

Bryant Bulletin

February 20, 2019



Staff Spotlight— Mr. Lauck

Mr. Lauck is one of our wonderful 3rd Grade Reading/Language Arts teachers! He has a Bachelor's degree from Texas Tech and a Master's degree from the University of Houston. This is Mr. Lauck's sixth year teaching. Mr. Lauck shared why he loves working in education, "I love seeing students grow in all aspects. Growing academically is great but I also love seeing growth with social skills. Knowing my students have the skills to be a good friend and act mature in the community makes me smile. I also love to see my students physically grow and try to be taller than me!" Outside of school, Mr. Lauck loves being with his family, reading mystery novels, running marathons, and rooting for the Cowboys, Rockets and

Astros. Mr. Lauck shared how he helps create a culture of care and kindness at Bryant, "I believe the way to create a culture of care and kindness is to lead by example. I need to show what it means to care and be kind. When I see a student show an act of kindness, I will recognize them and show the class how important I think it is. If I see an opportunity of kindness that was not taken, I will take a moment and teach a kind and caring response."

Dr. Rhodes' Weekly Message

Thank you to our PTA for a wonderful 2nd Annual Bryant Ball!! The decorations, music, and food were all great! Thanks to everyone who showed up to have fun....the kids had a blast!! Looking ahead, the next big event will be Field Day which will take place right before Spring Break. Please see info in the calendar section of the newsletter for times and days.

Common Sense School: As a Common Sense School, I like to provide you with relevant information. I was sent the [50 Movies to Help You Raise a Kind Kid](#) and wanted to share this list with you. Since we are also a No Place for Hate School which focuses on Kindness, this list goes hand-in-hand. This list provides movies for ages 3 to 16+...check it out!

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.

Parent Trip Drivers: The Katy ISD Transportation Department is offering training and part time positions for: Parents, PTA Volunteers, Watch Dogs, Grandparents, and Guardians, to be [Parent Trip Drivers](#). This is a wonderful opportunity for our volunteers to be trained as a Katy ISD Bus Driver and assist our Campus with field trips. Katy ISD Transportation will train, take you through the licensing process, and have you ready to drive for our school field trips. All drivers would need to be officially hired by Katy ISD, and would be paid as substitute drivers. While the district would love to have you drive more often, you would be under no obligation to do so. You would be OUR field trip drivers. Potential applicants may contact Charlie Williams (KISD Bus Driver Recruiting) at CharliePWilliams@katyisd.org or by phone at 281-396-7838.

PTA Executive Board 2019-2020 Nominations: Nominations for next year's PTA Executive Board are now be accepted by [clicking here](#). This year all nominations are electronic. Nominations close TONIGHT, February 20th. Please consider volunteering in this manner. Click on the link to learn about each position as well as to nominate.

Field Days are Coming: Field Days are March 7th and 8th (see calendar below for times and grade levels). **Please note-** There is a limit of 2 adults per student. We use the following guidelines for special event visitors: Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s), Grandparents listed on the Lunch Visitor Form completed in the 1st Day of School Packet who are accompanied by a parent/guardian. NOTE: This is a regular school day. Field Day takes the place of Specials with an additional 20 minutes added on. We need all students to stay at school after their Field Day. There will be no special sign outs or accommodations made to check students out. If you desire to check a student out, the student will return to their classroom and you will go to the office to request your student. Once you reach the front desk and complete an early sign out, the student will be called down to leave.

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

Thursday, February 21

Second Grade Living Museum, 6-7pm.

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- Dress Texan!!

Wednesday, February 27

College Shirt Day

Monday, March 4

PTA Spirit Night at Chick-fil-a Katy Mills on Nelson Pkwy, 5-8pm.

Wednesday, March 6

District Family Night, No Homework Assigned

Thursday, March 7

Field Day- 8:45-10:00—Kinder

10:10-11:25—4th Grade

1:15-2:30—2nd Grade

Pre-Raptor for the event by [clicking here](#).

Friday, March 8

Field Day- 8:45-10am—1st Grade

10:10-11:25—5th Grade

1:15-2:30—3rd Grade

Pre-Raptor for the event by [clicking here](#).

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.

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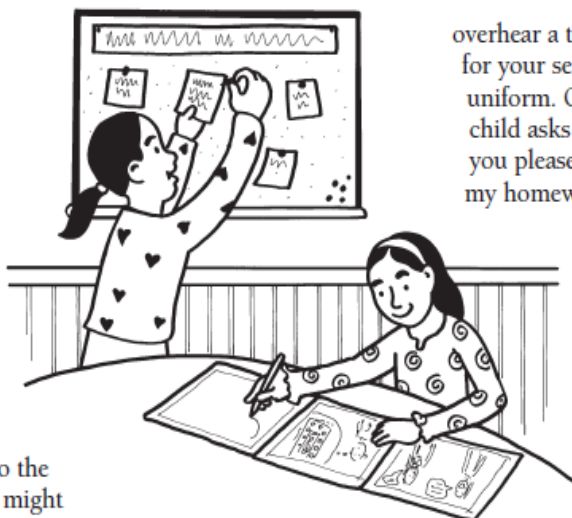
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Home to School Connection

What does respect mean?

Showing respect will be easier for your youngster if she knows what respect sounds like and looks like in everyday life. Try these ideas.

Make a “quote board.” Have your child label a poster board or a bulletin board “The Sounds of Respect.” When a family member hears respectful language, she can write it on a sticky note and add it to the board. For instance, your youngster might



overhear a teller at the bank say, “Thank you for your service” to a customer in a military uniform. Or maybe you’ll notice that your child asks her brother respectfully, “Could you please sing more quietly while I finish my homework?”

Draw a comic strip. Brainstorm ways people show respect, such as by keeping commitments or respecting others’ wishes. Then, your youngster can create a comic strip that illustrates one of the examples. Perhaps she’ll draw one panel that shows her arranging a get-together with a friend, a second panel where a different friend invites her to a movie she’s anxious to see, and a third with her sticking to her original plans.♥

Information from the PTA

PTA Executive Board 2019-2020 Nominations

Today is the final day to submit your nominations for next year's PTA Executive Board. The nomination process is exclusively being conducted online at this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/IGl0zFCWf1g7j4LT2>. On this form, you will learn about each of the positions that are open for nominations, along with the expectations, and who currently serves in that role. Thank you for your help and participation with this process. ([Click here for Informational Flyer](#))

Spirit Store is Open on Friday!

Our Spirit Store will be open again at all lunches on Friday, February 22, 2019. Please send your child with their money in a Ziploc baggie with their name, grade level, and Teacher written on the outside. Please label the bag as "Spirit Store Money."

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. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Robin Marcoulier at bryantptayearbook@gmail.com.