

# Bryant Bulletin

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## Staff Spotlight— Mrs. Frank



Mrs. Frank is one of our fabulous 1<sup>st</sup> Grade teachers. She earned her degree from Texas State University in Early Childhood Education with her ESL Certification. This is her 7<sup>th</sup> year teaching 1<sup>st</sup> Grade. Mrs. Frank says teaching runs in her family as she is a 4<sup>th</sup> generation teacher. She knew from a very early age that she wanted to be an elementary teacher. Her mother taught Kindergarten for 32 years and was a great role model for the teacher Mrs. Frank strives to be. She has such wonderful memories of her own elementary school days because of the amazing teachers she was fortunate to have in her life. What Mrs. Frank loves the most about teaching are the bonds created starting day one as a class family. She feels blessed to be in the lives of each of her students and she cherishes the relationships they form. She also says, "Seeing my students grow academically and emotionally is a very special thing." Mrs. Frank's favorite moments in education happen each year when her previous students return to see her for a hug

or to say hello. She loves to hear the amazing things her students are doing and loves to see them shine. Outside of school, Mrs. Frank loves traveling with her husband and two daughters. They enjoy spending time playing outside and like to try out new parks all over town. She also enjoys kickboxing and reading in her spare time. Mrs. Frank helps create a culture of care and kindness at Bryant by beginning each day with a purposeful greeting for all students and a community circle where they truly get to bond with each other and share important parts of their lives. Mrs. Frank believes it is so important for her students to feel comfortable and to know they are loved when they come to class each morning.

## *Dr. Rhodes' Weekly Message*

We hope you and your family are doing well. It is hard to believe we are entering into the end of January. I have a few announcements below but please make sure to read the Bulletin in its entirety. Next week is the Great Kindness Challenge. You may have heard about this Challenge on Good Morning America or read about it in USA Today, Edutopia, or FamilyFun. Last year we became a Kindness Certified School and this year our Great Kindness Challenge Week will help us to remain certified!! Last year over 13 million students participated in 115 countries throughout twenty-four thousand schools. Our students and the millions of others around the world completed 658,342,700 Acts of Kindness (AOK) in one week. There are even ways you can get your whole family involved (see Mrs. Flores' section below)

**Goals:** The middle of the school year is a great time for families to check in with students on goals. Setting academic and personal goals helps motivate, energize, and focus students. It is a valuable skill that will benefit students throughout their lives. Click here ([English](#) or [Spanish](#)) to read a one page report about setting goals with kids.

**Journeys:** Now that we are in our 3<sup>rd</sup> year, our photography company, StrawBridge is able to create Journeys packages. If your student has been enrolled at Bryant for the full three years and been photographed each fall, you will be receiving a picture package that shows each year's fall picture chronologically. Current 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>

grade students who have been at Bryant all three years will come home with the picture package in next Wednesday's take home folder. If your student is PK, K, or 1<sup>st</sup>, and was photographed this fall, they will come home with a seasonal picture package for the month of February. If you receive a package and want to keep any of the pictures, directions will be in the envelope. If you receive pictures and do not want to purchase any, please return to school in your child's take home folder. We are excited to be able to offer these keepsakes for parents who would like them.

**Notice:** Katy ISD is sharing information about the state, district, and your child's campus as part of our obligations under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA). Copies of the 2018-2019 Federal Report Cards for the state, district, and our campus are available for your review in the front office of our school, or online by [clicking here](#).

**Food & Toiletry Drive:** Student Council is holding a food and toiletry drive next week as part of our Great Kindness Week Challenge (*see below from Mrs. Flores about Kindness Week*). A small flyer will be coming home today with requested items. Our local food banks are typically short on supplies in the New Year due to all the giving in December. If your family is able to donate, this is another way for your student to show kindness. [Click here](#) for a digital version of the flyer.

**Friendship Parties:** Our PTA will hold Friendship Parties on February 13<sup>th</sup> for each grade level. The format will be similar to our Thankful Parties. If you would like to attend the Friendship Party, please [click here](#) to Pre-Raptor (please read all details on the webpage). If you have not visited the school and been raptured this year, you will not be able to Pre-Raptor electronically. 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 Pre-Raptor before the Friendship Parties. In order to have successful parties, our PTA needs lots of volunteers. If you are coming for your own child's party, please consider staying for a block of time and helping at a station for other grade levels. PTA will publish a sign-up with more information in the near future.

### *From Mrs. Flores, School Counselor:*

**This Week's Character Challenge:** Show appreciation to those who help you.

As we focus on kindness this month, we will be participating in the **Great Kindness Challenge Week**. This takes place January 27-31. Students will have access to a Great Kindness Challenge checklist. There is also a Family Edition of the Great Kindness Challenge for you to incorporate at home if you would like to participate. [Click here](#) for the Family Edition. If you'd like, you can tweet using #bengalpride so we can see which acts you are enjoying at home. Thank you for all that you do to support this character trait! If you have any questions or would like more information. Please contact the School Counselor, Penny Flores, at [penelopewflores@katyisd.org](mailto:penelopewflores@katyisd.org) or 281-234-4331.

### *From Mrs. Hindt, Math Instructional Coach:*

Have you ever wondered why the math your child brings home looks different from the math you remember from school? In this [video](#), Greg Tang describes 3 focuses of this "new math," as some have called it: Visualization, Reasoning, and Number Sense. Greg's explanations will help you better understand why the teaching of mathematics has changed. We truly want our students to understand math and not simply follow a list of rules and procedures. Math should make sense! Watch this video to learn more!

## *From the District:*

**Legacy Parent Academy:** The next session will focus on Internet Safety and will be hosted February 19<sup>th</sup> in the community rooms at Legacy Stadium from 6-8pm. [Click here](#) for more information.

**Dyslexia Parent Education:** 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 24**

100th Day of School

## **January 27-31**

Great Kindness Challenge Week (see information above)

## **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 ([Click here](#) for a Save the Date)

Book Fair Open Late

## **February 13**

Grade Level Friendship Parties in the Gym (No Lunch Visitors) Preraptor by [clicking here](#)

8:45am-9:35am: 3rd Grade

11:45am-12:35pm: 4th Grade

2:45pm-3:15pm: ECAP/YCAP

9:45am-10:35am: 1st Grade

12:45pm-1:35pm: 2nd Grade

10:45am-11:35am: 5th Grade

1:45pm-2:35pm: Pre-K & Kinder

## **February 14**

Early Dismissal @ 12:40pm (No Lunch Visitors)

## **February 17**

Student Holiday – No School

## **February 24-28**

PTA Coin Crazy Fundraiser

**February 28**

Bryant Ball PTA Family Event

## *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.

### *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](mailto:bryantptafundraising@gmail.com).