

Bryant Bulletin

A joint PTA/Campus Newsletter

January 31, 2018

Dr. Rhodes' Weekly Message

Bryant Elementary has many great volunteers and we could not do it alone...it truly takes a village! Our volunteers are amazing people who give their time and energy to help ensure we have the best for the students at Bryant. Please take a moment to nominate one of our great volunteers for Volunteer of the Year. [Click here](#) to access and print the form. After completing the form, please send it to school with your student or drop it off in the front office. Nominees with the most nominations will move into blind judging by a panel of teachers and parents. Nominations are due by February 16th before 4pm.

Each week our Kindness Crew issues a student-created school-wide Challenge to all students via the morning announcements. We will begin letting you know what the challenge is so you can talk to your student about it during the week. This week the challenge is: "Tell someone you are happy to see them."

The Bryant Student Council is currently holding a food drive to help restock the Katy Christian Ministries food bank. The grade level with the most cans/boxes will win a pajama day at school!! Donations will be accepted through this Friday!! Items in need of donation were sent home in last weeks' Wednesday Folders.

Our Friendship/Valentine Parties will be held on February 14th. In order to expedite the check-in of visitors, we will be pre-raptoring those planning to attend. If you have raptored in at our front office in the past, please [click here](#) (before 2/12 at 4pm) to fill out a pre-raptor form. We will have a pre-raptor line in the front office by the doors when you arrive. If you have never been raptored, please see the receptionist with your identification to receive a badge. Parties will be held at the following times: 1st/2nd- 10:00-10:45; K/5th- 11:45-12:30; 3rd/4th- 1:40- 2:25.

Note: We will be celebrating the 100th day of school on February 12th. This was the scheduled 100th day before our ice days earlier in the month. We decided to continue to celebrate on the 12th since we will have Friendship/Valentine Parties on the 14th.

Reminder: Katy ISD is seeking input for the 2018-19 Instructional Calendar. A survey which was sent via email the week of January 15th is available to complete through February 2nd. The survey outlines proposed start and end dates, holidays and the total number of instructional days for each recommended calendar. If you did not receive a survey link to the email you have on file with the school/district, you can contact K12 *Insight*, the external research firm conducting the survey, at SouthwestRegion@k12insight.com

Reminder: Today is the last day to participate in the KISD Transportation Sustainability Survey. If you did not receive a survey link to the email you have on file with the school/district the week of January 15th, you can contact K12 *Insight*, the external research firm conducting the survey, at SouthwestRegion@k12insight.com

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.)

Reminder: Mad Science is also coming to Bryant. This is for students K-5th and is a six week program (6 classes) which will run from February 22nd-April 5th. You can find out more by visiting www.madscience.org/houston. (Click on After School Classes, How to Register, click on the drop down menu, and find Bryant Elementary.)

Event Calendar

January 24-February 2

Student Council Food Drive

February 4

Bryant Elementary Dedication, 2pm Reception in Library, 3pm Dedication in Gym

February 5-9

Spring Book Fair

February 7

Spring Pictures

February 8

Book Fair Family Night, Book Fair open until 6:30pm

February 9

Progress Reports go home

February 12

100th Day of School Celebrated

February 14

Core Essential Kickoff- students are encouraged to wear something pink
Friendship/Valentine's Classroom Parties

February 16

Regular School Day (no early dismissal)

February 19

Regular School Day- Students will attend school as a make-up day

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.

Follow us via social media:

Facebook= [Bryant Elementary](#)

Twitter= [@BryantElem](#) [#bengalpride](#)

Website= <http://www.katyisd.org/campus/bes/Pages/default.aspx>

From our Counselor:

“No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted” (Aesop).

This month our Core Value is **KINDNESS**. Please help us kickoff the month and the trait by having your child wear **pink** on **Wednesday, February 14th**.

Below are some great activities that you can do with your family so that we can SAY, KNOW, SEE and BE what it means to spread kindness!

SAY IT: Kindness is showing others they are valuable by how you treat them.

KNOW IT:

Ask a kid:

- Think of a time someone was kind to you at school. How did that make you feel? Think of a time when someone was not nice to you. How did that make you feel?
- What are some ways you can show kindness to a classmate at school?
- When is the last time that you were kind to a stranger out in public? (held the door for someone, helped an elder carry groceries, used your manners while speaking, etc.)?

Ask a grown up:

- Do you make an effort to be kind to others even though you are busy and have a lot of responsibilities?
- Share some examples of ways you are kind at work, in the community, and at home.

SEE IT:

Each year, a non-profit organization called the Random Acts of Kindness Foundation sponsors a week deemed Random Acts of Kindness week. This year it is scheduled for February 11-17. The focus of this week is to spread generosity and kindness to others anonymously. Keep your eyes and ears open during this week and also brainstorm ways that you too can spread kindness.

BE IT:

Visit <https://www.randomactsofkindness.org> for ideas to display kindness to others this month. Examples of ways to demonstrate kindness at home might be to write positive notes and leave them in your child's lunchbox, surprise your spouse with a sweet treat at their workplace, or be spontaneous and take the family out for a night of bowling and fun!

Home to School Connection



Be your own "CEO"

Q: *I've been hearing a lot lately about executive function skills.*

What are they, and should I be helping my son work on them?

A: These skills let your child manage himself, like an executive overseeing the operations of a company or an air-traffic controller directing flights for landing. A student with good executive function skills is able to juggle tasks, plan

ahead, stay organized, and make decisions about his actions.

You could help your son sharpen these skills with strategy games. For example, chess is ideal because players must plan several moves in advance and consider multiple possibilities. Or try 20

Questions, since players have to keep in mind answers to all previous questions as they decide what to ask next.♥



Information from the PTA

Yearbooks for Sale

Buy your yearbook soon by [clicking here](#). Pricing is as follows:

\$40 Jan 1- March 15

\$50- any remaining books at delivery

Attention 5th Grade Parents—Would you like to buy a yearbook ad to celebrate your student? Pricing is as follows and is also available for purchase on the Jostens website:

\$25- 1/4 page

\$50- 1/2 page

\$100- whole page