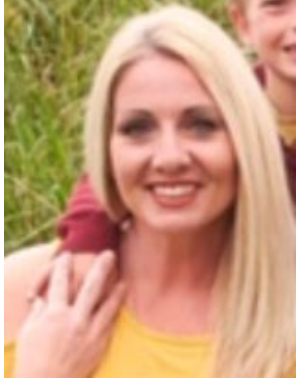


Bryant Bulletin

February 26, 2020



Staff Spotlight— Mrs. Ritter

Mrs. Ritter is our wonderful Pre-K Assistant at Bryant. She was also selected as the Assistant of the Year for our campus. She has her Bachelor of Business Administration in Management from Texas State University. This is Mrs. Ritter's 2nd year in education. She works in education because she is passionate about helping kids learn and be more confident. Mrs. Ritter says she loves working with students and watching them grow each day. She enjoys being able to introduce her students to subjects they may have not seen before. She says, "Our preschool students are so thirsty for knowledge and to be able to create engaging and creative ways to promote learning is the best!" Mrs. Ritter's favorite moment in education is seeing the smiles on students' faces as they learn to write their name for the first time. She says she has a student that has been working very hard every day on each letter and one day, just came in and wrote his name. Mrs. Ritter says he was so excited, and it really built up his confidence to try writing other words. She says these types of moments make working with students so wonderful. Outside of school, Mrs. Ritter has three busy boys who are all involved in sports. She loves watching them play. When not on a football or baseball field, Mrs. Ritter enjoys running, kickboxing, crafting and spending time with family and friends. Mrs. Ritter helps to create a culture of Kindness and Care at Bryant by always having a smile on her face and by always lending a helping hand to students or staff. She says, "You never know who needs a bright smile, or even a hug, at the beginning or end of the day."

Dr. Rhodes' Weekly Message

I would like to take a moment to thank everyone who has congratulated me in person, on Facebook and Twitter upon being named the Katy ISD Elementary Principal of the Year yesterday. I am very humbled to be chosen for this honor. As I told staff and students today, my recognition is due to the many great things they (staff and students) are doing every day at Bryant. Our school is known as the school deeply rooted in Kindness and Care and campuses often ask about the things our kids and staff are doing. I am proud to be the Principal of Robert and Felice Bryant Elementary.

Coin Crazy: Who will be the King or Queen of the Bryant Ball?? Coins (or bills) will be accepted in each homeroom through Friday. Our leaderboard for King/Queen changes each day...who will it be??

Bryant Ball: The PTA is sponsoring the 3rd Annual [Bryant Ball](#) on Friday, February 28th. The theme is Masquerade. Don't miss it!!

Reminder: Please do not turn right into the car rider lane. It may seem like a silly rule...I promise, it is not. When we allowed it, traffic backed up into the roundabout, people couldn't get out of the neighborhood, etc. I never ask of anyone to do something unless there is a reason behind it.

Blood Donation Opportunity: Bryant Elementary is partnering with Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center for a community blood drive on **Friday, February 28th**. Please mark your calendars if you are able to participate in this act of kindness. [Click here](#) to schedule an appointment to donate. Please pass the word to community members as well. Donors must have a valid ID and be raptored to come inside and donate.

Volunteer of the Year Nominations: We are currently accepting nominations for Volunteer of the Year. Please take a moment to complete a nomination form for one (or more) of our amazing volunteers. [Click here](#) for the form. All nomination forms are due to our front office by 4:00pm next Wednesday, March 4th.

Field Day Information: You can pre-Raptor by [clicking here](#). If you plan to come, please pre-Raptor. Otherwise we will have very long lines. *Maximum of two visitors per student.* Please note-- our Field Days are regular school days. Field Day takes the place of Specials with an additional 20 minutes added on. We need all students to stay at school after their Field Day. *There will be no special sign outs or accommodations made to check students out.* If you desire to check your student out, the student will return to their classroom and you will go to the office to request an early sign-out. Once you reach the front desk and complete sign out, your student will be called down to leave. This will count as a partial day absence.

From Mrs. Flores, School Counselor:

This Week's Character Challenge: Listen with full body attention to whomever is talking.



For the month of March, we will focus on the character trait of Respect. The dictionary defines respect 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)." There are many ways in which we can show respect to the people around us, and it is an important trait to possess. [Click here](#) for a [PK-2nd \(en Espanol\)](#) or [3rd-5th \(en Espanol\)](#) resource about ways to incorporate respect at home and in the community

Parent Book Club: We will be hosting a Parent Book Club using the book *The Yes Brain*, which focuses on cultivating courage, curiosity, and resilience in your children. If you are interested in being a part of this wonderful book club, please complete the [following form](#).

From the District:

Summer Recreation Program: The Katy ISD Outdoor Learning Center (OLC) has released information about the 2020 Summer Recreation Program. Additional information and registration forms can be found on the [OLC web site](#).

Campus Event Calendar

February 24-28

PTA Coin Crazy Fundraiser to benefit re-stocking the Book Vending Machine for the rest of the year

February 28

Go Texan Day! (Dress with a Texan Flare)
Bryant Ball PTA Family Event, 6:00-7:45pm

March 4

Monthly Character Kickoff for Respect (Wear **Yellow**)

March 5

8:45am-10:00am Kindergarten Field Day
10:10am-11:25am- 4th Grade Field Day
1:15pm-2:30pm- 2nd Grade Field Day
You can pre-Raptor by [clicking here](#). *Maximum of two visitors per student.*

March 6

8:45am-10:00am- 1st Grade Field Day
10:10am-11:25am- 5th Grade Field Day
1:15pm-2:30pm- 3rd Grade Field Day

March 9-13

Spring Break

March 17

CAT Meeting, 4pm

March 20

PTA Spirit Store *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.*
Report Cards Go Home

March 24

Spring Pictures
PTA sponsored Aim for Success will present *Rock the Talk- Why, When and How to Talk to Your Kids about "The Birds and the Bees."* (Audience- Pre-Kindergarten through 5th grade parents)...more details to come.

March 25

College Shirt Day

April 1

Monthly Character Kickoff for Perseverance (Wear **Green**)

April 2

Incoming Kinder Orientation 6pm

April 3

VIP Campus Brunch for All Volunteers 10am
Early Dismissal, 12:40pm

April 6-9

STAAR Testing (CLOSED CAMPUS) No Lunch Visitors

April 10

Good Friday (Student & Staff Holiday)

Information from the PTA

Coin Crazy

Our 3rd annual Coin Crazy is happening right now!! The teacher of the leading homeroom at the end of the day on Friday, February 28th will be crowned king or queen of the Bryant Ball!!!

Yearbook

The last day to **GUARANTEE** a yearbook for your student is to order by February 28, 2020. For more information, please contact the yearbook Chair, Christy Boyd, at bryantptayearbook@gmail.com. Yearbooks can be ordered at: <https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/2735885/Bryant-Elementary-School/>.

Get your Spirit Wear!

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