

# Bryant Bulletin

March 20, 2019

## Staff Spotlight—Mrs. Wolfkill



Mrs. Wolfkill is one of our wonderful 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Math/Science teachers! This is Mrs. Wolfkill's 11<sup>th</sup> year teaching. Mrs. Wolfkill loves to teach! She loves being able to share her knowledge and help her students grow. Mrs. Wolfkill shared one of her favorite moments in education, "Nothing makes me happier than seeing my former students go out into the world and live happy, successful lives. My first-year students are now juniors in college—they are studying/living abroad, working at local restaurants, pursuing a higher level of education, and some are even getting married! Those students' parents continue to reach out to me, sharing how their precious children are doing in their adult years. That to me is so awesome!

I love creating meaningful relationships with my students and their families." Outside of school Mrs. Wolfkill loves to be with her family. They love going to the movies, traveling, playing board games, and cooking/baking up something tasty in the kitchen. Mrs. Wolfkill shared her thoughts on fostering care and kindness, "As a teacher, my job is to help the students in both of my classrooms begin the school year with a sense of purpose, by teaching them the expectations of our classroom. Treating them with respect and love will provide a foundation of care and kindness!"

## *Dr. Rhodes' Weekly Message*

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Spring Break. It is nice to be able to rejuvenate and hit the ground running for the last nine weeks. There is still much to learn and lots of fun to be had!! Please keep a close watch on our Bulletin each week so that you always have the latest information for the many happenings occurring during this last nine weeks. Please read information within the calendar as well as everything happening in PTA. Thank you!!

**I-Write Contest:** Because we have so many writers at Bryant, we would love to see some win the I-Write contest again and have their stories, poetry, or artwork published in a real book! Last year, our very own Caleb Caldwell won the contest and helped us promote it this year with students in grades 3-5. If your child would like to participate in the contest, we will pay for their entry fee. [Click here](#) for more information. We are looking forward to submitting MANY entries into this contest! We will receive web links which you will use to submit student work. Links will be sent out in next week's bulletin.

**Thank You:** Coach Gregorski would like to send a note of thanks following Field Day-Thank you so much to Flora Rogers, Melissa Gonzalez, Robin Marcoulier, Bobby Jo Watson, Tabitha Garcia, Denise Caldwell, Lily Nguyen, Kristine Phansana, Sarah Veillon, Diana Garza, and especially Kathalyn Garza for their hard work and time spent getting everything ready for Field Day. We could not have done this event without you all. You all are amazing and a great group to work with. I also want to thank the parents and WATCH Dogs that volunteered their time to run a station. The students truly enjoyed their Field Day. The smiles on their faces said it all!

**Kindness Crew:** This week our challenge is to write a kind note or draw a picture for someone else and put it on their desk.

**Student Council Food Drive:** Thank you SO much for helping our Student Council reach their goal of 1,200 donated items. The total received campus-wide was 1,337!! Kindergarten brought in the most items with 366! Thank you for helping our students learn about charity. Sometimes it is hard to believe that one food item can make a difference in someone's life, but it truly can. We choose this time of year to conduct a food-drive because local food banks have reported that they usually get lots of donations during the holidays, so much so that they have plenty of surplus to get through January and February. They see far less donations this time of year yet the demands usually stay constant. Our 1,337 non-perishable food items will make a huge difference! Thank you again!

### ***From the District:***

A public meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 17, 2019, at 1:00PM in the Katy Independent School District Education Support Complex, Room 1200 located at 6301 South Stadium Lane, Katy, Texas regarding the ESEA Title I, Title II, Title III, Title IV, IDEA B Special Education, High School Accelerated Instruction and Carl D. Perkins CTE programs as implemented in the 2018-2019 school year and as proposed for 2019-2020 school year. The staff and the public are invited to comment on these programs. A written statement for the record must accompany all comments made. In addition, a parent survey has been created to gather input on these programs. The links to each electronic survey are listed below.

Parent Survey (English):

<https://goo.gl/forms/QHmvURtMGZJBM28V2>

Parent Survey (Spanish):

<https://goo.gl/forms/qd1GHhZSwaREgFPG2>

## ***Event Calendar***

### **Thursday, March 21**

Bryant PTA General Board Meeting, 6pm, LGI

### **Friday, March 22**

Report Cards go home

### **Tuesday, March 26**

Spring Pictures (notification was sent home today in weekly folders. There are no pre-orders with Spring Pictures. Every Student will receive a Spring Picture Package. You can then decide if you would like to purchase any of the pictures. If not, you simply return the pictures. There are no retakes or makeups for Spring Pictures).

### **Wednesday, March 27**

College Shirt Day

**Tuesday, April 2**

Kindergarten Orientation, 5:30-7pm, enter through front door. (Please spread the word about this event to capture any parent who may not already have a Bryant Bengal but has a Kindergarten who will start next year!!)

**Wednesday, April 3**

Core Essentials Kickoff- wear purple for Hope

**Friday, April 5**

Early Dismissal- 12:40pm

**Monday, April 8 – Friday, April 12**

STAAR Testing- CLOSED CAMPUS, No Visitors (not even for lunch times)

**Friday, April 12**

PTA Movie Night, 6-7:30pm (Food Trucks ready at 5:30pm)

**Wednesday, April 17**

Kindergarten Cap and Gown Pictures (each child will receive a picture package. You can purchase any of the pictures or return the pictures. There are no retakes or makeups for Kindergarten Cap and Gown Pictures).

**Thursday, April 18**

Pre-Registration for incoming Kindergarten and new incoming 1st graders, 9-11am & 1-3pm. (Paperwork is completed through district website prior to April 17).

**Friday, April 19**

Student and Staff Holiday

**Wednesday, April 24**

College Shirt Day

**Thursday, April 25**

Progress Reports Go Home

**Tuesday, April 30**

Parenting in the Digital Age, 6-7pm, Cell phones, social media, gaming and YouTube. Kids have a lot of opportunities as well as distractions right at their fingertips. Find out more about the tools attracting our children's attention and learn some tips for managing the technology in your household. This is an adult only educational class. You will learn apps and other things to avoid or look out for on your student's device, so we would not want kids present and hearing this information. A Flyer and RSVP will come home in April.

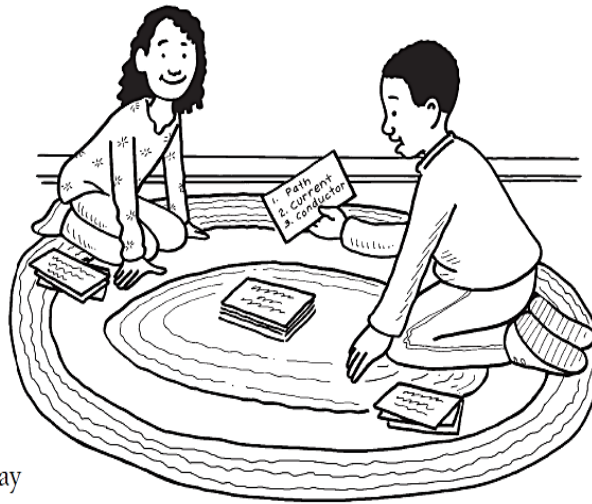
# Home to School Connection

## Mix-it-up study methods

Fresh techniques will breathe new life into your child's study sessions. Share these ways to add variety and help him stay motivated.

### Create a mural

Suggest that your child hang a big sheet of paper on a wall. On it, he can write and illustrate facts, concepts, and procedures he's studying. Say his math test includes rounding numbers, he might write the rule ("If a number ends in 5–9, round up") in big orange letters across the bottom and add examples



in green going sideways up the mural. Let him design a new panel for each subject. He'll have a handy study tool—and a colorful piece of art.

### Play with clue cards

Encourage your youngster to make and play a card game with a study partner. He could write each concept on a separate index card and list three clues on the back. For

"electric circuit," clues might include "path," "current," and "conductor." He can shuffle the cards and stack them clue sides up. Players take turns drawing a card, reading the clues, and saying what's on the other side. Keep the card if you're right—the person with the most cards wins.♥

## Information from the PTA

### General Board Meeting and Election

Please join us for our General Board Meeting and Election for our 2019-2020 PTA Executive Board this Thursday, March 21 at 6pm. Floor nominations will be accepted, with anyone wishing to run or be nominated needing to be a current PTA Member. Those nominated should be prepared to give a short speech as to why they feel they are a good candidate.

**Bryant Elementary School  
PTA Nominating Committee  
Executive Board Nominees for  
the 2019/2020 School Year**

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**President Elect: Kathalyn Garza**  
**VP Membership: Bobbi Jo Watson**  
**VP Fund Raising: Jackie Overton**  
**VP Volunteers: Christina Rannigan**  
**VP Family Engagement: Open**  
**Secretary: April Simmons**  
**Treasurer: Sarah Owens**

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## *February Volunteers of the Month*

February was filled with lots of rodeo fun thanks to our Super Star Volunteers - Tabitha Garcia and Brad Nugent. Tabitha, what a fantastic job you did with our boot kicking ball! Everyone enjoyed the music, crowning, snacks and awesome decor you put together! Brad, thank you for setting up our second annual Katy Rodeo Float, adding a second Float for our Sister School, and getting the hay for the ball and floats! You guys rock! Yeehaw!

## **FEBRUARY 2019 BENGAL VOLUNTEERS**



★ **Tabitha Garcia**



★ **Brad Nugent**

volunteer  
*do good, feel good*

## *Spirit Store Open This Week*

Our Spirit Store will be open again at all lunches on Friday, March 22. Please send your child with their money in a Ziploc baggie with their name on it.