

Bryant Bulletin

January 8, 2020

Staff Spotlight— Ms. Wilkinson



Ms. Wilkinson is one of our wonderful 4th Grade teachers and the 4th grade Team Leader. She has her Bachelors of Science in Elementary Education from the University of Oklahoma. This is her 4th year teaching. Ms. Wilkinson has always wanted to be a teacher because she loves working with students and inspiring them to do their best each day. She feels teachers and educators have the power to have an impact beyond the classroom. The inspirational and wonderful teachers Ms. Wilkinson had herself as a student led her to become a teacher. Ms. Wilkinson loves that no two days are the same in the classroom. She enjoys how her students keep her on her toes and challenge her every day to be better and learn new things. Every year her students amaze her with their creativity and innovative thinking. She says, "There is nothing better than seeing the light bulb go off for a student in class." She states that it is so rewarding for a teacher when a concept or idea clicks with a student. Outside of school, Ms. Wilkinson

loves spending time with family and friends. She also enjoys reading, watching movies, baking, and going to the dog park with her border collie. She believes the whole BES staff does a fabulous job of modeling kindness towards each other, members of the community, and the students. She says, "Our students here at Bryant have such great role models to look up to!" Ms. Wilkinson loves being a part of the BES staff and working towards creating a Culture of Care and Kindness.

Dr. Rhodes' Weekly Message

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a nice winter break. It is always great to get recharged and ready for kids to come back to school after the break. Our teachers and staff have amazing experiences planned for all Bryant Bengals. We will continue traditions we have established in the past years and strive to offer the very best learning experience for all kids. Many of you already know, but it is my personal goal for every kid to want to come to Bryant Elementary every day. There will of course be days that kids would rather be at home or not be taking a test, but if your student is scared or not eager to come to school for a prolonged period of time, please reach out to me directly. I will do my best to help your child want to come to school and ensure they have a positive experience. Here's to a great second semester!! Before you know it, the end of the year will be here.

Thank You: Our first two days of double stacking for arrival have been very smooth and we have finished the line before the tardy bell!! Thank you for helping make this transition a success.

Reminder: At last month's Board of Trustee's Meeting, academic calendars were approved for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years. Further information can be read by [clicking here](#).

5th Grade Parents: We have several 5th grade panoramic photos from this fall still available. If you would like to purchase, please send \$15 (exact cash or check) in a sealed envelope with your student's name and teacher written on the outside.

Second Semester After-School Enrichment Program: iKids University® begins January 21st 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. Payments can be made in installments. [Click here](#) for the iKids University® flyer. *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: What kind things have you done this week? Students will write any acts of kindness they have done to celebrate all of the kind things that are happening at Bryant Elementary.

Today, we kicked off our character trait of Kindness. While we have featured kindness this school year, we felt it was important for students to gain opportunities to hone the skills needed to develop these character traits. Therefore, during the 2nd semester, we will highlight the same five character traits that were a focus for the first semester. This month students will be having conversations and participating in activities that help develop and apply Kindness in their daily lives! As you know, this is an important part of our school culture. The dictionary definition of kindness is: "the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate." But it can be so much more than that! The definition we are using in class is: "the choice to act with words, gifts, or actions to bring appreciation, positivity, and encouragement to others and yourself." There are a multitude of ways to show kindness to others and ourselves. Students will be taught the meaning of kindness and how to practice it in their everyday lives 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 ([en Espanol](#)) and [3-5](#) resource ([en Espanol](#)). Contact Penny Flores, BES School Counselor, at penelopewflores@katyisd.org for more information.

From the District:



**This Force they call
"Social Media"**

THE IMPACT OF SOCIAL MEDIA ON ANYONE IN OUR WORLD TODAY IS GROWING DAILY, ESPECIALLY AMONG STUDENTS. LEARN WAYS TO UNDERSTAND, MONITOR & INTERACT WITH THIS EVER PRESENT FORCE IN A POSITIVE AND PRODUCTIVE MANNER.

January 15 : 6-8pm
Legacy Stadium
room ABC

Legacy Parent Academy
KATY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Can't Attend...Live Stream
<http://media.katyisd.org/katy-isd-administration>

Proclamation 2020 includes instructional materials for Grades 7-12 English Learners Language Arts, Grades 9-12 English Language Arts, AP Statistics and Statistics. These materials will be implemented during the 2020-2021 school year. Instructional materials under consideration will be on display during business hours (8:00am-4:00pm) for parent and community input at the Education Support Complex from January 9-16, 2020. In addition, instructional materials will be available for review from 5:00pm to 7:00pm on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 and Thursday, January 16, 2020. Please enter through the center Staff Development entrance.

The Katy ISD Office of Interventions will be hosting a Dyslexia Parent Education Night at the Education Support Complex on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 from 5:45PM to 8:15PM. [Click here](#) for more information.

Campus Event Calendar

January 9

PTA General Board Meeting, 4pm in the LGI

January 10

Report Cards go Home

January 14

Spirit Night- 4th Grade Marcos Pizza (see PTA Info below)

January 16

Coffee with the Principal, 9am in the LGI. This is a live platform to ask questions, learn the "why" behind procedures and events, and learn about upcoming action items from Dr. Rhodes.

January 17

Spirit Store (during lunch)

January 20

Student Holiday, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 21

Campus Advisory Team (CAT) Meeting, 4pm in the LGI

January 24

100th Day of School

January 27-31

Great Kindness Challenge Week

January 29

College Shirt Day

February 3-7

Spring Book Fair

February 5

Monthly Character Kickoff for Responsibility (Wear Orange)

February 6

Second Annual Family Learning Night, 5-7pm (more info will come home mid-January)

Book Fair open late

Information from the PTA

Yearbooks on Sale!

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

4th Grade Marco's Spirit Night

4th grade Boxed Spirit Night at Marco's Pizza will take place on Tuesday, January 14th. Pizza boxes were sent home for students to today, and are due back by Monday, January 13th. You will then be able to order from Marco's Pizza on 1463 on Tuesday, January 14th and the pizza will be presented in your student's personally designed pizza box! Coupons will be sent home today with the blank pizza box. 20% of sales will be donated to the Bryant PTA!

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.