

Bryant Bulletin

A joint PTA/Campus Newsletter

April 4, 2018

Dr. Rhodes' Weekly Message

As a campus we strive to teach digital citizenship to our students from Kinder-5th grades. Unlike many of us, our students are considered digital natives, meaning they are exposed and know how to use technology and digital media their entire lives. As such, I would like to share an online tool with you called [Common Sense Media](#). This website helps families make smart media choices. They offer a library of independent age-based and educational ratings and reviews for movies, games, apps, television shows, websites, books, and music. There is also a Parent Blog which help families understand and navigate the problems and possibilities of raising children in the digital age. I hope you find this resource helpful. Next school year, our weekly Bryant Bulletin will include a digital citizenship tip which can help you reinforce digital citizenship at home.

Reminder: If arriving to school after 8:20, any student entering the building must be accompanied by an adult for sign in.

Reminder: The campus will be closed to all visitors next Tuesday-Friday due to STAAR testing.

For Your Information: From April 4th - April 20th, I will accept emails describing the characteristics your student needs in a teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. Please understand, I do not take requests for specific teachers. If there is a request for a specific teacher, I will not be able to honor it. Please email your student's name, the grade level he/she will be in next year, and the needed teacher characteristics to williamhrhodes@katyisd.org. I will respond with a "received" message. If you do not receive this message within two business days, please resend your email.

You're Invited: Have you volunteered for Bryant Elementary this year in any way, big or small? If so, you are invited to attend a Brunch honoring YOU! Our celebration brunch will be held on Friday, April 20, 2018 from 10-11:30am, in our campus LGI. In addition, our final three nominees for Volunteer of the Year will be announced! If you will attend, please RSVP by emailing Mrs. Diana Durlam by end of day on April 10th. Mrs. Durlam can be reached at DianaLDurlam@katyisd.org

Kindness Crew Challenge of the Week: Be an Upstander!!

Event Calendar

April 4

PTA Chick-fil-A Spirit Night, 5-8pm @ the 25601 Nelson Way location

April 10-13

Closed Campus due to STAAR Testing (No Visitors on Campus)

April 10

4th Grade Writing STAAR Test

5th Grade Math STAAR Test

April 11

5th Grade Reading STAAR Test

April 12-13

STAAR Test Make-Ups

April 16

National Wear your Pajamas to work day (students and staff can wear school appropriate PJs with appropriate shoes).

April 19

2nd Grade Musical, 6pm in Gym

April 20

Volunteer Appreciation Brunch, 10-11:30am in LGI

April 25

College Shirt Day, students are encouraged to wear a college shirt

April 26

Singing Bengals Spring Concert, 6pm in Gym

April 27

Family Legacy Movie Night (details in PTA Section below)

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](#)

From the District:

PUBLIC NOTICE

A public meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 1:00PM in the Katy Independent School District Educational Support Complex, Room 1200 ADF located at 6301 South Stadium Lane, Katy, Texas regarding the ESEA Title I, Title II, Title III, Title IV, IDEA B Special Education, Perkins (CTE) and High School Accelerated Instruction programs as implemented in the 2017-2018 school year as well as proposed for 2018-2019 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. To learn more, [click here](#).

In addition, a parent survey has been created to gather input on these programs. Please [click here](#) to access the survey.

Home to School Connection



Believe it—or not?

Q: My child believes everything in TV commercials. How can I help him understand what's accurate and what's exaggerated?

A: Try this eye-opening activity. Let your son take photos around your home. Half should make your house look good, and the other half not so good. For example, he could snap a shot of a freshly vacuumed room with the bed made and one of an overflowing trash can and a dirty wall.



Now, look through the pictures. Have him imagine he is “selling” your house by showing only the flattering pictures. Is he giving the full story?

Explain that this is how commercials work, too—advertisers want to show their products in the best light. Together, watch commercials, and talk about the “other” side that you’re not seeing.

You could also read product reviews to get a more complete picture. Your son will learn to think critically about information he sees and hears.♥

Information from the PTA

Movie Night:

Reminder to Save the Date for our Family Legacy Movie Night in April 27th! Proceeds from food truck orders will benefit the 5th grade party. We will reveal the movie announcement in next weeks' bulletin.

School Supplies (18/19):

The PTA will have school supplies available to order soon for the 2018-2019 school year. Be on the lookout in the next couple of weeks for more info on our PTA Facebook and website.