

Bryant Update

May 20, 2020

Bryant Families:

What an interesting year it has been! I know I am looking forward to normalcy soon. I want to thank all of our parents for helping make the best of online learning for the past nine weeks. Working alongside our teachers, our Bengals have continued to learn during this time. Once we are reunited, I envision our community being stronger than ever because both parents and teachers have formed new bonds of appreciation and understanding. We are ending the school year with 952 students (we have even had enrollment during online learning)!!. We are ready to welcome another 200 students during the 2020-2021 school year. While we are only losing a handful of staff members, we have hired over 30!! If you have been at Bryant for a while, you have heard me say that I search high and low for the best staff members I can find. This coming year is no exception. We will have staff joining us from coast to coast and we are excited to welcome them. Please continue to follow us on Twitter—we will be introducing each new staff member all summer long!! We now have to bid several staff members farewell as they move on to new positions or new phases of life. We wish the best to:

Mrs. Christi Elrod, 5th Grade ELA Teacher- Christi is joining the district Instructional Technology team as a Classroom Technology Designer.

Mrs. Katheryn Hedblom, 3rd Grade ELA Teacher- Katheryn is beginning a new adventure as a stay-at-home mom with her two children, Conrad and Harlyn.

Mrs. Stephanie McLennan, 3rd Grade Math/Science Teacher and Team Leader- Stephanie and family are moving to the New Braunfels area where she will continue to teach 3rd grade with Comal ISD.

Mrs. Chrissy Noynaert, ECAP Teacher- Chrissy and her soon to be three children are moving to Oklahoma City, where her husband has been relocated. She is pursuing positions in the local school district to serve their special needs population.

Mrs. Ruth Wrubel, ARD Facilitator- Ruth and family are moving to San Antonio to be closer to her aging in-laws. She will be teaching junior high English at The Christian School at Castle Hills.

Mrs. Kathryn Hindt, Math/Science Instructional Coach- Kathryn is moving on to new opportunities within the field of education. She states, "working in this school and Bryant community has been a huge blessing. I will never forget the kindness and friendship you have shown me and I will take a piece of you in my heart. I'll miss you all so much."

We wish these staff members the very best as they move forward with life changes. They will always have
#BengalPride

I would also like to thank Mrs. Jennifer Boulmay, our 2nd Grade Long-Term Substitute, who joined us in February. Thank you for sticking with our students even during online learning!

Thank You to our amazing volunteers for supporting our staff and students this year. Because of you, the beat goes on!! Check out [this video](#) thanking all district volunteers. A special thanks to April Simmons, our Bryant 2019-2020 Volunteer of the Year!!

Note: Please tell your children to hang on to their Bengal Bucks!! They will be able to use them in the fall for prizes and privileges. Returning students who "paid" for privileges and did not receive them due to school closure will receive them as soon as we can offer them!

End of Year Survey: Please take time to complete our [End of Year Parent/Guardian Survey](#). This comprehensive school survey helps guide decision making of the Leadership Team as we plan for the new school year. The survey should take 8-10 minutes to complete. We are getting this survey out to you early in hope that we have a good amount of participation. Click the link above to complete this important survey. The survey will close on May 31st at midnight.

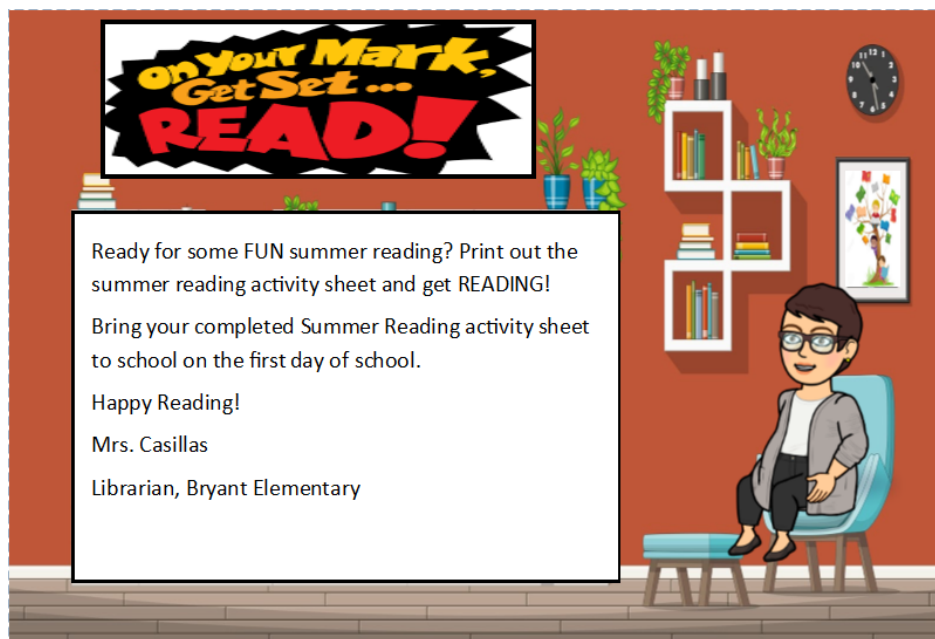
Are you Moving? If you have moved or will be moving this summer, please complete this form so we can prepare for the fall and have all information ready to send to new schools. Click the link below to complete the form by Friday, May 15, 2020. [Click here for English](#) [Click here for Spanish](#)

Report Card Information: End of Year Grades will go live in the Home Access Center (HAC) on May 22nd at 5pm. Final report cards will be mailed via U.S. Mail on May 29th.

From Our Counselor: This week's guidance lesson focuses on Self-Image for grades Pre-K through 4th grade and Transitioning to Junior High for 5th grade. Click [here](#) for this week's lesson from Mrs. Flores. If you need additional support, useful strategies, or want to request a meeting, please email Mrs. Flores at penelopewflores@katyisd.org or complete the Google Form by clicking [here](#).

Click [here](#) for a Kindness Bingo Board from Raise Craze. We will use this bingo board for the remainder of the school year and summer. Hang onto it and complete as many bingo's as you can before we come back to school. *You can turn it in to Mrs. Flores when we return for a special prize!* 😊

From Our Librarian:



Click Mrs. Casillas for the Reading Activity Sheet!!

News from the Bryant PTA

Yearbooks: The Bryant Yearbooks are here! PTA volunteers will be passing out yearbooks to those who ordered on the following dates and times:

Thursday, May 21st- 3pm-6pm

Friday, May 22nd- 9am-12pm

Distribution will occur in the side parking lot near the gym/cafeteria.

Questions? Email bryantptapresident@gmail.com

Congratulations: The 2020-2021 Bryant PTA Executive Board is as follows:

President: Kathalyn Garza

President-Elect: Jennifer Nash

VP Membership: Sarah Owens

VP Fundraising: Regan Jackson

VP of Volunteers: Monica Maldonado

VP Family Engagement: Meredith Urban

VP of Communications: Robin Marcoulier

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