

Bryant Update

April 29, 2020

Bryant Families:

We hope all of our families are doing well this week. Below you will find important information. I also want to let you know to be on the lookout for an email from me this Friday after 3pm. I will be sending important details about end of year procedures that will require your attention. Thank you in advance.

Next week is Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week. Since our staff is working remotely, it is harder to show appreciation. I would like to thank all Bryant Staff for meeting the needs of our community during this unprecedented time. Please see the PTA Section below for virtual ways your student can show appreciation next week.

Please remember, while working on Learning Boards, if any assignment brings frustration after your child has tried completion for approximately 10-15 minutes, please stop and let your child's teacher know so that he or she can offer more guidance and support.

Parent Request of Teacher Characteristics for 20/21: I have opened a two and a half week window (4/22-5/8) in which you can email me characteristics your student needs in a teacher next year. I will take those characteristics and match your student with a teacher who is the closest match. Please know, *I do not take requests for specific teachers*. In fact, if there is a request for a specific teacher, I will not be able to honor it and your child will be placed with another teacher who matches similar characteristics. Please send your email to williamhrhodes@katyisd.org with the subject "**Teacher Characteristics for 20/21.**" In your email, please record student name, current grade level he/she is in, and the characteristics your child needs in a teacher. If you have multiple students, please clearly identify the name and grade level of each student (bold, italics, etc.) in one email. I will reply to all emails with a simple "**Your email has been received.**" If you do not receive this response email from me within 2 business days, please do not hesitate to send your email again. My inbox is packed with resumes at this time of the year, so email can get a bit hectic. Thanks in advance.

From Our Counselor: This week's guidance lesson focuses on coping strategies to handle stress. Click [here](#) for this week's lesson from Mrs. Flores. If you need additional support, useful strategies, or want to request a meeting, please email Mrs. Flores at penelopewflores@katyisd.org or complete the Google Form by clicking [here](#).

Click [here](#) for this week's Kindness Bingo Board. It is so exciting to see kindness spread far and wide!

Inner Explorer offers web-based mindfulness exercises. They are offering a free family app that might be helpful to support learning and well-being. Click [here](#) to learn more about their free offer.

Services for Students Experiencing Homelessness: If you have lost housing due to economic hardship, complete the [Student Residency Questionnaire](#) to determine if you are eligible for services through the McKinney-Vento Act. Email the completed form to SRQ@katyisd.org and the District Homeless Liaison will contact you to discuss eligibility.

More information on this act is available here and on the District webpage at <http://www.katyisd.org/dept/fpef/Pages/Homeless.aspx>.

Servicios para estudiantes que experimentan falta de vivienda: Si ha perdido una vivienda debido a dificultades económicas, complete el [Cuestionario de Residencia para Estudiantes](#) para determinar si es elegible para los servicios a través de la Ley McKinney-Vento Act. Envíe por correo electrónico el formulario completado a SRQ@katyisd.org y el Enlace del Distrito para Personas sin Hogar se comunicará con usted para discutir la elegibilidad. Más información sobre esta ley está disponible aquí y en la página web del Distrito en <http://www.katyisd.org/dept/fpef/Pages/Homeless.aspx>.

Kindergarten Orientation: Since we missed our Kindergarten Orientation, we have made all handouts available online. The presentation includes what you can expect for your student as they enter their Kindergarten year as well as what your student is expected to know before beginning school. There is also The ABC's of Kindergarten, which include basic school and grade level procedures. Please help spread this information throughout our neighborhoods so all new parents have this information. [Click here](#) to obtain all orientation materials. Please direct neighbors to our school website for more information.

News from the Bryant PTA

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week: This special week is next week (May 4-8). While we usually plan themed days for students to show their appreciation, this year we have virtual options. Ideas for virtual teacher/staff appreciation can be found by [clicking here](#).

PTA Executive Board Nominee Slate:

Bryant Elementary PTA Executive Board Nominees for the 2020/2021 School Year:

President Elect:	Jennifer Nash
VP Membership:	Sarah Owens
VP Fundraising:	Shana Gallagher
VP Volunteers:	Monica Maldonado
VP Family Engagement:	Meredith Urban
VP Communications:	Robin Marcoulier
Secretary:	April Simmons
Treasurer:	open



General Board Meeting
Wednesday,
May 13, 2020 at 7:00pm



Please 'like' us on Facebook at **Robert & Felice Bryant PTA**
for upcoming meeting information.
All paid members are invited to attend.