

Bryant Bulletin

December 5, 2018

Staff Spotlight—Mrs. Corley



Mrs. Corley is one of our amazing 5th grade Math/Science teachers and one of our 5th grade Team Leaders! Mrs. Corley received her Bachelor's degree from Texas A&M. She has taught for seventeen years. Mrs. Corley works in education because of the children! She loves getting to know her students every year—their strengths, weaknesses and unique personalities. Mrs. Corley believes each child is special in their own way and she feels blessed to have a part in helping shape their future. Mrs. Corley shared one of her favorite moments in education, "I love those moments when my kids make connections and have 'AH-HA' moments. I love to see them excited about school and their learning. When I see my students excited to share their learning with others—that is what makes my job special! I believe in teaching the whole child. I want to prepare them for life, and the many experiences they will have academically and personally. I want my students to feel and know they are an important part of the Bryant family." Outside of school, Mrs. Corley loves to be outdoors camping, swimming, and working in the yard. She also loves cooking and baking and decorating cakes. Most of all, she loves spending time with her family. Mrs. Corley shared how she helps create a culture of care and kindness at Bryant, "Our class is a family. I tell the kids that from day one. We are to honor and respect each other and treat others the way we would want to be treated. I always remind the kids to put yourself in the other person's shoes. They have feelings just like you, and we have to respect each other. Think about what you say and do before you act on it. These are daily lessons I talk to the students about. It is about the whole child and preparing them for the future!" We are grateful to have Mrs. Corley as part of our Bryant family!

Dr. Rhodes' Weekly Message

Another week has passed and our students are another week smarter. If you were able to check out Facebook or Twitter, you were able to see some of the great things happening in our classrooms. If you are not on Facebook or Twitter, information for both social media platforms can be found by scrolling down.

As you know, we are very proud of the *Culture of Care and Kindness* we foster at Bryant. As a new initiative, we are seeking to provide every enrolled student with a free Kindness T-Shirt in January 2019. We would then invite all students to wear their Kindness Shirt on a specified day each week. This act of unity will bring us closer together as a campus family as well as lead to even more discussion and implementation of Kindness in our school and community. In order to provide each student and staff member with a Kindness T-shirt, we are seeking Business Sponsors. If you own a business or feel comfortable asking the business you work for to be a sponsor, information can be found by [clicking here](#). Thank you in advance!

Kindness Crew: This week's kindness challenge is, "Write 2 kind notes for 2 different people." You can encourage your child to write a nice note and leave it on anyone's desk, or hand it to them directly. This is a fun way to be kind!

Announcement: The PTA is here to help you with your messy or overcrowded closets! Get your closets clean before the holiday so you have extra space for all your new gifts!! Our PTA will be hosting a clothing/household item donation opportunity next week. You will get rid of your excess items and the PTA will make money per pound of donated goods. Please [click here](#) for more information or see below in the PTA Section of this Bulletin.

Announcement: Our PTA is seeking a Historian, which is a Board Member position. If you are interested, please email our PTA President, Flora Rogers at bryantptapresident@gmail.com

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.

Congratulations: 1st Grade raised the most toiletries for the Ballard House, bringing in 1,379 personal sized toiletries. The campus total was 3,063. We look forward to delivering these to the Ballard House before Winter Break. 1st graders will receive a pajama day, extra recess, classroom games, and a pizza party. Thank you to the Geiman family and [Cody's Tree Service, Inc](#) for sponsoring the pizza party!

FYI: The Interact Club at Katy High School will be hosting a Parents Day Out on December 15th. Please [click here](#) for more information.

Event Calendar

Thursday, December 6

Singing Bengals Winter Concert, 6:00pm, Gym

Friday, December 7

School Spirit Store open during lunches. (Please place money to be spent on Spirit Store in a ziplock bag with your child's name, grade level, and Teacher written on the outside. Please label the bag as "Spirit Store Money.")

Tuesday, December 11

Read, Deed, Run, LGI

Tuesday, December 11-Thursday, December 14

PTA Clothing/Toy/Household Item Drive ([Click here](#) for details)

Thursday, December 13

4th/5th Spelling Bee, LGI

Friday, December 14

The Gift of Time for Teachers. If you can volunteer to help monitor students in our cafeteria or playground, please sign up by [clicking here](#).

Wednesday, December 19

College Shirt Day

Friday, December 21

Student Winter Sing-Along (Student event- 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 during this 30 minute event)

Friday, December 21

Early Dismissal, 12:40pm

Monday, December 21-Monday, January 7

Winter Break

Tuesday, January 8

Third Grading Period Begins

New Student Registration, 8:00-12:00pm

Friday, January 11

Robotics, 3:30-5:30pm

Spirit Store During Grade Level Lunches

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 our Librarian:

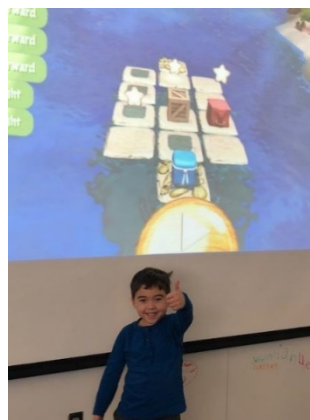
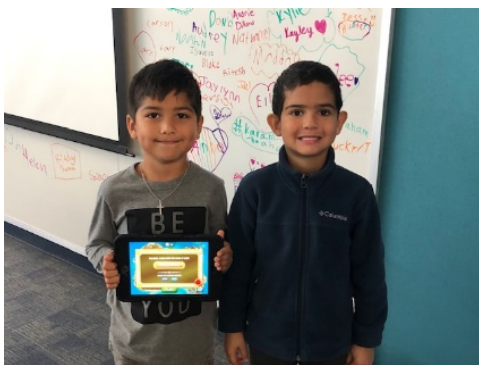
This week, students in kindergarten, 1st and 3rd grades are participating in Hour of Code™ in the Bryant Elementary Library.

"The 'Hour of Code™' is a nationwide initiative by Computer Science Education Week [csedweek.org] and Code.org [code.org] to introduce millions of students to one hour of computer science and computer programming."

Some of the coding skills we will learn about include easy programming concepts such as loops, problem-solving, and conditionals. The tutorials that third graders used to learn programming at school for this event can be found at <https://code.org/hourofcode/overview>

Kindergarten students used an app called Box Island while first grade students learned to use the app The Foos. All students also received a bookmark that list the apps and websites used these last two weeks.

These are great resources for students to try different coding tutorials. If you have any questions, please contact me at NidiaFCasillas@katyisd.org or 281-234-4328.



From the District:

Please [Click Here](#) to access the Katy ISD Bullying Prevention and Intervention webpage.

There is no place for bullying in Katy ISD. [Click here](#) to check out a video describing physical and verbal bullying.

After School Programs:

NEW We are excited that **KidBlitz After School Chess Program** will be offering an after-school program for any level chess player (beginner to advanced) from February 6th- April 16th. Please [click here](#) for more information about this new opportunity. Students of any level can register for this course.

After School **Katy Robotics Academy** is coming to BES beginning January 11th. 1st-5th graders will have an opportunity to learn computer programming with LEGO robotics! Students will learn computer science and robotics concepts through hands-on experiences with LEGO EV3 and WeDo robots. [Click here](#) for more information.

Please note, registration for both opportunities is on a first come basis and space is limited.

Note- Outside companies rent space at the school and are overseen by the company and its employees. Bryant Staff and Administration are not involved and do not oversee the programs. Each company will have their own method of dismissal at the end of their program each week.

Home to School Connection

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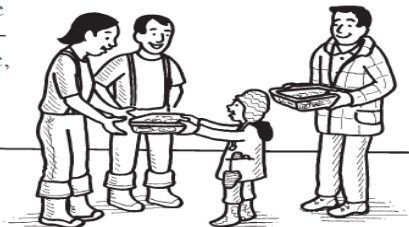
Making a difference

I wanted my daughter, Charlotte, to learn about the importance of helping our community.

While grocery shopping one day, we saw a sign announcing that each customer could pick a favorite charity for the store to support. I let Charlotte choose, and she decided on a non-profit that benefits kids with cancer. Now every time we buy groceries, she reminds me that we're helping sick children.

That led us to think of other ways kids can make a difference. Recently, we decided to bake brownies and take them to the fire station. I explained that this would show appreciation for the hard work that firefighters do.

Charlotte felt proud when the firefighters thanked her. I realized that the more ways we can find to serve our community, the more likely it will become a habit as she gets older.♥



Information from the PTA

Bryant Family,

Thank you for your continuous support of Bryant PTA. Your support through help and service makes activities like the Spirit Store, Thankful Parties, and Holiday Shop possible!

Next week, we're having a Clothing Drive to help raise money for our 5th grade end of year party. During designated times next week we will collect clothing, toys, and other household items for American Recycled Clothing. We will receive compensation for every pound we collect. Please see the Clothing Donation Drive flyer (sent home today and [linked here](#)) for all the details.

Additionally, our Tip Top Holiday Shop was so much fun! This fundraiser brought so much excitement to the volunteers, students, teachers and parents, not to mention the kids who had a blast shopping for their families and friends. We were also blown away by the turn out we had for Cookies with Santa, and apologize to anyone who didn't get to make a craft or get a cookie. This event was new this year, and we will be ready and prepared with more than enough for our students next year.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to us with any ideas you might have. We want to hear what your students want to see at Bryant. Our Clothing Drive came about from a simple suggestion. While we can't implement every suggestion we receive, new ideas help us plan for the future.

Also, it's not too late to help if you wish to take an ornament from the Giving Tree. There are about 9 teacher ornaments left on the tree. Don't forget to return your gifts by *this* Friday at 3pm.

Lastly, we will have a Signup Genius link for a staff Cookie Bar that will be held on December 20th. Please see our PTA [Facebook page](#) for details soon.

Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year!

Flora Rogers

PTA President

Gift of Time - Lunch and Recess Volunteers:

We are searching for our super star volunteers to help once a month by covering lunch and recess duties for teachers. December coverage is on the 14th. To be part of this "gift of time" please sign up by [clicking here](#), then get to the school 10-15 minutes early on the 9th to Raptor in at the front (make sure you have your IDs ready) and either help students in the cafeteria or monitor recess. If you have any questions, please email Kathalyn Garza, VP of Volunteers at bryantptavolunteers@gmail.com

Spirit Store is Open Friday!

Our Spirit Store is again open this Friday during lunches. We are also thankful for all of our volunteers that have helped so far, and still have a few openings available this year. Please [Click here](#) and see if you are able to help on any of our open dates! Your interest in helping with these days is very much appreciated.

Yearbooks:

Yearbooks for the 2018-2019 school year are available to purchase by [clicking here](#).

Yearbook App – Upload Your Pictures:

Our yearbook chair would like to implement a new program this year called "Replay It," to help with uploading school pictures for our yearbook. We would greatly appreciate it if you could download the app and upload photos throughout the year. It is quite simple to do and much easier than emailing photos to the yearbook volunteers. Please visit the link below to find the app. You will simply download it, search for Bryant Elementary School, and create an account. Thank you in advance for your help! If you have any questions, please contact Robin Marcoulier at bryantptayearbook@gmail.com.

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