

Bryant Bulletin

A joint PTA/Campus Newsletter

February 7, 2018

Dr. Rhodes' Weekly Message

Thank you to everyone who attended our school Dedication this past Sunday. The turnout was great and the ceremony was poignant. I know the Bryants felt honored. We can't wait to hang their new portrait in our front office! Thank you again to our awesome PTA who provided very nice corsages for Mr. and Mrs. Bryant to wear during the ceremony as well as for partnering with Shawnee Trees, LLC and Cody's Tree Service, Inc. to receive a Live-Oak Tree to be planted on school grounds in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Bryant.

Thank you to our BES Student Council sponsored by Mrs. Corley and to our community. The recent food drive brought in over 1,000 items which weighed in at 914 pounds!! The food bank was very thankful for our help. Overall, 2nd grade brought in the most cans. The 2nd grade teachers will choose a day for pajama day and communicate the date to parents. Thank you for your generosity!!

Kindness Crew Challenge of the Week: Bring someone a treat (not food)!

Reminder: Valentine Parties are next week. If you plan to attend and have raptored into our system before, please pre-raptor at the link below. So far we have 14 people who have pre-raptored. *Please note, if you check your student out after the parties, it is an unexcused half day absence.*

Reminder: Don't forget that our Book Fair is happening this week! The book fair will be open until 6:30pm Thursday Night. The Book Fair closes on Friday at 1pm.

Reminder: Please take a moment to nominate one of our great volunteers for Volunteer of the Year. [Click here](#) to access and print the form. After completing the form, please send it to school with your student or drop it off in the front office. Nominees with the most nominations will move into blind judging by a panel of teachers and parents. Nominations are due by February 16th before 4pm.

Reminder: Our Friendship/Valentine Parties will be held on February 14th. In order to expedite the check-in of visitors, we will be pre-raptoring those planning to attend. If you have raptored in at our front office in the past, please [click here](#) (before 2/12 at 4pm) to fill out a pre-raptor form. We will have a pre-raptor line in the front office by the doors when you arrive. If you have never been raptored, please see the receptionist with your identification to receive a badge. Parties will be held at the following times: 1st/2nd- 10:00-10:45; K/5th- 11:45-12:30; 3rd/4th- 1:40- 2:25.

Reminder: We will be celebrating the 100th day of school on February 12th. This was the scheduled 100th day before our ice days earlier in the month. We decided to continue to celebrate on the 12th since we will have Friendship/Valentine Parties on the 14th.

Reminder: Katy Robotics Academy is coming to Bryant. 1st -5th grade students will learn computer programming through LEGO robotics. To register or find out more information about this amazing program coming to Bryant, visit www.katyroboticsacademy.com. (Click on classes at the top of the webpage.)

Reminder: Mad Science is also coming to Bryant. This is for students K-5th and is a six week program (6 classes) which will run from February 22nd-April 5th. You can find out more by visiting www.madscience.org/houston. (Click on After School Classes, How to Register, click on the drop down menu, and find Bryant Elementary.)

Event Calendar

February 5-9

Spring Book Fair

February 8

Book Fair Family Night, Book Fair open until 6:30pm

February 9

Progress Reports go home

February 12

100th Day of School Celebrated

February 14

Core Essential Kickoff- students are encouraged to wear something pink
Friendship/Valentine's Classroom Parties

February 16

Regular School Day (no early dismissal)

February 19

Regular School Day- Students will attend school as a make-up day

February 22

Mad Science program begins. See registration information above if you are interested

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>

From the Nurse:

Please [click here](#) to learn more information about influenza as well as Dental Health Month.

Home to School Connection

Great graphic organizers

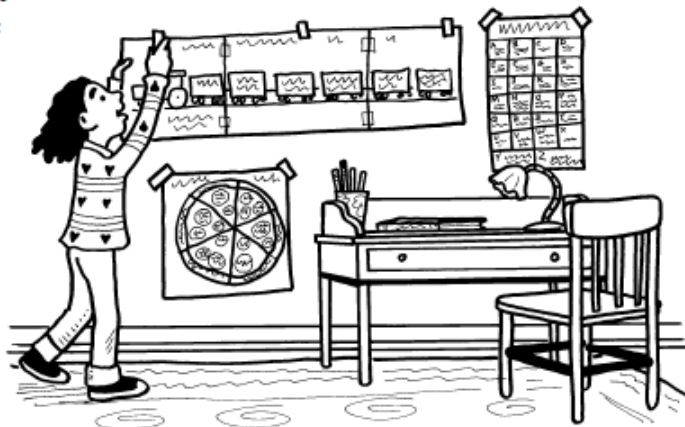
Organizing information in creative ways can make studying more interesting and productive for your youngster. Encourage her to try these graphic organizers—and to invent some of her own!

Cars in a train

Drawing a train is one way to understand and study steps in a process or events in a sequence, such as the parts of the scientific method or the plot of a novel. Suggest that your child label each train car with a step ("Ask a question," "Make a hypothesis") and add a picture to illustrate it.

Toppings on a pizza

Have your youngster draw a pizza to visualize facts. On each slice, she should write a category of information (example: "Lewis and Clark," "Cartier," and so on for a quiz on explorers). She can draw toppings (pepperoni, mushrooms) and put a fact on each one. On the Lewis and



Clark "pepperoni," she might write, "Started in St. Louis" and "Ended at the Pacific Ocean."

Letters of the alphabet

Let your child divide a sheet of paper into 26 squares and label them A–Z. Then, she could write a fact that begins with each letter. If her topic is habitats, she can define *desert* in the D square and *rain forest* for R. Being creative with less-common letters will get her thinking more deeply about the material ("Quick temperature drops happen at night in the desert" for Q).♥

Information from the PTA

Yearbooks for Sale

Buy your yearbook soon by [clicking here](#). Pricing is as follows:

\$40 Jan 1- March 15

\$50- any remaining books at delivery

Attention 5th Grade Parents—Would you like to buy a yearbook ad to celebrate your student? Pricing is as follows and is also available for purchase on the Jostens website:

\$25- 1/4 page

\$50- 1/2 page

\$100- whole page