

# Bryant Bulletin

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## Staff Spotlight—Ms. Carolina Llano

Ms. Llano is one of our new 2nd Grade teachers this year. She graduated from Texas State University and was a student teacher here at Bryant last year. She chooses to work in education because she loves to see the students just as excited as she is about learning. Her favorite part of teaching is that she gets to have such a big impact on her students' lives. She says she "works hard to make it a good one." She hopes that her students are the ones that come back to visit her as long as she is at their school. Her favorite moment in education has to be during Meet the Teacher this year. She says, "it was so great for me to see all my old students from last year when I was student teaching and it made me feel so special when even the parents came by to congratulate me and

tell me that they wish their child was in my class." It really made her feel like she had done a good job even before starting as an official staff member of Bryant. Outside of school, she enjoys drinking coffee and eating grilled cheese with friends. Ms. Llano helps to create a Culture of Care and Kindness at Bryant by trying to model kindness in her class each day. She thinks it is important to show the students a kind way of doing things, because they might not have ever seen it done before. She also loves to greet her students at the door each morning. She says, "they are so excited to be at school and I want them to know they are important every day-because they are."

## ***Dr. Rhodes' Weekly Message***

WOW! I have been amazed by all the Acts of Kindness I have seen at school and our community. The more we teach, encourage, and model kindness, the more it becomes a part of everyday life! I'm proud that our school is founded in Kindness and Care and Paws for Kindness has elevated that focus to a higher level. Thank you to the many PTA volunteers who have made this whole movement possible. I have been very impressed with all our parents who have helped in many different ways—from encouragement to organization to decorating...you have done it all!! It looks like I will be kissing a pig Friday morning and will be soaking wet from being water ballooned all day on Friday!! Please see previous emails about the Kindness Celebration on Friday. Thank you again for your amazing support. I look forward to giving you final updates from PTA next week.

**Morning Attendance Call Out:** Beginning October 7<sup>th</sup> the district will begin early morning attendance call outs for elementary students to let you know if your student has been counted absent. This is an additional safety measure being taken at all KISD schools in order to account for all students at the beginning and end of the day, instead of the current method of end of day call outs. Katy ISD emailed all parents today with all details.

**Thank You:** The following organizations have sponsored PTA in Paws for Kindness through a variety of levels. Organizations at the \$750 level and above receive special recognition in this edition of the Bryant Bulletin. Thank you for helping our PTA and students accomplish all they have in the past two weeks!!

***\$2500- Common Ground Community Church***

***\$1000- Pediatric Dental Safari***

***\$750- USA Engine***

**Weekly Satisfaction Survey:** [Click here](#) to take our satisfaction survey.

## ***From Mrs. Flores, School Counselor:***

**This Week's Character Challenge:** Get to know someone that you don't know very well.

Today, we kicked off the month of October by highlighting our next character trait: Empathy. So, this month we are having conversations and experiences to help us develop the social-emotional skill of Empathy! We are using this definition at school:

Empathy: the ability to understand and connect to the feelings of another.

Empathy is an important skill for creating connected and kind communities. Students will be understanding the meaning of empathy and how to practice it in their everyday lives through engaging activities and powerful discussions. If you are looking for ways to extend this trait at home as well, check out our [K-2 resource](#) and [3-5 resource](#). For more information, contact Penny Flores, the School Counselor.

If you would like more information, please contact Penny Flores, School Counselor, at [penelopewflores@katyisd.org](mailto:penelopewflores@katyisd.org).

## ***From our Math/Science Instructional Coach:***

**Marvelous Math:** Reading bedtime stories to children has been a cherished activity for years. We want our little readers to love books and see the value in reading! Don't we want the same for our little mathematicians?? Of course, we do! [Math Before Bed](#) is a collection of visual prompts that allow you to discuss math topics with your children before bed, at the dinner table, or really anywhere you have access to the prompts! I think you will notice, like we do in our Bryant math classrooms, that students come up with the most amazing math ideas that sometimes we adults miss! We learn from them every day! Try these out and see what you and your whole family can learn from each other...and start spreading a love for math!

**Spotlight on Science:** Check out the night sky in the month of October to see if you can spot Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn! [Click here](#) for help. You can also download a moon phases recording sheet for the month here. Students as early as Kindergarten observe, describe, and illustrate objects in the sky as part of the Texas science curriculum. By 4th and 5th grade, students are expected to collect and analyze data to identify sequences of change in the observable appearance of the moon over time. Observe these amazing phenomena together as a family!

## ***After School Program:***

Abrakadoodle after school art program is returning for the third year beginning October 30<sup>th</sup>. Please [click here](#) for more information. Please note--outside companies rent space at the school from Katy ISD and are overseen by the company and its employees. Bryant Staff/Administration are not involved in the program and do not oversee the program. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to let the after school program staff know of any special needs, allergies, or other pertinent information their instructors may need to know in order for your child to be successful in their program.

## ***From the District:***

The Legacy Parent Academy will continue in the 2019-2020 school year with sessions focusing on prevalent social-emotional topics. The academy is intended to provide parents with information on current topics that impact students and school districts. Academy sessions are supplemental to campus-based programs and initiatives. The Legacy Parent Academy [webpage](#) includes session descriptions and a link to register for future sessions.

# ***Campus Event Calendar***

## **Friday, October 4**

Paws for Kindness Celebration

## **Monday, October 7**

Early Dismissal @ 12:40pm

## **Tuesday, October 8**

Coffee with the Principal @ 9am in the LGI

## **Thursday, October 10**

PTA Spirit Night @ USwirl 4pm til closing

## **Friday, October 11**

PTA Spirit Store Open during lunch times. *If students will make purchases, please place money in a sealed ziplock bag labeled with student name and indicating the money is for Spirit Store.*

## **Friday, October 18**

Early Dismissal @ 12:40pm

## **Monday, October 21-25**

Red Ribbon Week (dress up days to be announced)

## **Friday, October 25**

PTA General Board Meeting 4pm

PTA Trunk or Treat Event 5:30pm

## **Monday, November 4- Friday, November 8**

Library Book Fair

# ***Information from the PTA***

## ***Paws for Kindness- 2 Days Until Our Kindness Celebration***



Sept. 20 - Oct. 4

We have had an incredible two weeks with so many amazing things happening due to the generosity of our community and the awesome Acts of Kindness our children are completing! So far, we've raised over \$42,000 and completed over 7200 Acts of Kindness! How amazing is that?! Thank you again for your generous support as we can't do this or meet our goal without YOU!!!! Please continue logging Acts of Kindness in the online software. If you still haven't registered yet, it's not too late! Simply visit <https://my.raisecraze.com/AR7XKFM> to do so! On Friday, we will be celebrating all the great achievements that have been accomplished during this period of time! Hopefully, we will have hit our goals of \$50,000 and 10,000 Acts of Kindness by then to truly celebrate with our final school-wide incentives – water ballooning the principals and seeing Dr. Rhodes kiss a pig!

P.S. You can see where your class ranks by checking out the Leaderboard at <https://my.raisecraze.com/leaderboard/for/AR7XKFM/>

## ***Yearbooks on Sale!***

Yearbooks are on sale for this school year. The price is \$30. Price will increase after October 25th!

<https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/2735885/Bryant-Elementary-School/>

## ***Trunk or Treat – Save the Date!***

Our annual Trunk or Treat will be held on Friday evening, October 25th. More details to follow, but be sure you save the date for this great Family Event!

## ***Get your Spirit Wear!***

Our Spirit Wear is in stock and ready for you! If you have previously placed an order through our online store, you should be getting your orders very soon. For your convenience, you can also purchase all your Bryant Spirit Wear online by visiting <http://officialbryantpta.com>. If you have any questions, please contact our VP of Fundraising – Jennifer Nash at [bryantptaundraising@gmail.com](mailto:bryantptaundraising@gmail.com).