

# Bryant Bulletin

February 6, 2019



## Staff Spotlight— Mrs. Kosel

Mrs. Kosel is our amazing math academic support teacher!! She has a Bachelor's degree from Houston Baptist University. Mrs. Kosel was a classroom teacher for fifteen years and she is currently in her fifth year as an academic support teacher. Mrs. Kosel works in education because of the daily, positive impact teaching has on the lives' of students. She loves helping her students accomplish their learning goals. Mrs. Kosel shared one of her favorite moments in education, "Some of my favorite moments in education are having the opportunity to hear from and receive notes from former students about their accomplishments and achievements. I love those surprise encounters!" Outside of school, Mrs. Kosel enjoys running, reading, and traveling. We asked Mrs. Kosel how she helps foster a culture of care and kindness at Bryant, "In small group instruction, our conversations acknowledge success and struggle. My students understand that they are expected to be respectful of all ideas, and that I will also respect them. We love to celebrate every success, no matter the size!!"

## *Dr. Rhodes' Weekly Message*

We can't wait to have **Family Learning Night** tomorrow evening from 5-7pm. The BES(t) staff have been working hard to organize this event. [Click here](#) for a copy of the flyer sent home. There will be fun, learning, and food trucks...sounds like a perfect evening to me!! We hope to see you here! You may enter the front office doors or cafeteria doors.

**Crossing Guard:** We are in need of a Crossing Guard at the front of the school. If interested, please call or email. Until we have a new Crossing Guard hired and trained, we will have staff walking kids across the front crosswalk from 7:55-8:20 and 3:30-3:45pm. Traffic direction will not be given. As motorists, please follow all posted signs, and follow all rules and laws printed in the current [Texas Driver Handbook](#) when entering and exiting the campus.

**Bikes/Scooters:** Students who ride bikes/scooters to school need to use a lock in order to secure property. Without a lock, all bikes/scooters are left "at your own risk."

**Friendship Parties:** Friendship Parties will be held on February 14<sup>th</sup>. The party times are as follows: 10:30-11:15-- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades; 11:45-12:30-- Kindergarten & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade; 12:00-12:45-- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade; 2:00-2:45-- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. **Please note-** in order to stay within building capacity and remain aligned to Fire Marshall standards, there is a limit of 2 adults per student during parties. We use the following guidelines for party visitors: Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s), Grandparents listed on the Lunch Visitor Form completed in the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School Packet, and aunts/uncles who are accompanied by a parent/guardian. We encourage all students to stay at school after their party as the remainder of the day is instructional and a regular school day. Students leaving early do receive a partial day absence. If you will be

attending your student's party, it is encouraged that you Pre-Raptor for the event so you do not have to wait in long lines to be processed. You can Pre-Raptor if you have previously visited our campus and had your Driver's License scanned into the Raptor system. [Click here](#) to Pre-Raptor before 2/11/19. In order to pick-up your Pre-Raptor Badge, you must present your current identification.

**Friendship Cards:** Friendship cards may be distributed on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February. Teachers will instruct students to not open any candy that may be attached as part of friendship cards. These cards will be placed in a bag or box and delivered home for students to enjoy. If you would like for your child to not participate, please notify your child's teacher and he/she will be given an alternate activity.

**Common Sense Media:** As a designated [Common Sense School](#), I like to occasionally point out resources from the Common Sense Media Website. I found this [Top 50 list of Apps for Kids](#) to be a good resource. Check out some of the best apps for learning, Prek-13+ by clicking the link above.

**A Message from Blitzkidz After-School Chess Program:** Many thanks for enrolling your child in the Bryant Elementary Chess Program by BlitzKidz. At present, the enrollment is lower than expected. Hence we need to postpone the start date of this program to Feb 12th. As a result, the program will be from Feb 12th - Apr 23rd. Please encourage your friends to register soon so that we can begin our journey towards building a strong Bryant Chess Team that will compete in tournaments. This program has been successfully implemented at a number of Katy ISD schools. This is the **LAST** week to sign up for the program. [Enroll by clicking here](#).

**New After-School Program:** The Nutty Scientist after school program is now enrolling and will start in late March. Find out more information by [clicking here](#). Please note, after-school programs are not affiliated with Bryant or Katy ISD. These vendors rent space in the building in order to offer their program. Each program will have its own guidelines for behavior, dismissal, etc. In our end of year survey we will gather feedback as to which programs were most popular with students.

## Event Calendar

### Monday, February 4 – Friday, February 8

Book Fair

National School Counseling Week--*We LOVE Mrs. Flores!!*

### Thursday, February 7

BES Family Learning Night, 5-7:00pm

### Monday, February 11 – Friday, February 15

School Bus Driver Appreciation Week—*Show our bus drivers they are important!!*

### Tuesday, February 12

Progress Reports Go Home

### Thursday, February 14

Friendship Parties, [click here to pre-raptor before noon on 2/11](#)

### **Friday, February 15**

Early Dismissal, 12:40pm

Bryant Ball: Sparkles & Spurs, 6-7:30pm

### **Monday, February 18**

Student Holiday, President's Day

### **Thursday, February 21**

Second Grade Living Museum

### **Friday, February 22**

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.")

Texan Day

### **Wednesday, February 27**

College Shirt Day

### **Wednesday, March 6**

District Family Night, No Homework Assigned

### **Thursday, March 7- Friday March 8**

Field Day- Information To Be Announced

### **Monday, March 11-Friday, March 15**

Spring Break

## *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](#)

### *From the Nurse:*

**Fever (100.0 or above), diarrhea, or vomiting?** Your child must be 24 hours free of these symptoms without medication before returning to school. If your child has any of the symptoms listed above, please call in your child's absence at 281-234-4300. Please also let the nurse know if your child is diagnosed with contagious illness such as Flu, strep, or pink eye. Nurse Osbourne: 281-234-4325

## From the District:

Katy ISD is sharing information about the state, district and your child's campus as part of the state legislative requirements. Copies of the 2017-18 School Report Cards for the state, district and campus are available for your review in the front office of our school, or can be accessed online by [clicking here](#).

# Home to School Connection

## Read to succeed

Whether your child is solving a word problem in math or following instructions for a science experiment, strong reading skills play an important role. Here are activities to build his comprehension as he learns in three key subjects.

### Math

Suggest that your youngster read a math story problem aloud and then retell it in his own words—leaving out the numbers! This allows him to focus on what the problem is asking him to do before he tries to solve it. *Example:* "A panda had a lot of bamboo. Then he ate some. Now he has less. How much bamboo does he have left?" He'll know that he needs to subtract.

### Science

Diagrams, charts, tables, and other graphics help your child "see" science concepts. Encourage him to create his own visual aids. If he's reading about the



layers of the Earth, maybe he will draw a diagram and label the *crust*, *mantle*, *outer core*, and *inner core*.

### History

Your youngster will go back in time by reading historical fiction about topics he studies. He'll feel as if he's walking the streets of ancient Greece, for instance, while also getting background information on people, places, and events. He might try a series like *Magic Tree House* (Mary Pope Osborne) or *Blast to the Past* (Stacia Deutsch and Rhody Cohon).♥

# Information from the PTA

## Second Annual Bryant Ball – "Sparkles and Spurs" (February 15)

Please make plans to join us for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bryant Ball with this year's theme being "Sparkles and Spurs." ([Click here for flyer](#)) Come dressed in your best rodeo attire or sparkles. Suggested donations of \$10 per family will be collected at the entrance. Donations are not mandatory, but will benefit the 5th Grade Graduation Party. For more information including the registration form, please check your child's Wednesday folder.

## ***Coin Crazy – Next Week!***

On Monday, February 11 we will begin our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Coin Crazy for the duration of the week ([Click here for flyer](#)). Last year's event was a great success with the PTA being able to purchase an additional swing set for the playground. Our goal for this year is \$3000, which will go toward the purchase of a Book Vending Machine for our school. We can use your help and support through the donation of both your coins, as well as help counting and sorting. If you can help at any point next week, please contact Sarah Owens, our Coin Crazy Coordinator at [bryantptatreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:bryantptatreasurer@gmail.com).

## ***2018-2019 Yearbook***

Please don't forget that in order to guarantee you receive a yearbook for this school year, you must place your order by March 1st. The cost of the yearbook is \$40.00. For our 5th Grade Parents: Friday, February 15 is the last day to purchase a personal ad for the yearbook. You can go to this website to create your ad: <http://www.jostensadservice.com/>. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Robin Marcoulier at [bryantptayearbook@gmail.com](mailto:bryantptayearbook@gmail.com).

## ***Online Store***

Are you ready for this weekend's cold front? Do you want to stay warm in style? Stop by our PTA Online Store and grab one of our Bryant Hoodies or long sleeve shirts (in both youth and adult sizes) and stay warm this weekend – and for the remainder of this winter season! [Click here](#) to order.