

Bryant Bulletin

A joint PTA/Campus Newsletter

September 27, 2017

Dr. Rhodes' Weekly Message

It is hard to believe that it is already the end of September. We hope everyone is having a productive week.

A district-wide communication was sent out on September 25, 2017, but I wanted to make sure everyone read that four of the previously designated early release days (Oct. 9, 20, Feb 16, April 13) will be extended to full instructional days. October 9th and 20th had been set aside for parent/teacher conferences at Bryant. However, in lieu of the in-person conferences, parents are encouraged to communicate with teachers by email and/or phone. Parents should also continue to monitor their student's progress on the [Home Access Center](#). Friday, December 15 and Thursday, May 24 will remain "early release" days. If you feel you need to have a parent conference during the school year, please request one with your teacher.

FYI: we have gotten some calls about how to access Canvas. Many of our teachers use Canvas as a homepage or informational page where you are able to view materials and updates. Check out this [video](#) on how to use Canvas.

Please Note: Tardies will go into effect October 2nd. If you arrive after the 8:20 bell, you will need to walk your student in and check them in to school.

Reminder: Please remember that lunch visitors should not include aunts, uncles, friends, or neighbors. Also, as outlined in the Student/Parent handbook which went home at the beginning of the year, lunch visits are limited to once per week. If you have an extenuating circumstance throughout the year, please email me for approval.

Reminder: State law prohibits the use of cell phones while in a school zone. This includes while in our car rider line. We have already had some near misses. Please stay off your devices while moving in the car rider line.

Save the Date: We will begin a Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) program at Bryant beginning this fall. More information will come home in your students' weekly folder. Orientation will be October 12th at 6pm in the Gym.

Thank You: Thanks to Katy Furniture who donated furniture for our Teacher's Lounge. Thanks to this great Katy business.

Event Calendar

Monday, October 2-Tuesday, October 31

Bully Prevention Month

Monday, October 2

Tardies begin to be counted for each student

Wednesday, October 4

Core Essential Kickoff for October- Tie Dye Clothing to celebrate Creativity

Thursday, October 12

Watch D.O.G.S. Orientation, Bryant Gym, 6pm

Friday, October 13

Fall Pictures for all students

Monday, October 16

Second Nine Weeks Begins

Monday October 23

Report Cards Go Home

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](#)

Website= <http://www.katyisd.org/campus/bes/Pages/default.aspx>

Reminder for Visitors and Parents: Please remember, school visitors should only enter and exit the building through the front door. All visitors need to check in with the front desk/receive a raptor badge/sticker upon entering the building, and check out/return the raptor badge/sticker when leaving the building. Also, remember that if you are visiting or checking your student out from school, you need your current photo identification.

Katy ISD Education Foundation Harvey Relief Fundraiser: Join us in supporting the Katy ISD Education Foundation's Harvey Relief fund by making a contribution at www.katyisdeducationfoundation.org. All proceeds will benefit Katy ISD staff and students affected by flooding in their homes, with 100% of proceeds supporting the effort. Any donation you can make regardless of size will help us help our Katy ISD community.

Begin the journey of a lifetime...

Destination ImagiNation, Inc. is an extraordinary non-profit organization that provides educational programs for students to learn and experience creativity, teamwork and problem solving. Every year, we reach 100,000 students across the U.S. and in more than 30 countries. Destination ImagiNation is an educational program in which student teams solve open-ended Challenges and present their solutions at Tournaments. Teams are tested to think on their feet, work together and devise original solutions that satisfy the requirements of the Challenges. Participants gain more than just basic knowledge and skills—they learn to unleash their imaginations and take unique approaches to problem solving. To read more about Destination ImagiNation visit the website www.IDODI.org.

We are currently looking for parents who are interested in being Team Managers for Bryant DI teams. It is a rewarding experience. You work with your child and up to 6 others solving problems, planning performances, and presenting your work at the regional tournament. If you are interested, please contact Jodi Foreman- jolindagforeman@katyisd.org

From the Counselor:

For the month of October, our Core Value is **CREATIVITY**. We will kick off the Value by **wearing tie dye on Wednesday October 4th**. Henry David Thoreau said, "The world is but a canvas to the imagination." This month we will focus on fostering creativity so that our students can dream and imagine. Below are some great activities that you can do with your family so that we can SAY, KNOW, SEE and BE what it means to be creative!

SAY IT: Creativity is using your imagination to do something unique.

KNOW IT:

Ask a kid:

- Have you ever made up a game to play with friends or by yourself?
- Share ideas, dreams or thoughts you have had about something that you have created or want to create.

Ask a grown up:

- What does it mean to think outside the box?

• When are you at your most creative? Are you most creative when you are in a crowd, alone, busy, bored, happy, sad, etc.? Share your experiences.

SEE IT: The Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) in Manhattan, New York displays some of the most creative works of art in the world. Art is not just paintings or sculptures, but can also be movies, songs, architecture, photos and books. Two and a half million visitors from all over the world enjoy these mediums and more throughout the year at MoMA. Check it out for yourself at moma.org.

BE IT: Research your area for opportunities to get your family involved in creative endeavors. Ideas include painting classes, pottery classes, and culinary classes. Participating as a family in these classes will give you an opportunity to exercise your creative potential and the opportunity to appreciate everyone's imagination.

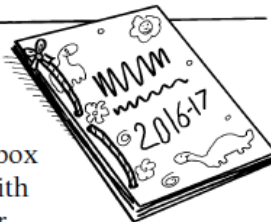
Home to School Connection

ACTIVITY CORNER

My school-year memory book

Encourage your youngster to create a personalized memory book this school year. It will give him a place to save schoolwork he's proud of and provide a nice keepsake for both of you.

- 1.** To make the front and back covers, have him cut off the large panels of a cereal box and cover them with construction paper.
- 2.** Let him write his name, the year, his school, and his teacher's name on the front. He can decorate both panels with stickers or drawings.
- 3.** Hole-punch the covers, thread yarn through, and tie loosely so it's easy to untie and add pages.
- 4.** As the school year goes on, he might add graded assignments, artwork, programs from plays or concerts, and notes from teachers.



Keep his memory book in a special spot so you can both enjoy looking through it this school year—and beyond.♥

Information from the PTA

Trunk or Treat

Save the date for our First Annual Bryant Trunk or Treat. It will be held the evening of October 27th. More details to come!!