

Bryant Bulletin

May 8, 2019



Staff Spotlight— Mrs. Garza

Mrs. Garza is one of our wonderful Resource/In-Class Support Assistants! This is Mrs. Garza's second year in education. Mrs. Garza works in education because, as she says, "It is a job like no other! Every day is different and it is great to be able to make a positive impact on a child's life." Mrs. Garza shared one of her favorite moments in education, "One time when I was helping a sweet student with their story, I was told my idea for the story 'was way too dramatic!!' ☺ I love seeing all the students' personalities shine through." Outside of school some of Mrs. Garza's favorite hobbies include spending time with her family, watching her kids play sports, and cheering on the Aggies, Rockets, Astros, and Texans! Mrs. Garza also enjoys crafting and reading. Mrs. Garza shared how she helps foster care and kindness at Bryant, "I treat others with respect and kindness by finding ways to brighten someone's day. It's important to build each other up and to be understanding."

Dr. Rhodes' Weekly Message

Wow! It is hard to believe we have almost reached the end of the year!! Please check the calendar for all Celebrations of Learning times and Pre-Raptor details. We do have to limit each student to two visitors due to fire code and safety. One classroom designed for 22 kids could easily have 66 people in one room and over 400 in one hallway. I apologize if this is an inconvenience to anyone, but we do have to place a limit based upon numbers.

On another note, we are not distributing the weekly survey for the remainder of the year as we will have a comprehensive survey which I will hopefully finish this weekend. I will send it out as soon as possible. Thank you to all parents who have filled out the weekly surveys this year. I have been able to take action on some suggestions and improve some areas brought to our attention. The teachers LOVE the praise you have provided too. All positive praise goes into our weekly staff newsletter as well as our kindness windows. Thank you in advance for completing the comprehensive survey which will be sent next week. Responses to the survey help guide our entire school for the new school year.

Help Needed: Tomorrow (Thursday) our PTA is trying to offer all staff the Gift of Time so that each grade level has an hour to have lunch together and socialize instead of being on cafeteria and recess duty. We have lots of volunteers for the lower grades but not as much for the upper grades. [Click here](#) to see times we still need help. Thanks in advance.

REMINDER—CLOSED CAMPUS NEXT WEEK: Next Week is our big STAAR week. 3rd and 4th will be taking math and reading, we will have 5th grade retesting in math and reading, and we have 5th grade science. [This letter](#) will be going home today in Wednesday folders. I will also be sending additional information through email for 3rd-5th grade parents.

Reminder: Spring Pictures/payment was due last week. The school ends up paying a fee for any pictures which are not returned. If you still have pictures, please send the amount due or return the pictures. Thank you!!

Attention: If you ordered a yearbook, they will be delivered to students at the end of the day on the 17th. Some parents want their kids to get signatures in their yearbook and some do not. If you would like your child to collect signatures/messages, send yearbooks back on the following Monday (20th). Students will be given 30 minutes to collect signatures during the day.

Kindness Crew Challenge: Show appreciation when someone does something for you.

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 3rd-5th grade students, so current Kinder, 1st, and 2nd grade students will not be able to submit. All submissions are due before May 31st.

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

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

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

From the District:

Did you know all children 18 and under can eat breakfast and/or lunch FREE this summer? Students under 18 do not have to be enrolled in summer school or be a KISD student. Free breakfast and lunch will be available at: PHS, RHS, CJH, MPE, FES, and RKE this summer. Learn more by [clicking here](#).

Event Calendar

Friday, May 10

VIPS District-Wide Breakfast, 8:30am-10:30am.

Monday, May 13 – Friday, May 17

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

Monday, May 20

5th Grade Completion Ceremony and Reception- 9:00-10:30am ([Pre-Raptor link](#))

Kindergarten Celebration of Learning- 11:15am-12:15pm ([Pre-Raptor form to print](#))

Tuesday, May 21

2nd Grade Celebration of Learning- 11am-12pm ([Pre-Raptor link](#))

4th Grade Celebration of Learning- 12pm-1pm ([Pre-Raptor link](#))

1st Grade Celebration of Learning- 12:30pm-1:15pm ([Pre-Raptor link](#))

Wednesday, May 22

College Shirt Day

3rd Grade Celebration of Learning- 11:30am-12:30pm ([Pre-Raptor link](#))**Thursday, May 23**

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

Report Cards Go Home

Information from the PTA

Yearbook Lottery:

If you did not yet purchase a yearbook for this year, this is your last opportunity to secure one. We only have a few yearbooks left over, so we have set up a lottery for you to have access to purchase one of the remaining yearbooks. Please fill this form out by Monday, May 13 at 10pm. If your name is picked through the lottery system, you will be notified and will need to finalize your payment of \$50 by next Thursday, May 16 to secure your yearbook. Please note, we will only allow one entry per family, even if you have more than one child at Bryant. [Click here](#) to submit your information.

Gift of Time - Thursday:

As part of Teacher Appreciation Week, we are searching for our super star volunteers to **help cover lunch and recess duties** for teachers tomorrow, May 9th. To be part of this "gift of time" all you have to do is sign up below, get to the school 10-15 minutes early to Raptor in at the front (make sure you have your IDs ready) and either help students in the cafeteria or monitor recess. Please [click here](#) for our online form and consider donating some of your time to help.