

Bryant Bulletin

A joint PTA/Campus Newsletter

April 25, 2018

Dr. Rhodes' Weekly Message

Thank you to our awesome PTA for organizing another wonderful event for our Bryant families and students. Friday evening was perfect weather for an outdoor movie. The food trucks were yummy! The official reveal of the Legacy Tile wall was also a hit! Thanks to everyone who helped organize this event. At the PTA General Meeting, board members for the 2018-2019 school year were also elected. Congratulations to President- Flora Rogers, President Elect-Kirsten Vasquez, VP Fundraising-April Simmons, VP Volunteers-Kathlyn Garza, VP Family Engagement-Tabitha Garcia, VP Membership-Darla Dillard, Secretary-Denise Caldwell and Treasurer-Sarah Owens.

FYI: Friday, May 4, 2018 is GenTX Day. This is a statewide celebration to inspire students to pursue and achieve a higher education. As part of GenTX Day on May 4th, we want our students to know more about college. We will be using a program called Flipgrid (this is a free app that can be downloaded on your device or you can use a url through the internet).

If you are willing, please share a little about your college experience. Tell us your name, where you went to college, and any other important information you think an elementary student could use. Some suggested questions to answer include: How did you know what to major in college? How did you afford it? Were you in school all day? What if a student is struggling in a class? Is college all work and no play? Your videos will be played in the classrooms on Friday, May 4th.

To submit your video, you can create a 90 second video on Flipgrid. The unique code for our page is d76e03. You can use this code if you have the Flipgrid app. Otherwise, you can submit a video using the following url: <https://flipgrid.com/d76e03>.

We look forward to seeing your videos and hope that you can participate! If you would like more information, please contact the school counselor, Penny Flores, at penelopewflores@katyisd.org or by calling 281-234-4331.

Important Information: You may have noticed that we changed the times we dismiss in the afternoon. We were able to condense the minutes in between dismissing grade levels, thus adding 5 minutes to the instructional day. We will be making other small modifications to dismissal for next year, some of them we will begin in the next couple of weeks so that we can all practice before next year. I will send out a special email when we begin these small changes.

School Start Time Next Year: Our school will continue to start at 8:20am next school year.

Kindness Crew Challenge of the Week: talk to someone new.

Event Calendar

April 30-May 4

PTA Coin Crazy Fundraiser (details in PTA Section below or by [clicking here](#))

May 4

GenTX Day (This is a statewide celebration to inspire students to pursue and achieve a higher education)
Wear a College Shirt. (see message above)

May 7-11

Teacher Appreciation Week- [Click here](#) to see how your student can show appreciation.

May 11

Katy ISD VIPS Breakfast, Merrell Center, 8:30am. [RSVP here](#).

May 14

STAAR Test- 3rd & 4th Math, 5th Grade Math Retest, Closed Campus to visitors

May 15

STAAR Test- 3rd & 4th Reading, 5th Grade Reading Retest, Closed Campus to visitors

May 16

STAAR Test- Make-ups and 5th Grade Science, Closed Campus to visitors

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. RSVP and Pre-Raptor to be sent home in May.

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. RSVP and Pre-Raptor to be sent home in May.

Kindergarten End of Year Celebration, 11:15am-12:15pm. Grade level songs in gym followed by classroom presentations. RSVP and Pre-Raptor to be sent home in May.

May 22

1st Grade End of Year Celebration, 12:30pm-1:30pm. Class songs followed by classroom presentations and a short play. RSVP and Pre-Raptor to be sent home in May.

3rd Grade End of Year Celebration, 11:30am-12:30pm. Classroom presentations followed by grade level picnic in Science Courtyard. RSVP and Pre-Raptor to be sent home in May.

May 23

4th Grade End of Year Celebration, 12pm-1pm. Classroom presentations followed by grade level picnic in Science Courtyard. RSVP and Pre-Raptor to be sent home in May.

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.

Follow us via social media:

Facebook= [Bryant Elementary](#)

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

Home to School Connection

Expressing empathy

How can you help your youngster develop empathy? Encourage her to be aware of how others feel and to take action with these ideas.

1. Recognize. This activity lets your child see the world from various points of view. First, have her cut out magazine photos of a dozen faces. Take turns choosing one and making up a story about how the person feels. Say your youngster picks a frowning child gazing out



the window on a rainy day. She could say, "He feels disappointed that he can't go out and play." Continue until you've used up all the pictures.

2. Act. Now explain that it's time to put this knowledge into action. Ask your youngster to imagine how people feel in real life and then express empathy for them. As she goes about her day, she should keep an eye out

for people's feelings. Perhaps she will spot a girl on the playground who looks anxious for a turn on the swings and offer to let her go first. ♥

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](#).

End of Year Fundraiser:

A Coin Crazy Fundraiser will take place April 30-May 4. Funds are being raised towards a new swing set for the playground!! Get all the loose change ready!! The winning grade level will receive a popsicle party.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Teacher Appreciation Week:

Our PTA has lots of ways to show the staff of Bryant they are appreciated. We need student help too.

[Click here](#) to find out how your family and students can show their appreciation during the week of May 7-11!

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.