

# Bryant Bulletin

A joint PTA/Campus Newsletter

May 23, 2018

## *Dr. Rhodes' Weekly Message*

It has been an incredible yet unusual year for us during our founding year. I would like to thank everyone for their help in making our first year a success, especially those who volunteered in any way to make our school amazing!! I would appreciate you taking our end-of-year survey for parents and guardians by [clicking here](#). Your honest feedback will help us focus our work for the 2018-2019 school year. Thank you in advance for participating.

**Farewell:** We are sad to say goodbye to the following staff members: Mrs. Freye (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade), Mrs. Kilpatrick (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade), Mrs. Ross (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade), Mrs. Reyna (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade), Mrs. Althaus (PPCD), and Mrs. Moses (YCAP). We wish them well in their new journeys!!

**FYI:** A list of 2018-2019 school supplies can be found by [clicking here](#). If you would like to purchase these pre-packaged from PTA, please see the PTA section below.

**FYI:** All items left in the Lost & Found will be donated to a local charitable organization at the end of day next Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. If your child is missing an item, please look in the lost and found relocated to the entrance hallway.

**Automobile Accessibility Change for 2018/2019:** With the addition of approximately 100 students next school year, we will no longer be able to allow cars to enter the front or side parking lots during arrival or dismissal. All cars will need to use the car rider line. Please go ahead and start practicing this so that it will become routine before next year. In the 18/19 school year, enter the front parking lot to enter the building if you need to: drop off cupcakes, making a special delivery, making a change of transportation, volunteering, etc. Parents wishing to avoid the car rider line or wanting to walk their student to the front door will be directed to the car rider line. This has been allowed this year due to our small number but as we grow it becomes a safety concern. Thank you for understanding and for helping ensure *safety* for all.

**Bike Rider Accessibility Change for 2018/2019:** We will also be streamlining how students riding bikes will enter campus grounds. Please see [this map](#) for information. This change is being made in order to reduce the use of the crosswalk which cuts through the car rider line. This will ensure more *safety* and keep the car rider line moving smoothly. Please go ahead and start having your students practice this new route this year so it is not brand new in August. Thank you!

**Congratulations:** Robert & Felice Bryant Elementary has been recognized as a *No Place for Hate* campus for the 2017-2018 school year. This distinction is earned through an application process in which we provide evidence we have striven to establish a hate-free school. We have also earned the distinction of being a *Common Sense School* for our focus on digital well-being for all students.

**Congratulations:** We have a new Doctor in our school!! Congratulations to our own Kindergarten Teacher, Amanda Fait. Ms. Fait is now Dr. Fait since she has completed her Doctor of Education Degree in Educational Leadership from University of Houston – Clear Lake. Dr. Fait walked the stage this past weekend. Congratulations Dr. Fait!!

**Report to Parents:** National Association of Elementary Principals (NAESP) periodically provides Report to Parents. In this [article](#), read about exercising kids' minds over the summer. The [article](#) gives some easy to implement ideas to keep your student thinking over the summer.

**Summer Programs:** Summer learning loss, or summer slide, is the loss of academic skills and knowledge over the course of summer holidays. Wondering what you can do to help prevent the summer slide? Check out the Katy ISD homepage for ideas and programs your child can participate in over the summer months. We certainly want our students and families to enjoy the summer days, but are also encouraging parents to have their children engage in something academic for at least 30 minutes to an hour each day. [Click here](#) to find the Scoop on Summer Learning.

**Summer Technology Home Access:** Throughout the summer, students still have access to technology programs we use during the school year. Students in K-5 have access to IStation, students 3-5 have access to Imagine Math, and students in 1-5 have access to FASTT Math. Learn how to access these programs by [clicking here](#).

**STAAR Results:** An informational letter was sent home today in take-home folders describing how you can see your 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grader's STAAR results in mid-June. [Click here](#) for a digital version of the letter.

**Opportunity:** Does your student love hands-on learning, like to have fun and enjoy STEAM learning?? We want to start our first Destination Imagination Teams at Bryant Elementary next school year. This program is after school and requires parent team managers as well as eager students who enjoy creativity, being courageous, and being curious! [Learn more here](#).

## *Event Calendar*

### **May 24**

Last day of school. Dismissal at 12:40pm.

**August 7**

Teacher assignments posted to Home Access Center (see below from the Registrar if you don't have access to HAC).

**August 13**

Meet the Teacher, 5-7pm

**August 15**

First day of school.

**August 15-17**

Parents may walk students to class until 8:20am.

## *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 the Library:***

The Bryant Elementary Library is challenging you to read cool books over the summer! Our summer reading challenge starts on May 25th. Flyers were sent home last week and can be printed from the links below. Complete as many of the challenges as you can and return the completed flyer to the library by August 16th. A drawing will be held on morning announcements on August 17th. How many books can YOU read this summer? Have fun reading!!! [Flyer for students entering 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades](#) and [Flyer for students entering 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades](#).

***From the Clinic:***

As we wind down the year, please remember medications in the clinic will be sent home. Medications are sent home toward the end of the day on the last day of school and there are certain medications that only parents can pick up. Next year's medication or procedure doctor orders have to be dated after June 1, 2018. Remember if your child has shots over the summer to send the BES nurse a copy in August so their records can be updated. If you have any questions or need to make arrangement please don't hesitate to contact me. Christilynn Osbourne, RN 281-234-4325 [ChristilynnJPriceOsbourne@KATYISD.ORG](mailto:ChristilynnJPriceOsbourne@KATYISD.ORG)

### *From the Registrar:*

Do you want to know who your student will have as their teacher next year? The only way to know is with a Home Access Center account (the same account which you check your student's grades). The school will not be able to provide you with the name of an assigned teacher over the phone or email, you must check through the Home Access Center in August. If you need access to the Home Access Center (HAC), please send an email with your student's name and homeroom teacher to [michellemartinez@katyisd.org](mailto:michellemartinez@katyisd.org) and one will be sent home in your student's report card. Please note...teacher assignments are not available through HAC until August.

## *Home to School Connection*



### **Prevent summer math slide**

**Q:** I'm concerned that my daughter's math skills will get rusty while school is out. What should I do?

**A:** Keeping math "muscles" strong is fun!

Look for ways to add math to outdoor games. For instance, write math facts like  $7 + 8$  or  $9 \times 6$  in hopscotch squares. As your daughter jumps to each box, she calls out the answer. If she's "It" during hide-and-seek, she could count to 100 by 2s, 5s, or 10s while players hide.



Also, give her opportunities to estimate. Cut open a watermelon, and ask how many seeds she thinks it contains. Or have her estimate how many people are in the deep end of the swimming pool or in your row at a baseball game. Then, she should count to check her answers. As she estimates and counts, her skills will improve. ♥

## *Information from the PTA*

### *Social Media:*

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

### *Website:*

Check out the PTA website by [clicking here](#).

### *Newsletter:*

The PTA May newsletter will be sent home in report cards tomorrow (Thursday).

### *School Supplies (18/19):*

You can order prepacked school supplies through the PTA. [Click here](#) for the order form. Orders will be accepted through June 21, 2018. No late orders will be accepted.