

Bryant Bulletin

November 6, 2019

Dr. Rhodes' Weekly Message

I would like to thank our Bryant PTA for funding a professional learning speaker for our staff at the beginning of this school year. We spent a half day learning about the Character Strong/Purposefull People (puposefull is spelled wrong on purpose) program which we have been implementing since the beginning of the year. This program focuses on small character lessons which can be taught at the beginning of each day during our Community Circle time which happens at the beginning of each day (PK-5). Staff members really enjoyed the training, some saying it was the best they have ever been a part of. Character information can be found in our Counselor section of the newsletter each week. Thank you to all members of the Bryant PTA—whether you write notes of encouragement to staff members once a month or volunteer many days as an Executive Board Member—every person makes a difference. Your support of our school, community, students and staff is greatly appreciated.

Thankful Parties: Party times are listed below in the calendar. This year all grade level parties will be held in the gym so that kids can have fun together instead of separated into homerooms. Pre-Raptor can be requested by [clicking here](#) (please read all details on the webpage). If you have not visited the school and been raptored this year, you will not be able to Pre-Raptor. If this is the case, drop by any time before the party day and your license can be scanned into the system so that you can successfully Pre-Raptor.

Weekly Satisfaction Survey: [Click here](#) to take our Bryant Satisfaction Survey. This survey will be open through Sunday evening.

Car Rider Stacking Lanes: As we have discussed, when entering the car rider lane, please circle the school. We position cones each day to indicate how to enter the stacking lanes. Sometimes, the cones are run over and destroyed and sometimes they are thrown into the grass. If you witness someone destroying school property, please record the person's license plate and time of day to report to our front office. Thank you for doing the right thing, even when it may take a few more seconds. Remember, our kids see everything we do and we are their role models.

Character is what you do when no one is watching.
~ Paul Rabil

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Second Semester After-School Enrichment Program: iKids University® is coming to Bryant Elementary in January for After-School Enrichment! iKids U® is an on-site and customizable program designed for your child! Each day after school, students will have the opportunity to select an optional "Enrichment" activity for an enjoyable learning experience. iKids U® offers a variety of after-school activities from 1 to 5 days per week. There is something for every child!

Enrichment Activities being offered for the 2020 Spring Semester include Art, Brain Games, Cooking, Hip Hop, Karate, LEGO® Robotics, Science, Spanish, Sports, and more! Please be on the lookout for registration information coming out the first week of November. Registration will run Nov. 12 – Nov. 22!

iKids U® provides an exceptional, safe, and convenient after-school enrichment program that fulfills the educational, creative, and recreational interests of children! For more information, please visit www.ikidsu.com. If you have any questions, please contact iKids at 832-913-6652 or email at katy-sugarland@ikidsu.com.

[Click on this video link](#) to learn more about iKids U®

iKids U® will also have an informational table Thursday evening (11/7) outside the library in case you would like more information.

As a reminder: Bryant Staff/Administration are not involved in the program and do not oversee the program. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to let the after school program staff know of any special needs, allergies, or other pertinent information their instructors may need to know in order for your child to be successful in their program.

From Mrs. Flores, School Counselor:

This Week's Character Challenge: Show respect to all staff members and students.

November Character Trait: This month students will be having conversations and activities that help develop and apply responsibility in their daily lives! We are using the following definition for responsibility at school: *to take action and understand how our choices affect others, ourselves, and the world.* Responsibility is a skill that will change over time as students take on more and more responsibilities in their lives. Students will be taught the meaning of responsibility and how to practice it in everyday life through engaging activities and powerful discussions. If you are looking for ways to extend this trait at home as well, check out our [K-2 resource](#) and [3-5 resource](#). For more information, contact me at penelopewflores@katyisd.org

5th Grade Parents: The next KISD Legacy Parent Academy is entitled "Transitioning From Elementary to Junior High." If your current 5th grader will be in 6th grade next year and this is your first child in Junior High, you will gain a lot of information from this session. [Click here](#) to view the flyer for this session.

From the District:

The Department of Special Education is offering a parent training on Behavior Management Strategies and De-escalation Techniques which will focus on a foundational understanding of behavior and strategies to de-escalate children in crisis. [Click here](#) for more information. *(The fall date is full but if interested, go ahead and register for the spring session before it fills up.)*

The [Legacy Parent Academy](#) provides sessions focusing on prevalent social-emotional topics. The academy is intended to provide parents with information on current topics that impact students and school districts. Academy sessions are supplemental to campus-based programs and initiatives. The Legacy Parent Academy [webpage](#) includes session descriptions and a link to register for future sessions.

Campus Event Calendar

Thursday, November 7

3rd Grade Veterans Day Program 6pm
Book Fair Late Night Opening, 5:30-7:00pm

Friday, November 8

Book Fair Closes at Noon
PTA Spirit Store Open during lunch times. *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.*

Tuesday, November 12

Make Up & Class Pictures

Tuesday, November 19

Progress Reports Go Home
3rd Grade PTA Spirit Night, Marco's Pizza (see PTA section below for details) *Updated*

Friday, November 22

No Lunch Visitors due to Parties
Grade Level Thankful Parties in Gym
PK & K- 8:45-9:35
1st- 9:45-10:35
2nd- 12:45-1:35
3rd- 1:45-2:35
4th- 11:45-12:35
5th- 10:45-11:35

Pre-Raptor by [clicking here](#).

Monday, November 25-Friday, November 29

Thanksgiving Break (Students and Staff)

Wednesday, December 4

Monthly Character Kickoff for Perseverance (wear green)
Candy Cane Grams on Sale (details TBA)

Friday, December 6

Pajamas for Junior Achievement (JA). Students may wear pajamas with a \$2 donation to JA. School appropriate shoes must be worn.

Monday, December 9-Friday, December 13

PTA Holiday Shop

Friday, December 13

PTA Cookies with Santa (evening event- Time TBA)

Information from the PTA

5th Grade T-Shirts

Hello fabulous 5th Grade Families!! We are sending home an [order form](#) today for you to order your 5th Grade T-shirt. Our design was hand-drawn by one of our very own 5th Grade Bengals. 5th Grade Parents or Volunteers are also welcome to purchase a shirt! Cash and checks are accepted, with checks being made payable to Bryant PTA. The shirts will be delivered to your child's homeroom after Thanksgiving break.

ALL ORDERS ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH

Please contact 5th grade chair Flora Rogers for any questions at bryantpta5thgradechair@gmail.com.

Spirit Nights- Marco's Pizza (UPDATE)

November 19- 3rd Grade Spirit Night

Pre-K through 2nd Graders enjoyed receiving their pizza order from Marco's pizza at their door last night!! However, Marco's got overwhelmed with the number of orders. Our next Marco's night will still be November 19th but will be for 3rd Grade only. We will try one grade level to see if the numbers are more manageable for Marco's. If so, we will choose future dates for 4th and 5th grades.

3rd Graders will be given pizza boxes to decorate going home on 11/13 and due by 11/18. When you order a pizza on 11/19, tell the Marco's employee that you are ordering from Bryant Elementary and give your child's name. The pizza will be delivered in your child's decorated box!!

PTA Special Membership Meeting

A special membership meeting is being held on Friday, December 6, 2019 at 9:15am in the BES LGI Room. All paid 2019-2020 members are welcome.

Yearbooks on Sale!

Yearbooks are continuing to be sold. The price is now \$35. [Click here](#) to buy a yearbook through the Jostens website.

Get your Spirit Wear!

Our Spirit Wear is in-stock and ready for you! For your convenience, you can purchase all your Bryant Spirit Wear online by visiting <http://officialbryantpta.com>. If you have any questions, please contact our VP of Fundraising – Jennifer Nash at bryantptafundraising@gmail.com.