they want to be when they grow up).

*PTA Spirit Store during grade level lunches- see details below in PTA Section

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

Wednesday, October 31

*College Shirt Day

*Abrakadoodle, 2nd Session Starts

Wednesday, November 7

*Book Fair, Library

*Cartoonist during specials, Steve Hapster

Thursday, November 8

*Book Fair, Library

*3rd Grade Veteran's Day Program, 6:00pm, Gym

Friday, November 9

*Book Fair open until 12pm, Library

*Square 1 Art Orders Due

Tuesday, November 13

Class Pictures/Fall Retakes

Friday, November 16

Thankful Parties, more information and pre-raptored sign in link going out soon!

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](#)

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.

From the Art Teacher:

Bryant Families:

Coming home soon will be your child's custom Square 1 Art catalog featuring their artwork. The Bryant art department earns profit from every order and it goes right back to YOUR child. We use the profit to purchase more tools and supplies for the art room - so your child can continue to create amazing projects for years to come. And as a thank you for participating, Square 1 Art provides each child with a sheet of stickers imprinted with their artwork — absolutely FREE!

Watch for more details about the campaign and order deadlines. All online orders must be turned in by the due date on your child's custom catalog. (No late orders can be accepted.)

Thank you for your support.

Mrs. Marker

Home to School Connection

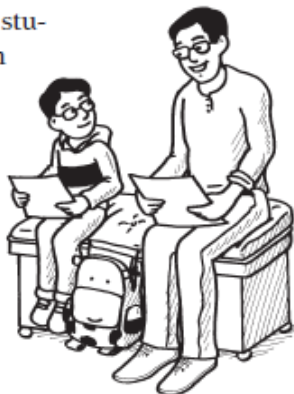


How to talk about lockdown drills

Q: My son came home anxious about a lockdown drill they did in school. How should I discuss this with him?

A: Lockdown drills help students know what to do in an emergency that requires them to shelter inside the school.

Explain to your son that his teacher and principal want to keep him and his classmates safe. That's why the school holds drills to prepare the children for



situations like intruders, fires, tornadoes, or earthquakes. Although it's scary to think about emergencies, having a plan can make him feel more in control.

Ask your son to name other ways we stay safe, such as wearing a seat belt in the car, looking both ways before crossing the street, or going indoors during a thunderstorm. He'll realize that he knows how to do a lot of things that help to protect him.

Note: If he continues to feel anxious, contact the school counselor for advice. ♥

Information from the PTA

Trunk or Treat – Friday, October 26

We have 3 more days until our 2nd Trunk or Treat and hope you're excited for this great event. Remember, our theme is "Travel Through Time" so we hope to see some great trunks and costumes! As a reminder, there will be a Trunk Contest for participants AND costume contest for the teachers! Prizes will be given out for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for both contests. If you are still interested in hosting a trunk, please let us know. Otherwise, we could still use more donations of candy. The event will take place between 5:30-6:30pm on Friday evening. We hope to see you then!

Yearbook – Early Deadline is Friday!

Yearbooks for the 2018-2019 year are now available to pre-order. Friday is the deadline to take advantage of the \$30 early bird price, as it will go up after October 26th. Please visit this link to place your order:

<https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/2735885/Bryant-Elementary-School/>

Spirit Store is Open Friday

Our [Spirit Store](#) is open during all grade lunches this upcoming Friday and we need your help! Please consider signing up for a shift by visiting <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/5080449afac2ba2fb6-besspirit>. You can send money in a gallon size Ziploc bag marked with your child's name and teacher's name so they can make purchases during their respective lunches.

Gift of Time - Lunch and Recess Volunteers

We are searching for our super star volunteers to help once a month by covering lunch and recess duties for teachers. Last year, the teachers loved when we took over their lunch and recess duties for Teacher Appreciation, so we decided to bring it back this year. To be part of this "gift of time" please visit the Signup Genius below, then get to the school 10-15 minutes early on your scheduled day to Raptor in at the front (make sure you have your IDs ready) and either help students in the cafeteria or monitor recess. If you have any questions, please email Kathalyn Garza, VP of Volunteers at bryantptavolunteers@gmail.com. - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080544aea62ca4f58-gift>