

Bryant Bulletin

A joint PTA/Campus Newsletter

January 3, 2018

Dr. Rhodes' Weekly Message

Welcome back from the break! We hope you and your family had a great time throughout the holiday season. We are excited to begin our second semester. The teachers have been hard at work planning the nine weeks and there are many great learning opportunities ahead. I look forward to the second half of our school year.

Event Calendar

January 8

Report Cards Go Home

January 10

Core Essential Kickoff- students are encouraged to wear Copper (any shade of brown)

January 15

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day- Student Holiday

January 16

Campus Advisory Team (CAT) Meeting, 4-5 pm in the LGI

January 24

Family Night, No Homework Assigned

January 31

College Day- students are encouraged to wear a college shirt

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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Facebook= [Bryant Elementary](#)

Twitter= [@BryantElem](#) [#bengalpride](#)

Website= <http://www.katyisd.org/campus/bes/Pages/default.aspx>

From the Counselor

This month our Core Value is **COMMITMENT**. Malcom Forbes once said, “Diamonds are nothing more than chunks of coal that stuck to their jobs.” This illustrates the essence of making a plan and putting it into practice, committing to do or change something. Below are some great activities that you can do with your family so that we can SAY, KNOW, SEE and BE what it means to keep promises!

SAY IT: Commitment is making a plan and putting it into practice.

KNOW IT:

Ask a kid:

- Think about a short term goal you have for yourself right now. Brainstorm ways to reach this goal (who can help me with this, what steps do I need to take to work toward this goal, when during my day can I work on this, etc.).
- Do you care for your family pet, keep your room clean, or participate in an extracurricular activity? These are all examples of commitments that you probably already make to yourself and your family.

Ask a grown up:

- Have you ever made too many commitments at once? How did you accomplish all of these goals? Was it difficult to prioritize your plans?
- How does it feel to follow a plan all the way through?

SEE IT: Search, <http://www.olympics30.com/30greatest/bonnie-blair-speed-skating.asp>. This is an incredible story of a woman whose goal to become an Olympian was reached through planning, hard work and commitment. Bonnie Blair is one of the top skaters of this century and has competed in 4 Olympic Games earning numerous medals. She committed to the goal of becoming a professional skater at a very young age and made sacrifices and worked hard to obtain her goal. Now she is a motivational speaker and works with numerous charities to give back to her community and the world.

BE IT: At the beginning of each week this month, sit down with your family and discuss the commitments each family member has for the week. This might look like a list of chores, practices, volunteer opportunities, job responsibilities, date nights, etc. At the end of each week sit down again and evaluate the week. Did everyone follow through with their commitments? Discuss ways to re-commit to a goal if a plan was not followed the previous week.

Home to School Connection

Motivated to learn

What's the best way to keep your child inspired to learn? Help him learn to motivate himself! Raise a self-motivated youngster with this advice.

Point to the future

Your youngster may feel more motivated to learn something if he understands how it will be important later. Tell him about ways you use school subjects like math and writing at work. You might explain how you count the money in your cash register and compare it to sales receipts when your shift ends. Or show him advertisements that you helped to write or design.

Move on from mistakes

There are two ways to react to mistakes: Feel discouraged, or get motivated. Encourage your child to look at a mistake as an opportunity to succeed next time. If he made careless errors on a report, for example, he could proofread papers more



carefully in the future (take a break before proofing, read backward).

Celebrate hard work

Have your youngster find natural motivators when he is faced with a big job. For instance, he may plan to read a new mystery he's been looking forward to after finishing a challenging book for school. Or you might let him organize a fun family activity that's related to his science project—perhaps a visit to a cavern if his experiment involves minerals.♥

Information from the PTA

Yearbooks for Sale

Buy your yearbook soon by [clicking here](#). Pricing is as follows:

\$40 Jan 1- March 15

\$50- any remaining books at delivery

Attention 5th Grade Parents—Would you like to buy a yearbook ad to celebrate your student? Pricing is as follows and is also available for purchase on the Jostens website:

\$25- 1/4 page

\$50- 1/2 page

\$100- whole page