

# Bryant Bulletin

December 4, 2019



## Staff Spotlight— Ms. Bolt

Ms. Bolt is one of our wonderful 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers. She has her Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies. She has been working in education as a teacher for over 18 years. Ms. Bolt chooses to work in education because she wants to love and nurture kids through learning. What she enjoys most about teaching is building a community with her classes and getting to know her students on a personal level. She likes to see students engaged and enjoying learning, stepping out and making inquiries on their own. Some of her favorite moments in education are with students who may struggle with new learning and she is able to find something that finally helps them understand. She received a letter from a former student thanking her for sticking with her in math until she got it. She said the student also wrote that she attributed her current success to Ms. Bolt believing in her, which helped her to believe in herself. Ms. Bolt says she will forever hold that in her heart. Outside of school, Ms. Bolt loves to spend time with friends and family. She also loves to decorate and craft. Ms. Bolt helps to create a Culture of Care and Kindness at Bryant and in the community by being a role model and showing care and kindness to students, staff, and parents with her actions and her words. One of the things she loves doing is greeting each student in the morning and at the end of the day with a hug--letting them know how happy she is they are in her class.

## *Dr. Rhodes' Weekly Message*

We hope you and your family had an enjoyable week last week. It is hard to believe we have 12 more days of school and then we will be on winter break. We have lots of learning to do in those days!!

**Announcement:** If you do not recognize/celebrate upcoming holidays, please let your child's homeroom teacher know so he or she can provide alternate activities for your child in case there are holiday related activities in class or school.

**Announcement:** If your child is missing a jacket, lunchbox or other item, please have them check the Lost and Found. While we have amazing volunteers who go through Lost and Found items to check for names, many items do not have names written in them. Our PTA volunteers will pack all lost and found items at the end of the day on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. All items will be donated to a local organization the morning of Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Announcement:** Our enrollment continues to increase as housing continues to be developed. Our current enrollment is 921 students. As we grow traffic, seems to be our most challenging issue. Beginning January 7, 2020, we will double stack cars at arrival. The goal is to get cars off the surrounding roadways and into our car rider lane. This will help prevent one long line winding throughout the community. I will send more detailed instructions, but in short, there will be two lines like at dismissal. At a designated spot marked by a big traffic cone, cars will take turns merging into one line of 16 cars. This same arrival procedure is used at other campuses with our "footprint," and it works very well. Again, more details with a map to come.

**You're Invited:** The Robert R. Shaw Center for STEAM, is hosting a STEAM Night for Katy ISD students in grades 3-8 on December 6<sup>th</sup>. These nights are fun for all. Please [click here](#) for more information. If you attend, please tweet pics with #bengalpride so we can spotlight you in our Twitter feed!

**Weekly Satisfaction Survey:** [Click here](#) to take our Bryant Satisfaction Survey. This survey will be open through Sunday evening.

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

**This Week's Character Challenge:** Always report important information, and don't spread rumors.

A lot of research today is telling us that the highest indicators of success in our kids isn't just about their grades or their IQ. The number one skill that helps people of all walks of life be successful is GRIT! The ability to persevere in the face of adversity or even failure. This information is found in the [K-2 resource \(en Espanol\)](#) and [3-5 resource \(en Espanol\)](#) parent newsletter on perseverance. This is such an important skill for our children to possess in order to overcome obstacles that they encounter. Our students will be engaging in meaningful discussions and activities that center on perseverance. For more information, please contact the School Counselor, Penny Flores, at [penelopewflores@katyisd.org](mailto:penelopewflores@katyisd.org).

### ***From Nurse Osbourne, School Nurse:***

#### **Illness prevention:**

-Hygiene: Good handwashing is the number one illness prevention. It is also important for children to bathe with soap and water every day or at least every other day, brush teeth two times daily, and practice proper nasal hygiene including how to blow their nose. Managing and treating allergies and asthma year round will lead to less overall illness. It is also very important to teach kids to keep their hands out of their mouth, nose, and eyes.

-Adequate sleep: Five-year-olds need 10-13 hours of sleep per night. Children ages six through thirteen need 9-11 hours of sleep per night. Lack of sleep and hunger affect learning and behavior. Please set your child up for success with a good night's rest, a healthy breakfast and a nutritious lunch.

-A good healthy diet including protein, fruits and vegetables.

-Avoiding contact with those who are sick.

-Vaccinations

More information for preventing the flu can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/prevent/prevention.htm>

### ***From the District:***

Katy ISD will host a special education Transition Mini-Fair on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at the Jeanne Coleman Student Support Annex (JCSA) from 6:00PM until 9:00PM. Disability based agencies and community representatives will be present to provide information and answer questions related to potential services. The Texas Workforce

Commission will present three overview breakout sessions. Please [click here](#) for additional details.

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*

### **Friday, December 6**

Pajamas for Junior Achievement (JA). Students may wear pajamas with a \$2 donation to JA. School appropriate shoes must be worn.

### **Monday, December 9-Friday, December 13**

PTA Tip Top Holiday Shop

### **Friday, December 13**

PTA Cookies with Santa 5:30pm-7:00pm

### **December 20**

Early Dismissal 12:40pm

### **January 7**

First Day of Spring Semester

### **January 8**

Monthly Character Kickoff for Kindness (wear Pink)

## *Information from the PTA*

### ***PTA Special Membership Meeting***

A special membership meeting is being held on Friday, December 6, 2019 at 9:15am in the BES LGI Room. All paid 2019-2020 members are welcome.

### ***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).