

# Bryant Update

April 22, 2020

Bryant Families:

We hope all of you are continuing to stay safe and healthy. As most of you are aware, Texas Governor Abbott closed schools for the remainder of the school year. Our teachers will continue to support online learning for the year. I know there are many questions you may have. At this time, all elementary principals and our supervisors are working on all the answers for how we will close out the year. We want to be consistent as well as use best practices and CDC Guidelines in order to get personal items to families, distribute yearbooks, collect library books, collect technology some families checked out, and many more scenarios. Please be patient. As you know, I generally over communicate with parents. As long as you keep reading our weekly Updates, you will read all the answers/solutions to various situations and scenarios as we approach the end of the school year.

Please remember, while working on Learning Boards, if any assignment brings frustration after your child has tried completion for approximately 10-15 minutes, please stop and let your child's teacher know so that he or she can offer more guidance and support.

**Parent Request of Teacher Characteristics for 20/21:** Beginning today, I am opening a two and a half week window (4/22-5/8) in which you can email me characteristics your student needs in a teacher next year. I will take those characteristics and match your student with a teacher who is the closest match. Please know, *I do not take requests for specific teachers*. In fact, if there is a request for a specific teacher, I will not be able to honor it and your child will be placed with another teacher who matches similar characteristics. Please send your email to [williamhrhodes@katyisd.org](mailto:williamhrhodes@katyisd.org) with the subject "**Teacher Characteristics for 20/21.**" In your email, please record student name, current grade level he/she is in, and the characteristics your child needs in a teacher. If you have multiple students, please clearly identify the name and grade level of each student (bold, italics, etc.) in one email. I will reply to all emails with a simple "**Your email has been received.**" If you do not receive this response email from me within 2 business days, please do not hesitate to send your email again. My inbox is packed with resumes at this time of the year, so email can get a bit hectic. Thanks in advance.

**Love and Logic Parenting Online FREE through April:** As a campus, we use aspects of Love and Logic in our campus discipline management plan. There is lots of great training for educators and parents. For the remainder of the month of April, Love and Logic Parenting Online is *free*. In this training parents learn to set kids up for success by allowing them to make small mistakes when the price tag is small, end arguing and manipulation, avoid power struggles, and guide kids to own and solve their problems. This is a \$99 value for free!! Please take advantage of this opportunity by [clicking here](#). You will create an account by providing name, address, email address and phone number but no credit card information. Again, this is a *Great Opportunity*.

**From Our Counselor:** This week's Guidance Lesson focuses on emotion regulation and coping strategies for when our emotions become too big. 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](mailto:penelopewflores@katyisd.org) or complete the Google Form by clicking [here](#).

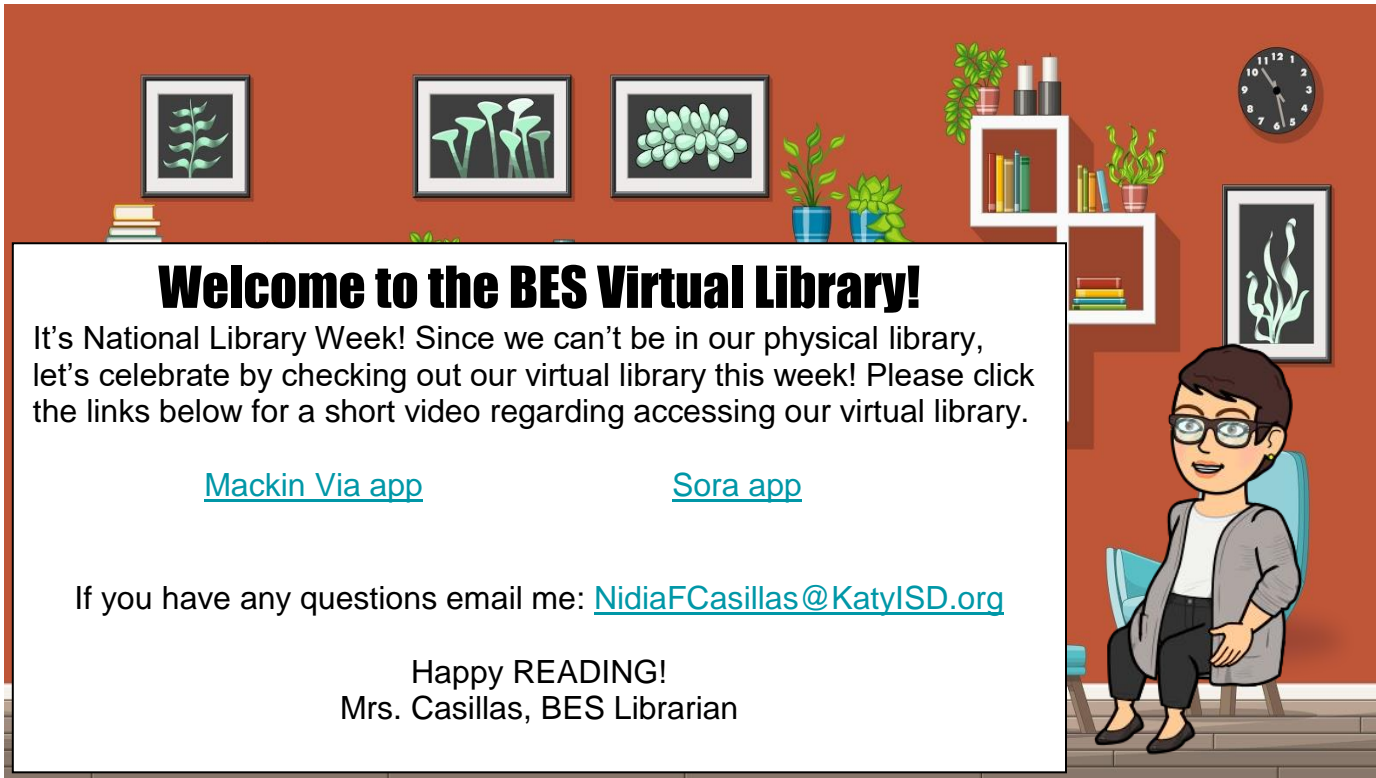
[Click here](#) for this week's Kindness Bingo Board. Remember, kindness matters!

Inner Explorer offers web-based mindfulness exercises. They are offering a free family app that might be helpful to support learning and well-being. Click [here](#) to learn more about their free offer.

**Services for Students Experiencing Homelessness:** If you have lost housing due to economic hardship, complete the [Student Residency Questionnaire](#) to determine if you are eligible for services through the McKinney-Vento Act. Email the completed form to [SRQ@katyisd.org](mailto:SRQ@katyisd.org) and the District Homeless Liaison will contact you to discuss eligibility. More information on this act is available here and on the District webpage at <http://www.katyisd.org/dept/fpef/Pages/Homeless.aspx>.

**Servicios para estudiantes que experimentan falta de vivienda:** Si ha perdido una vivienda debido a dificultades económicas, complete el [Cuestionario de Residencia para Estudiantes](#) para determinar si es elegible para los servicios a través de la Ley McKinney-Vento Act. Envíe por correo electrónico el formulario completado a [SRQ@katyisd.org](mailto:SRQ@katyisd.org) y el Enlace del Distrito para Personas sin Hogar se comunicará con usted para discutir la elegibilidad. Más información sobre esta ley está disponible aquí y en la página web del Distrito en <http://www.katyisd.org/dept/fpef/Pages/Homeless.aspx>.

**From Our Librarian:**



**Welcome to the BES Virtual Library!**

It's National Library Week! Since we can't be in our physical library, let's celebrate by checking out our virtual library this week! Please click the links below for a short video regarding accessing our virtual library.

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If you have any questions email me: [NidiaFCasillas@KatyISD.org](mailto:NidiaFCasillas@KatyISD.org)

Happy READING!  
Mrs. Casillas, BES Librarian

**Parents of 5<sup>th</sup> Graders:** If your child will attend WoodCreek Junior High (WCJH) next year, Principal Stone has scheduled a Coffee With the Principal meeting on Thursday, April 30th from 11:00am-12:00pm. Dr. Stone will present information about WCJH and field as many questions as possible. The meeting will be held virtually. If you are interested in participating, contact Dr. Stone's secretary at [MeredithBollich@katyisd.org](mailto:MeredithBollich@katyisd.org) to RSVP and receive the link you will use for attendance.

**Kindergarten Orientation:** Since we missed our Kindergarten Orientation, we have made all handouts available online. The presentation includes what you can expect for your student as they enter their Kindergarten year as well as what your student is expected to know before beginning school. There is also The ABC's of Kindergarten, which include basic school and grade level procedures. Please help spread this information throughout our neighborhoods

so all new parents have this information. [Click here](#) to obtain all orientation materials. Please direct neighbors to our school website for more information.

**Special Education Notification:** Senate Bill 139 Notice to Families can be read by clicking here: [English](#) or [Spanish](#)

**Census Information:** The Census is much more than just a head count. It provides a picture of our nation that helps determine where to build new schools, hospitals, and businesses; how federal funding is distributed; and how congressional seats are apportioned. It also helps us see how our communities have changed over time. That's why an accurate count is so important.

*How the 2020 Census Affects Katy ISD Students:* The 2020 Census count impacts the federal funds that communities receive each year for programs and services that are critical for schools, students, and younger children, such as: *Special Education grants, Title I grants, After School Programs, Classroom Technology, Food Assistance, including free and reduced price school lunches, and maternal and child health programs. The outcome of our community's census accounts for approximately \$44 million of federal funding allocated to programs serving Katy ISD students.*

*Easy and Convenient:* In 2020, for the first time ever, the U.S. Census Bureau will accept responses online, but you can still respond by phone or mail if you prefer. To make sure you and the rest of Katy ISD are counted, learn more about the 2020 Census by visiting the Census 2020 website: [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov)

**Bryant PTA:**

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Executive Board Nominees for the  
2020/2021 School Year:**

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President Elect:	Jennifer Nash
VP Membership:	Sarah Owens
VP Fundraising:	Shana Gallagher
VP Volunteers:	Monica Maldonado
VP Family Engagement:	Meredith Urban
VP Communications:	Robin Marcoulier
Secretary:	April Simmons
Treasurer:	open



**General Board Meeting  
Wednesday,  
May 13, 2020 at 7:00pm**



Please 'like' us on Facebook at **Robert & Felice Bryant PTA**  
for upcoming meeting information.  
*All paid members are invited to attend.*