

# Bryant Bulletin

October 10, 2018



## Staff Spotlight—Mrs. Stephanie McLennan

Mrs. McLennan is our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade team leader! Mrs. McLennan has a Bachelor's degree from Sam Houston State University and a Master's from the University of Houston. This is Mrs. McLennan's thirteenth year in education. Mrs. McLennan works in education to positively affect the lives of the students in her classroom. She wants to encourage her students to think critically and creatively so that they will learn how to be a productive member of our ever-changing society! Mrs. McLennan shared her favorite moment in education, "Pinpointing my favorite moment in education is very difficult! I love Meet the Teacher Night. At Meet the Teacher, the parents and students are always so excited and eager to meet their teacher and start the new year. Each year it confirms to me that being a teacher is my calling." Outside of school, Mrs. McLennan loves to go camping with her family. They just got a camper and love to take trips to state parks and to campsites along the river. She also loves going out on their boat to fish in the bay. Mrs. McLennan shared how she helps foster kindness and care at Bryant, "At Bryant I create a Culture of Care and Kindness in my classroom by opening up to my students, so they know they can trust me and count on me. I also foster a sense of family and community in my classroom each and every day!" We are so happy to have Mrs. McLennan at BES!!

## *Dr. Rhodes' Weekly Message*

**FYI:** October is Bullying Awareness and Prevention Month. As a school we will be featuring a variety of activities through our Kindness Matters campaign which will highlight what bullying is and is not, what bullying looks or sounds like, and how to stand up, or be an "upstander," if bullying behaviors occur. The district is also featuring several short videos about bullying. The following video ([click here](#)) discusses the policies and procedures surrounding bullying.

**Notice:** On October 17<sup>th</sup> we will be closed to lunch visitors. We will be one of two campuses to host district visitors to celebrate National School Lunch Week!!

**Announcement:** Congratulations to 4th Grade for winning the attendance challenge for last week. Way to go 4th!! Each 4th Grader received five Bengal Bucks.

**Congratulations:** Congrats to the students receiving the Writer of the Month award for September! One student from each class was given this award for producing a high volume of writing by staying engaged and writing with agency- writing with a purpose and for the entire time given to write. We are so proud of our writers for working towards this goal! In October, our writers are working hard to keep their writing pieces focused to make meaning for their readers. To do this, they will share information in a way that ties everything back to the topic, main idea, or opinion. Writers will consider their audience when focusing their pieces as well. We can't wait to see who will receive the Writer of the Month award for October!

# *Event Calendar*

## **Thursday, October 11**

Dinosaur George travelling museum brought to all students by the Bryant PTA!! This event will include a daytime event for students and an evening event for your whole family!! [See below for details.](#)

## **Friday, October 12**

PTA Spirit Store during grade level 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." We apparently had some students who decided to use lunch money for Spirit Store, so we want to prevent that from happening moving forward)

## **Monday, October 15**

Chick Fil-A Spirit Night, 5:00-8:00pm

## **Wednesday, October 17**

Family Night, No Homework Assigned

National School Lunch Week Celebration with district visitors (no student lunch visitors on this day)

## **Friday, October 19**

Early Dismissal, 12:40pm

## **Monday, October 22-October 27**

Drug-Free/Bully-Free special dress days. Dress Schedule to be announced next week.

## **Monday, October 22**

Report Cards Go Home

## **Wednesday, October 24**

50th Day of School

## **Friday, October 26**

Trunk or Treat, 5:30-6:30pm

PTA Spirit Store during grade level lunches

## **Wednesday, October 31**

College Shirt Day

Abrakadoodle, 2nd Session Starts

## **Wednesday, November 7**

Book Fair, Library

## **Thursday, November 8**

Book Fair, Library

## **Friday, November 9**

Book Fair open until 12pm, Library

# 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](#)

## *After School Program:*

Abakadoodle's **Session II** starts on October 31<sup>st</sup>! For registration please [sign up here](#). Please note that 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. They have their own method of releasing car riders, etc.

# Home to School Connection

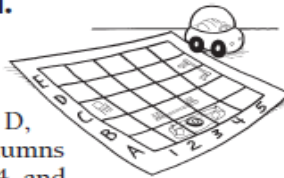
## ACTIVITY CORNER

### Build map skills

This version of hide-and-seek lets your youngster practice finding places on a grid. She'll have fun working on map skills and spatial reasoning.

#### 1. Draw a grid.

Have your child make a grid with 5 rows (labeled A, B, C, D, and E) and 5 columns (labeled 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5). Her grid will represent a room in your home.



**2. Add pictures.** Next, your youngster should draw furniture or other items in the boxes to indicate their locations in the room. Say your couch is centered along the front wall of the living room. She could draw a couch on her grid across boxes A2, A3, and A4.

**3. Hide an object.** Take turns closing your eyes while the other person hides something (perhaps a toy car) in the actual room. Then, place a penny on the grid to show where you hid the item. If you put the penny on A3, your child might figure out that the toy is under the center of the couch.♥

# School Safety

Please only drop off students in the car rider line. Please do not drop off where the crossing guards are directing traffic and walking students across the crosswalk. Please do not drop students off in the street or have them cross the street where there is not a crossing guard. This is very dangerous and also sets an example of adults not following procedures because it is not convenient to that individual adult.

## Information from the PTA

### *Message from the President:*

It's hard to believe we're already in October. Time really does fly when you're having fun. I'm super excited about the huge success we had with the Boosterthon fundraiser. We set goals and surpassed every one of them!

The Student Spirit Store opened last month. Thank you Cody and Bethany Geiman with Cody's Tree Service for building and donating our Spirit Store! Thank you Bryant families for being so patient as we work out the kinks and learn the best way to run the store for everyone! This month the spirit store will be open this Friday the 12th and the 26th during all lunches.

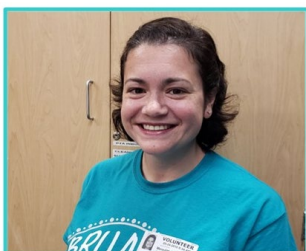
A big thank you for all your incredible support through fundraising, Spirit Nights, and simply being there, you have all made a tremendous difference! Because of your incredible support the PTA can bring Dinosaur George to Bryant this Thursday, Oct. 11th.

PTA wants to hear from the students. A student "Wish Box" will be placed in the front office. Please encourage your child to write down any ideas they think Bryant Elementary needs or should have.

Lastly, don't forget to save the date for our Trunk or Treat on October 26th. A flyer will be going home with a signup sheet. Details will be posted on Facebook and in the Bryant Bulletin soon.

### *September Volunteers of the Month:*

Please help me in congratulating our two Bengal Superstar Volunteers for the month of September! All of our Volunteers are amazing and we are so lucky to have you all! Please [visit this link](#) and make sure to enter your off campus volunteer hours. Thank you! Kathalyn Garza, VP of Volunteers, [bryantptavolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:bryantptavolunteers@gmail.com)



Meredith Urban



Malonya Redburn

## September 2018

## ***October 11 – Dinosaur George –TOMORROW!!!***

There will be two portions of this event - the first is during the school day, which will only be for our students and closed to the public. This will take place during the normal school day, with grade levels going to the Dinosaur George Exhibit at various times throughout the day.

The exhibit will then close, and reopen to the public beginning at 4:30pm with the doors closing promptly at 6:30pm. The exhibit is free, but donations will be accepted and appreciated. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tabitha Garcia, our VP of Family Engagement at [bryantptaengagement@gmail.com](mailto:bryantptaengagement@gmail.com)

## ***October 15 – Chick-fil-A Spirit Night:***

Save the Date as our next Spirit Night will be at Chick-fil-A on Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 8:00pm. More information will be available next week.

## ***Order a Yearbook Now:***

Yearbooks for the 2018-2019 year are now available to pre-order. The cost is \$30.00 until October 26th, with discounts on personalization available. Please [visit this link](#) to place your order.

## ***Website:***

Visit the PTA website for up to date information by [clicking here](#).

## ***Facebook:***

Check out the [Bryant PTA Facebook page](#) for information, pictures, and other great information.