

# Bryant Bulletin

April 17, 2019

## Staff Spotlight— Mrs. O'Reilly



Mrs. O'Reilly is our wonderful Receptionist and Textbook Clerk! Mrs. O'Reilly graduated from Texas A&M and this is her first year working in Katy ISD. We asked Mrs. O'Reilly why she works in education, "I love seeing the smiling faces of all the students and the wonderful community of teachers and staff, and I love seeing the students have fun while learning!" Some of Mrs. O'Reilly's favorite hobbies include riding horses, taking her dogs on walks, and making deco mesh door wreaths. Mrs. O'Reilly shared how she helps foster care and kindness at Bryant, "I hope to provide a welcoming environment for parents and students when they enter the school."

## *Dr. Rhodes' Weekly Message*

*Bryant PTA* needs *YOU!* The link below contains the open PTA chair and coordinator positions for next school year. If you would like to take on any of the roles listed, simply type your first and last name under the position you would like. You may record your name for as many spots as you would like! [Click here](#) for more information. Please submit your responses by April 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm.

**Announcement:** Katy ISD offers Summer Recreation for all ages. [Click here](#) for more information.

**Announcement:** Last week I opened a two week window (4/10-4/24) in which you can email me characteristics your student needs in a teacher next year. I will take those characteristics and match your student with a teacher who is the closest match. Please know, I do not take requests for specific teachers. In fact, if there is a request for a specific teacher, I will not be able to honor it and your child will be placed with another teacher who matches similar characteristics. Please send your email to [williamhrhodes@katyisd.org](mailto:williamhrhodes@katyisd.org) with the subject "**Teacher Characteristics for 19/20.**" In your email, please record student name, current grade level he/she is in, and the characteristics your child needs in a teacher. If you have multiple students, please clearly identify the name and grade level of each student (bold, italics, etc.) in one email. I will reply to all emails with a simple "**Your email has been received.**" If you do not receive this response email from me within 2 business days, please do not hesitate to send your email again. My inbox is packed with resumes at this time of the year, so email can get a bit hectic. Thanks in advance.

**Kindness Crew Challenge:** When you see someone who may be down, do something to bring them up!!

**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

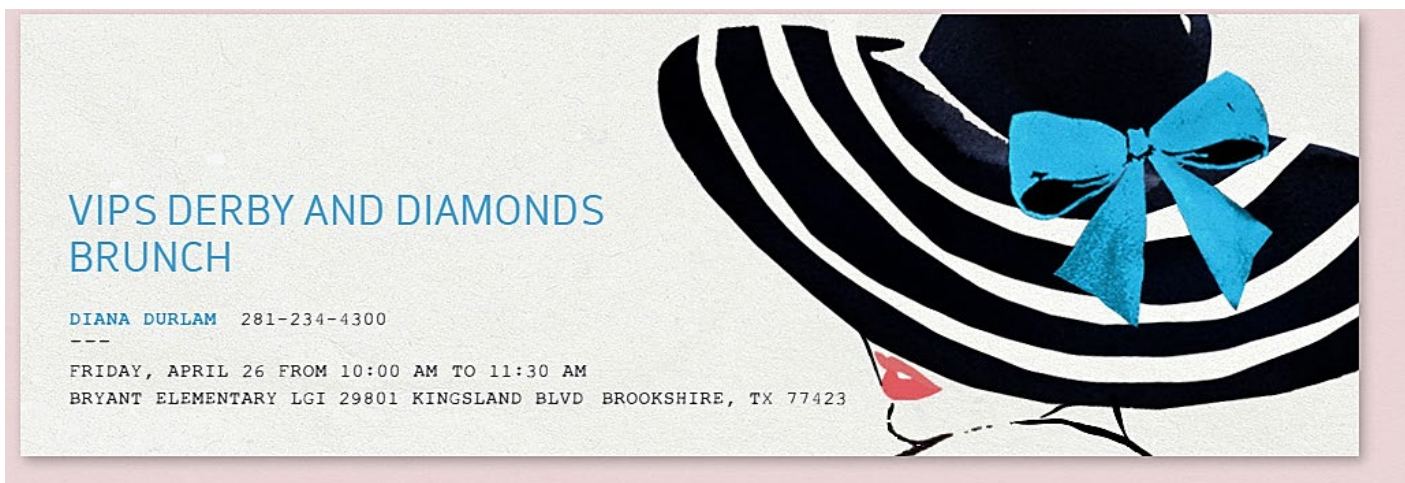
the contest, entry is paid by the school. Below you will find links for submission of stories, poems and/or artwork for this year's contest. Each student submitting into the contest will need to create an account for themselves, with the help of a parent of course. As a reminder the contest is for current 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students, so current Kinder, 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students will not be able to submit. All submissions are due before May 31<sup>st</sup>.

For Short Story submissions, [click here](#).

For Poetry submissions, [click here](#).

For Cover Artwork submissions, [click here](#).

**You're Invited:** Have you volunteered for Bryant this year? Whether you have volunteered in the Watch D.O.G.S. Program, cut lamination out from home, volunteered for an event, or are in the work room every day, the BES Staff wants to honor you. YOU help every child learn and grow at Bryant Elementary. Our appreciation brunch will be held on April 26<sup>th</sup> from 10-11:30am in our LGI room. Please RSVP on or before 4/18 by [clicking here](#)



### *From the Nurse:*

Fever (100.0 or above), diarrhea, or vomiting? Your student must be 24 hours free of the above symptoms without medication before returning to school. If your child has any of the symptoms listed above, please call in your student's absence at 281-234-4300. Please also let the nurse know is diagnosed with contagious illness such as flu, strep, or pink eye. Thanks! Nurse Osbourne 281-234-4325

### *From the District:*

Join us for Our Katy ISD VIPS Celebration  
Friday, May 10 - Merrell Center  
Doors Open 8:15 a.m. - Breakfast Buffet 8:45-9:15 a.m.  
Program 9:15-10:30 a.m. - [RSVP](#) by May 7<sup>th</sup>.



# Event Calendar

## **Thursday, April 18**

Pre-Registration for incoming Kindergarten and new incoming 1st graders, 9-11am & 1-3pm. (Paperwork is completed through district website prior to April 17). [Click here for flyer.](#)

## **Friday, April 19**

Student and Staff Holiday

## **Wednesday, April 24**

College Shirt Day

## **Thursday, April 25**

\*Progress Reports Go Home

\*PJ's for Junior Achievement. Students can wear pajamas for the day with a \$2 donation. All proceeds will go towards the Junior Achievement program, which we offer at our school K-5. Students will need to wear appropriate shoes for PE/Recess.

## **Friday, April 26**

Bryant Elementary Volunteer Appreciation Brunch, 10-11:30am, LGI Room

## **Tuesday, April 30**

Parenting in the Digital Age, 6-7pm, Cell phones, social media, gaming and YouTube. Kids have a lot of opportunities as well as distractions right at their fingertips. Find out more about the tools attracting our children's attention and learn some tips for managing the technology in your household. This is an adult only educational class. [Click here for more information.](#)

## **Wednesday, May 1**

Core Essentials Kickoff- Perseverance; wear verdigris (vibrant Green)

## **Tuesday, May 7**

CAT Meeting in the LGI, 4pm

## **Friday, May 10**

VIPS District-Wide Breakfast, 8:30am-10:30am. More details to come.

## **Monday, May 13 – Friday, May 16**

STAAR Testing- CLOSED CAMPUS, No Visitors (not even for lunch times or to volunteer)

## **Wednesday, May 22**

College Shirt Day

## **Thursday, May 23**

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL-Early Dismissal, 12:40PM

Report Cards Go Home

# Home to School Connection®

## Parent-child chats

Regular conversations with your youngster keep the two of you close—and build her language skills. Here are suggestions for making chats more meaningful.

- **Phrase questions thoughtfully.** Questions that require more than a one-word answer will lead to more informative answers. Try “What made you laugh today?” rather than “Did you have a good day?”

- **Show you’re paying attention.** It’s easy for busy parents to respond out of habit without focusing on what youngsters are really saying. Instead, look your child in the eye, and stop to consider her words. She’ll know that what she has to say matters to you.♥



## Information from the PTA

### *“Parenting in the Digital Age” – April 30th*

We are excited to offer “Parenting in the Digital Age” for Adults Only on Tuesday, April 30th in the LGI Room. Please make plans to join us and be sure and RSVP by April 23rd to hold your spot. These forms will be available in your child’s take-home folder on the 17<sup>th</sup>.