Bryant Bulletin

A joint PTA/Campus Newsletter

March 21, 2018

Dr. Rhodes' Weekly Message

We hope everyone is having a great week. Our PTA is still seeking nominations for various Board positions for the 18/19 school year. A copy of the form that was sent home before the break is linked in the PTA section of this newsletter.

Notice: If your student rides a bike or scooter to school please ensure he/she has a lock to use on the bike rack.

Kindness Crew Challenge of the Week: clean up a mess without being asked.

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.)

Event Calendar

March 23

Report Cards go home

March 27

Kindergarten Orientation (parents & students who will enter Kinder in the 18/19 school year), 5:30-6:30pm Please pass this date around the community for any new families who may have students entering Kinder next school year.

March 29

PTA Board Nominations Due

March 30

Student and Staff holiday- Good Friday

April 10-13

Closed Campus due to STAAR Testing (No Visitors on Campus)

April 10

4th Grade Writing STAAR Test 5th Grade Math STAAR Test

April 11

5th Grade Reading STAAR Test

April 12-13

STAAR Test Make-Ups

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 District:

Katy ISD will be selecting new instructional materials for the following courses: Forensic Science, Earth Science, AP Chemistry, AP Biology, AP Government, AP Economics, and AP World History. These materials will be implemented during the 2018- 2019 school year. Instructional materials under consideration will be on display during business hours (8:00AM - 4:00PM) for parent and community input at the Education Support Complex from March $5^{th} - 9^{th}$ and March $19^{th} - 23^{rd}$. In addition, instructional materials will be available for review from 5:00PM - 8:00PM on Tuesday, March 20, 2018.

Home to School Connection

It's cool to learn new words!

At home or on the go, your youngster can expand her vocabulary. Try these suggestions.

My word wall. Many classrooms have word walls—why not let your child make one at home? Her closet door, a side of the refrigerator, or any other open spot will do. She could write words she



is learning on index cards and arrange them by category. Examples: History words (expansion, treaty), science terms (photosynthesis, mineral). Each time she adds a word to her wall, ask her what it means. Then, she can refer to the wall as she does her homework or writes stories.

Games to go. In the car, let your youngster pick a random letter (say, *G*), and take turns calling out something you see that begins with

that letter (grass, gazebo, girl). If you say an unfamiliar word, point out the item so she learns it. When you reach the next block, someone else can pick a different letter. Tip: Later, help her remember the words by asking questions like "What was that round wooden structure that started with G?" (gazebo)

Information from the PTA

PTA Nominations Now Open:

The BES PTA is looking for you! If you or someone you know would be a great fit to serve on the 2018/2019 PTA Board, please use this <u>nomination link</u> to let us know!