

# Bryant Bulletin

February 13, 2019



## Staff Spotlight— Mrs. Noynaert

Mrs. Noynaert is our wonderful Early Childhood Autism Program (ECAP) teacher! She earned both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Texas A&M University. This is Mrs. Noynaert's fifth year teaching. Mrs. Noynaert shared why she works in education, "I work in education because I hope to make a difference and touch each of my students' and their families' lives. My desire is to give each of my students the skills they need to set them up for success in their years to come in school and, ultimately, in their life beyond high school graduation. My favorite aspect of teaching is experiencing a child learning something new for the first time and knowing that my team and I are making a difference in each of our students' lives." Outside of school, Mrs. Noynaert likes to read, try new recipes, take her toddler to the children's museum, and make crafts using her vinyl machine. Mrs. Noynaert helps create a culture of care and kindness at Bryant by wearing a smile on her face and offering to help others whenever needed!

## *Dr. Rhodes' Weekly Message*

**Crossing Guard:** We are in need of a Crossing Guard at the front of the school. If interested, please call or email. Until we have a new Crossing Guard hired and trained, we will have staff walking kids across the front crosswalk from 7:55-8:20 and 3:30-3:45pm. Traffic direction will not be given. As motorists, please follow all posted signs, and follow all rules and laws printed in the current [Texas Driver Handbook](#) when entering and exiting the campus.

**Playground:** We have been experiencing a lot of wet weather this school year which has made our playground very muddy and have areas of standing water. Through a parent suggestion via the weekly survey, we will implement the following: on weather permitting days when the playground is muddy, students will still receive outdoor time. K-1 will play on the hard top and 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> will use the empty car rider lane to walk a large lap around the campus. Physical movement is important during the day so we are happy to implement this new plan. On a side note, I have met with the Executive Director of Maintenance to show him our playground concerns. We are on the list to have the playground drainage improved as well as the area regraded. There is no timeline on completion but we are on the wait list, which is good.

**Satisfaction Surveys:** Please know that I read each and every suggestion submitted through our Weekly Satisfaction Survey. We have received some really good ideas which we have been able to act upon. The recess lap idea came from a suggestion. We are also in line to receive outdoor intercom speakers on the east side of the building (and this has been adopted in future iterations of our floor plan). More detailed grade level newsletters was also given as feedback which we have acted upon. While not every suggestion is able to be acted upon immediately, please know they are considered. I really appreciate those of you who leave contact information so that I can follow

up with you. While it is often easy to only complete a survey when we are upset about something, the positives really help...especially staff shout outs. All staff praise is written into the weekly Staff Newsletter for employees to read as well as displayed on our Kindness Windows in the main hallway. Thanks to everyone who takes time to complete our survey. An end of year survey will be sent out towards the end of the year to gather more in-depth feedback.

**PTA Executive Board 2019-2020 Nominations:** Nominations for next year's PTA Executive Board are now be accepted by [clicking here](#). This year all nominations are electronic. Nominations close next Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. Please consider volunteering in this manner. Click on the link to learn about each position as well as to nominate.

**Bikes/Scooters:** Students who ride bikes/scooters to school need to use a lock in order to secure property. Without a lock, all bikes/scooters are left "at your own risk."

**Friendship Parties:** Friendship Parties will be held tomorrow. The party times are as follows: 10:30-11:15-- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades; 11:45-12:30-- Kindergarten & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade; 12:00-12:45-- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade; 2:00-2:45-- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. **Please note-** in order to stay within building capacity and remain aligned to Fire Marshall standards, there is a limit of 2 adults per student during parties. We use the following guidelines for party visitors: Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s), Grandparents listed on the Lunch Visitor Form completed in the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School Packet, and aunts/uncles who are accompanied by a parent/guardian. We encourage all students to stay at school after their party as the remainder of the day is instructional and a regular school day. Students leaving early do receive a partial day absence. At this time, if you did not take advantage of the Pre-Raptor option, you will need to be raptured at the front desk. Please plan for extended wait times. **\*\*Also note, only guardians may check a student out after a party. If a grandparent is checking a student out, we will need a note sent to the school the morning of the party giving us permission for release.**

**Friendship Cards:** Friendship cards may be distributed on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February. Teachers will instruct students to not open any candy that may be attached as part of friendship cards. These cards will be placed in a bag or box and delivered home for students to enjoy. If you would like for your child to not participate, please notify your child's teacher and he/she will be given an alternate activity.

**New After-School Program:** The Nutty Scientist after school program is now enrolling and will start in late March. Find out more information by [clicking here](#). Please note, after-school programs are not affiliated with Bryant or Katy ISD. These vendors rent space in the building in order to offer their program. Each program will have its own guidelines for behavior, dismissal, etc. In our end of year survey we will gather feedback as to which programs were most popular with students.

## Event Calendar

### Monday, February 11 – Friday, February 15

School Bus Driver Appreciation Week—*Show our bus drivers they are important!!*

### Thursday, February 14

Friendship Parties (see Schedule above)

### Friday, February 15

Early Dismissal, 12:40pm

Bryant Ball: Sparkles & Spurs, 6-7:30pm

## **Monday, February 18**

Student Holiday, President's Day

## **Thursday, February 21**

Second Grade Living Museum

## **Friday, February 22**

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.")

Texan Day

## **Wednesday, February 27**

College Shirt Day

## **Monday, March 4**

PTA Spirit Night at Chick-fil-a Katy Mills on Nelson Pkwy, 5-8pm.

## **Wednesday, March 6**

District Family Night, No Homework Assigned

## **Thursday, March 7- Friday March 8**

Field Day- Information To Be Announced

## **Monday, March 11-Friday, March 15**

Spring Break

# *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.

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## *From the Nurse:*

**Fever (100° or above), diarrhea, or vomiting?** Your child must be 24 hours free of these symptoms without medication before returning to school. If your child has any of the symptoms listed above, please call in your child's absence at 281-234-4300. Please also let the nurse know if your child is diagnosed with contagious illness such as Flu, strep, or pink eye. Nurse Osbourne: 281-234-4325

## *From the Counselor:*

This month our Core Value is **SERVICE**. Service means lending a hand to help someone else. It's like the quote from Mahatma Gandhi, "The best way to find yourself, is to lose yourself in the service of others."

**BE IT:** One way that we can discover how we are important to others is through work. Maybe your child isn't ready to put in an 8-hour day at the office, but he or she can still do significant work that will help your family and others. From taking out the trash, to doing dishes, folding laundry, or lending a hand to the neighbor, there are age-appropriate tasks that all kids can do. Doing this work will make them feel important, needed, and connected to others. So don't miss it. This month, look for work that develops independent habits in your child.

This month, choose one volunteer opportunity that your family would like to partake in. Options might include volunteering at the local senior center to serve a meal, volunteering at your church or simply picking up trash around the local park. Lending a hand to help someone else is always a good idea and can be made a priority this month.

# *Home to School Connection*

## **ACTIVITY CORNER**

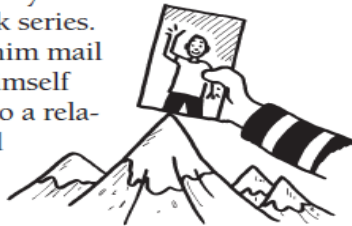
### **Adventures by mail**

Your child can explore the world without leaving home! This activity turns him into a "flat traveler" — like Flat Stanley in the popular book series.

First, let him mail a photo of himself and a letter to a relative or friend who lives out of town. He could write questions that will help him learn about the place, perhaps about the weather, language, foods, geography, or landmarks.

The person should mail back answers, along with photos and even tourist brochures or postcards. For instance, his aunt may snap a picture of your child's photo on a snowy mountain or in front of a famous skyscraper.

Suggest that your youngster put everything in a scrapbook that he can read to remind him of the places "he" has been. Then, he can send his photo on another adventure with a different long-distance relative or friend!♥



# Information from the PTA

## *PTA Executive Board 2019-2020 Nominations*

Nominations for next year's PTA Executive Board will all be conducted online at this link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/IGlOzFCWf1g7j4LT2>. The nomination process begins today, February 13 and will close next Wednesday, February 20. On this form, you will learn about each of the positions that are open for nominations, along with the expectations, and who currently serves in that role. Thank you for your help and participation with this process. ([Click here for Informational Flyer](#))

## *Coin Crazy Continues*

This week, we have raised over \$1000 during our 2nd Annual Coin Crazy Competition. The event will go on through Friday with our goal for this year being \$3000, which will go toward the purchase of a Book Vending Machine for our school. If you have any questions or can help at any this week, please contact Sarah Owens, our Coin Crazy Coordinator at [bryantptatreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:bryantptatreasurer@gmail.com).

## *2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bryant Ball – “Sparkles and Spurs” (February 15)*

Don't forget - our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bryant Ball takes place this Friday with this year's theme being “Sparkles and Spurs”. Come dressed in your best rodeo attire or sparkles. Suggested donations of \$10 per family will be collected at the entrance. Donations are not mandatory, but will benefit the 5th Grade Graduation Party. We will have two Food Trucks on site that evening for those of you who wish to eat dinner - so be sure and bring extra money for those trucks. *That's My Dog* will be joined with *Dojo Hibachi!* ([Click here for flyer](#))

## *January Volunteers of the Month*

The PTA would like to give a round of applause to all of our fabulous volunteers - thank you all for working together and making a difference! Today we have our two super volunteers for the month of January - Sarah Owens and Sara Veillon! Sarah Owens, you did an amazing job organizing all grade level Junior Achievements! Now our students know how to earn, save spend and donate! Sara Veillon, thank you for going that extra mile and helping complete all of those tedious projects! Our students and teachers greatly appreciate our super star volunteers!



## *2018-2019 Yearbook*

Please don't forget that in order to guarantee you receive a yearbook for this school year, you must place your order by March 1st. The cost of the yearbook is \$40.00. For our 5th Grade Parents: Friday, February 15 is the last day to purchase a personal ad for the yearbook. You can go to this website to create your ad: <http://www.jostensadservice.com/>. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Robin Marcoulier at [bryantptayearbook@gmail.com](mailto:bryantptayearbook@gmail.com).