

Bryant Bulletin

February 27, 2019



Staff Spotlight—Dr. Phillips

Dr. Phillips is our Licensed Specialist in School Psychology...aka: our amazing LSSP! Dr. Phillips earned his Doctorate in School Psychology from the University of Alabama. This is his 20th year in education. We asked Dr. Phillips why he works in education, "I love working with students and helping make school a more enjoyable place. I enjoy seeing how the simplest of interventions can have a positive impact in a student's life." Some of Dr. Phillips' favorite hobbies include anything saltwater related—fishing, boating, surfing, and hanging out at the beach. He also loves college football and the Alabama Crimson Tide! Dr. Phillips shared how he helps foster care and kindness at Bryant, "I try to model and teach that

kindness is the greatest of attributes. When someone's having a bad day, give them grace, and not be quick to judge."

Dr. Rhodes' Weekly Message

I-Write Contest: Because we have so many writers at Bryant, we would love to see some win the I-Write contest again and have their stories, poetry, or artwork published in a real book! Last year, our very own Caleb Caldwell won the contest and helped us promote it this year with students in grades 3-5. If your child would like to participate in the contest, we will pay for their entry fee. Please submit all entries to Whitney La Rocca by May 15th. [Click here](#) for more information. We are looking forward to submitting MANY entries into this contest!

Monthly Writing Goals: Congratulations to our winners of the Writer of the Month award for January-February which focused on elaboration. These writers used details to bring their writing to life. For the month of March, we will focus on *word choice* and *voice*. The words we choose have the power to communicate tone, clarify an intended meaning, and give writing voice. When we use a strong voice in our writing, we connect with our readers! We are looking forward to watching our writers add more voice through their word choice this month!

Kindness Crew: This week's kindness crew challenge is: THINK before you speak or act. Ask yourself, is what I am about to say or do True? Helpful? Inspiring? Necessary? Kind?

Student Council Food Drive: One CAN, two CAN, who CAN, YOU CAN!!! Please help those in need by donating to the Bryant Elementary Student Council annual can food drive to help the Katy Food Bank. It is for a good cause and we need your help so we can reach our school goal of 1, 200 cans! Remember, at Bryant we are part of the BEST team! We can do this! ([Click here](#) for flyer)

Field Days are Coming: Field Days are March 7th and 8th (see calendar below for times and grade levels). **Please note-** There is a limit of 2 adults per student. We use the following guidelines for special event visitors: Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s), Grandparents listed on the Lunch Visitor Form completed in the 1st Day of School Packet who are accompanied by a parent/guardian. NOTE: This is a regular school day. Field Day takes the place of Specials with an additional 20 minutes added on. We need all students to stay at school after their Field Day. There will be no special sign outs or accommodations made to check students out. If you desire to check a student out, the student

will return to their classroom and you will go to the office to request your student. Once you reach the front desk and complete an early sign out, the student will be called down to leave.

New After-School Program: The Nutty Scientist after school program is now enrolling and will start in late March. Find out more information by [clicking here](#). Please note, after-school programs are not affiliated with Bryant or Katy ISD. These vendors rent space in the building in order to offer their program. Each program will have its own guidelines for behavior, dismissal, etc. In our end of year survey we will gather feedback as to which programs were most popular with students.

Event Calendar

Wednesday, February 27

College Shirt Day

Monday, March 4

PTA Spirit Night at Chick-fil-a Katy Mills on Nelson Pkwy, 5-8pm.

Wednesday, March 6

Core Essential Kickoff- Individuality; Okapi, Orange
District Family Night, No Homework Assigned

Thursday, March 7

Field Day- 8:45-10:00—Kinder
10:10-11:25—4th Grade
1:15-2:30—2nd Grade
Pre-Raptor for the event by [clicking here](#).

Friday, March 8

Spirit Store During Grade Level Lunches (Please place money to be spent on Spirit Store in a ziplock bag with your child's name, grade level, and Teacher written on the outside. Please label the bag as "Spirit Store Money.")

Field Day- 8:45-10am—1st Grade
10:10-11:25—5th Grade
1:15-2:30—3rd Grade
Pre-Raptor for the event by [clicking here](#).

Monday, March 11-Friday, March 15

Spring Break

Monday, March 18

4th Grading Period Begins

Tuesday, March 19

CAT Meeting, LGI at 4:00pm

Wednesday, March 20

Nutty Scientist begins after school

Thursday, March 21

Bryant PTA General Board Meeting

Friday, March 22

Report Cards go Home

Tuesday, March 26

Spring Pictures

Wednesday, March 27

College Shirt Day

Friday, April 5

Early Dismissal- 12:40pm

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.

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From the Counselor:

This month our Core Value is **INDIVIDUALITY**. Individuality means discovering who you are meant to be so you can make a difference. It's like the quote from Judy Garland, "Always be a first-rate version of yourself, instead of a second-rate version of somebody else." It's important to believe in yourself and be you because you are enough.

Please help us kick off this month's trait by wearing **orange** on **Wednesday, March 6, 2019**. Below are some great activities that you can do to encourage and help appreciate individuality:

Ideas to Appreciate Individuality

- Think of all of the things you enjoy doing. Do you like to paint, play outside, swim, build things, etc.? Think of how these interests and talents can help you make a difference in the lives of others.
- Are there activities that you are interested in, would like to learn more about or would like to try? Trying new things can be good to help you discover what you are good at and who you are meant to be.

BE IT:

One night this month, sit down as a family and have everyone complete an interest inventory. An example of a good, free resource for interest profiles can be found at mynextmove.org/explore/ip. There are 60 items on the inventory that assess a person's likes and dislikes. Once the inventory is complete, it asks how much education you are interested in completing. After education level has been selected, it generates a comprehensive list of jobs that are tailored specifically to the individual. This can be used as a tool to help discover who you are meant to be and how you can make a difference in the world.

Home to School Connection

Embrace empathy

When Claire notices a classmate on crutches struggling with his books, she senses his frustration and offers to help. She has empathy—she can understand and share others' feelings. Build empathy in your child with these ideas.

Read feelings

Learning to identify other people's emotions is the first step toward feeling empathetic. Take turns acting out a feeling for family members to guess. For example, open your eyes and mouth wide to show fear. Or slump your shoulders and look down to display sadness. *Variation:* Draw faces on paper plates, and guess the emotions.

Create an "empathy identity"

Notice ways your youngster shows that she cares how people feel. You might say, "I can tell you feel bad that your brother is sick. It was nice of you to bring him a blanket." You could also point out others



showing empathy, too—in real life and in books and movies.

Respond appropriately

When someone is having a hard time (say, a friend's parents are getting divorced), your child may not know what to say. The good news? Sometimes people just want another person to listen and express empathy. Brainstorm honest responses like "I'm not sure what to say, but I'm glad you told me," or "I'm sorry this is happening. I'm here if you want to talk."♥

Information from the PTA

2018-2019 Yearbook

Please don't forget that in order to guarantee you receive a yearbook for this school year, you must place your order by this Friday, March 1st. The cost of the yearbook is \$40.00. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Robin Marcoulier at bryantptayearbook@gmail.com.

Final Spirit Night of the Year – Monday at Chick-fil-A

Don't miss our final Spirit Night of the school year which takes place Monday, March 4 at the Chick-fil-A located near Katy Mills on Nelson Way. Come support Bryant Elementary that evening, and in turn they will donate 20% of the proceeds of the event back to our school!

Bryant Elementary Olympics - Field Day

Hello Bengal Families! We are looking for our fantastic volunteers to step up and help run our 2019 Field Days on March 7th (Kinder, 4th and 2nd) and March 8th (1st, 5th and 3rd). We have over 20 stations that are divided into a morning shift (8:30-11:30 am), afternoon shift (1:00-3:00 pm) or both. Please consider volunteering and helping at this great event. For more information (and to signup) please visit:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080544aea62ca4f58-bryant>. You can also find details at that link on how to pre-raptor before arriving to the school.