

Bryant Bulletin

September 26, 2018



Staff Spotlight—Mrs. Paige Hellman

Mrs. Hellman is one of our amazing math and science 4th grade teachers! She has a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education from Texas Tech University and is currently working on her Master's degree in School Counseling from Lamar University. This is Mrs. Hellman's sixth year teaching. Mrs. Hellman shared why she works in education, "I have always wanted to be a teacher! My mom is a teacher in Katy ISD as well and I always grew up making my brother play school with me in her classroom. ☺ I always loved going to school and was inspired by so many of my former teachers. Once I got into college and had opportunities to be hands-on in the classroom, I realized that teaching really is my passion.

Working with kids and being able to make a difference in their lives makes being a teacher so special!" Mrs. Hellman truly takes the time to build positive, meaningful relationships with all her students. She wants each of her students to feel successful and cared for in her classroom. Outside of school, Mrs. Hellman enjoys going out to eat, going on runs with her husband and golden retriever, Cassie, spending time with family, and going to concerts. Mrs. Hellman helps create a culture of care and kindness at Bryant by doing daily community circles with her classes and modeling care and kindness herself.

Dr. Rhodes' Weekly Message

Thank you to everyone for supporting the PTA Boosterthon. The kids have loved all the challenges, fun activities and incentives and we have enjoyed them too. We are excited to have our Obstacle Course tomorrow during each grade level's Specials. Donations will continue to be accepted at www.funrun.com

Please have your student wear a t-shirt tomorrow. Once students are at school they will be given a Boosterthon T-shirt to wear over their regular t-shirt. Volunteers will mark the back of the shirt once students finish a round of obstacles. The Boosterthon T-shirt is free to all students thanks to the sponsors listed on the back and sleeve of the shirt. Thank you to everyone who has helped through donations, volunteering or sponsoring of this huge event. The kids are going to love the course tomorrow!!

Reminder: Since the Boosterthon Obstacle Course will take place in the gym and cafeteria, students who buy lunch through our cafeteria tomorrow will receive a sack lunch. The menu for tomorrow (9/27) includes: Chicken Patty Sandwich or Cheese Quesadilla, raisins, and choice of raisins, fresh broccoli florets, baby carrots, and choice of milk. This menu is different from the Katy ISD published menu. If your student does not want this lunch, please send a packed lunch from home. We will not host lunch visitors tomorrow since the cafeteria will be in use.

Reminder: PTA is still looking for Cafeteria and Recess Monitors for this Friday. We want to give teachers an hour together of "team time" to relax and enjoy lunch together. If you are available to help Friday, please see the PTA Section below for the sign up link, or [click here](#).

Notice: On October 17th 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 2nd Grade for winning the attendance challenge for last week. Way to go 2nd!! Each 2nd Grader received five Bengal Bucks.

Event Calendar

Tuesday, September 18- Thursday, September 27

PTA Boosterthon Fundraising Program

Thursday, September 27

Boosterthon Obstacle Course during specials times (see info above)

Monday, October 8

Early Dismissal, 12:40pm

Tuesday, October 9

Coffee with the Principal, 9:00am

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.](#)

Monday, October 15

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

Wednesday, October 17

Family Night, No Homework Assigned

National School Lunch Week Celebration with guest visitors

Friday, October 19

Early Dismissal, 12:40pm

Monday, October 22

Report Cards Go Home

Wednesday, October 24

50th Day of School

Friday, October 26

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

Wednesday, October 31

Abrakadoodle, 2nd Session Starts

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 Counselor:

This month our Core Value is **CONTENTMENT**. Contentment means deciding to be happy with what you have. It's like the quote from Oprah Winfrey, "Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough."

Please help us kick off this month's trait by wearing **light blue** on **Wednesday, October 3rd**. Below are some great activities that you can do with your family to learn about contentment!

BE IT:

- Make a list of 10 things you are happy about in your life.
- Ask someone in your life what they are happy about.
- When something does not go your way, think of one positive thing about the event.

Please contact me if you would like additional resources to help learn about contentment.

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From the District:

Gifted and Talented Screening for Kindergarten Students

Information regarding screening of kindergarten students for the gifted and talented program will be sent home with kinder students beginning the week of September 10-14. Kindergarten parents who would like to refer their children for screening must return the Kindergarten Parent Checklist to their campus by **October 5, 2018**. There is a FAQ page and video on the Katy ISD GT/Advanced Academics website for more information about kindergarten screening that can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

Love and Logic Parent Trainings

Love and Logic Parenting Classes are being offered at multiple campuses during the 2018-2019 school year. The Love and Logic schedule is below as well as posted on the Professional Learning website. All parents in the district are invited to attend Love and Logic Parenting Classes at one of these campuses.

Date	Campus	Contact
9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23	Kilpatrick Elementary	Cheri Hayes
9/25, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30	Pattison Elementary	Karen Merriman
1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26	Kilpatrick Elementary	Cheri Hayes
1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/19	Franz Elementary	Yaritza Colón (Spanish) Diana Sutherland (English)

Home to School Connection

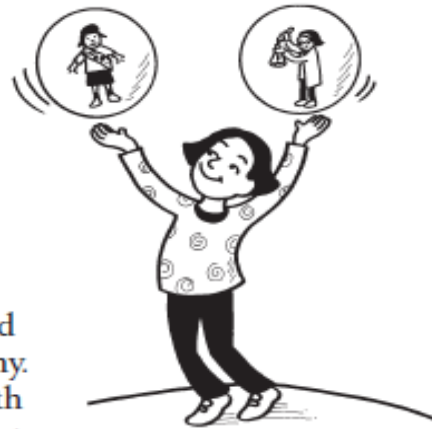
PARENT TO PARENT

After-school activities: Find a balance

My fifth grader, Alicia, was already in Girl Scouts and the school science club when I agreed to sign her up for martial arts. Before long, she started coming home too tired to do homework, and she had little time to play.

Alicia and I realized she needed to cut back on her extracurricular activities. She wasn't thrilled, but I explained that school comes first—and that she would enjoy each activity more if she weren't juggling so many. We talked about what to drop. She wanted to stick with her friends in Girl Scouts, and she loves the experiments she does in science club. In the end, she decided martial arts would be the one to go.

Alicia has more time for homework and play now. And maybe she can try martial arts next summer when school is out.♥



School Safety

For the safety of our students, please follow the street signals and directions from our crossing guards. They are working to cross all students and their families safely. They also help by directing traffic, keep the car rider line from backing up, and help students be on time. *Our school has many students that walk and bike to school and for their safety, our crossing guards cannot make them wait for a long period of time.* We appreciate your help with keeping our students safe!

Information from the PTA

Teacher Recess and Lunch Duty Coverage:

We are searching for our super star volunteers to **help cover lunch and recess duties** for teachers, once a month. Last year, the teachers loved when we took over their lunch and recess duties for Teacher Appreciation, so we decided to bring it back this year. To be part of this "gift of time" all you have to do is [sign up here](#), get to the school 10-15 minutes early to Raptor in at the front (make sure you have your IDs ready) and either help students in the cafeteria or monitor recess. Feel free to email Kathalyn Garza, VP of Volunteers if you have any questions: bryantptavolunteers@gmail.com

Boosterthon Fun Run – TOMORROW

The Fun Run is Tomorrow! Our fundraising goal this year was to reach \$18,000 school-wide and your extraordinary generosity has gotten us close to this benchmark. There is still time to donate by logging into FUNRUN.COM.

We are also in need of some additional volunteers to help us with the Fun Run tomorrow, so if you are available and can help please [sign up here](#). Thank you for your support!



Boosterthon Sponsor:

Thank you to [Kuk Sool Won Cinco Ranch Traditional Martial Arts](#) for sponsoring Boosterthon at Bryant!! Click the link to learn about enrolling your student in Martial Arts!!

October 11 – Dinosaur George

Bryant is being invaded by Dinosaurs! The students will be able to visit an on-site museum full of dinosaurs, fish, and ancient creatures from around the world during their school time when "Dinosaur George" comes to Bryant on October 11th. There will be a tour and scavenger hunt for each of our students, with an opportunity for families to visit this incredible exhibit after school from 4:30-6:30pm. Please save the date for this wonderful event that will be held at our own school.

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](#).

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