

Bryant Bulletin

May 1, 2019

Staff Spotlight— Mrs. Davis



Mrs. Davis is one of our wonderful ECAP Assistants! This is Mrs. Davis' 22nd year in education and her 12th year in Katy ISD. Mrs. Davis works in education because it is her passion and the most rewarding job she has ever had! Mrs. Davis shared one of her favorite moments in education, "One day the mother of one of my students pulled me to the side and told me I was her son's angel and how she appreciated everything I had done for her son. She then handed me a necklace with an angel pendant on it. It made my day!! I still have that necklace 20 years later!" Outside of school some of Mrs. Davis' favorite hobbies include baking, crafting, gardening, and watching a good movie with friends and family. Mrs. Davis

shared how she helps foster care and kindness at Bryant, "I treat everyone the way I'd like to be treated. It makes my heart happy to help others. I got that from my upbringing. My parents taught me so much but kindness and caring are the most important."

Dr. Rhodes' Weekly Message

I would like to take a moment to congratulate a few people for their dedication and hard work. First, I would like to recognize our Assistant of the Year, Ms. Harris. Ms. Harris works with our students needing specialized services. Our Volunteer of the Year is Kathalyn Garza. Kat has managed to round up lots of people to help at Bryant. I would also like to thank the two finalists for Volunteer of the Year, Malonya Redburn, and Bobbi Jo Watson. Thank you for all the hours you have volunteered this year!! "Thank You" is never enough...you make Bryant a very special place,

Announcement: Spring Pictures/payment was due today. If you still have school pictures, please return them ASAP. Thank you!!

Kindness Crew Challenge: Listen to others and give full body attention.

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, entry is paid by the school. Below you will find links for submission of stories, poems and/or artwork for this year's contest. Each student submitting into the contest will need to create an account for themselves, with the help of a parent of course. As a reminder the contest is for current 3rd-5th grade students, so current Kinder, 1st, and 2nd grade students will not be able to submit. All submissions are due before May 31st.

For Short Story submissions, [click here](#).

For Poetry submissions, [click here](#).

For Cover Artwork submissions, [click here](#).

FYI: Did you know Bryant Elementary has a Newspaper Crew? Mrs. Hibler and Mrs. Wilkinson began the program recently with 4th and 5th grade students. The newspaper crew decided to call their publication, Paw of Katy. Check out their first edition by [clicking here](#).

Announcement: Next week is Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week!!! The PTA sent home a flyer last Wednesday, to tell you how we will be celebrating. [Click here](#) to see a digital version. On Thursday we will need a lot of volunteers because we will be covering all teacher lunch and recess duty. [Click here](#) to sign up to help.

Congratulations: We had three grants chosen written by staff which were funded by the Katy ISD Educational Foundation to fund for next school year. Powerful Passion Projects developed by Mrs. Flores, Mrs. Bolt, Ms. Wilkinson, and Mrs. Hellman; 3D Innovators developed by Mrs. Casillas and Mr. Lauck; and Engagement and Beyond developed by Mrs. Colton, Mrs. McLennan, Mr. Lauck, Mrs. Fry, Mrs. Hedblom, and Ms. McKnight. Teachers can't wait to get started on these projects with kids in the 19/20 school year. To learn more about the Katy ISD Educational Foundation, [click here](#).

From the Counselor:



Bryant Elementary will be hosting a Career Day for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students during the school day on May 3rd. Students will attend four 10 minute presentations on various career topics. During specials, students will rotate through four different self-selected presentations. In one of the rotations, there will be a service dog. If you foresee this as a problem for your child, please notify the School Counselor, Penny Flores, at 281-234-4331 or penelopewflores@katyisd.org. Make sure to ask your student what careers they learned about on May 3rd! Thank you to all who volunteered to help make this day a success!

From the District:

Did you know all children 18 and under can eat breakfast and/or lunch FREE this summer? Students under 18 do not have to be enrolled in summer school or be a KISD student. Free breakfast and lunch will be available at: PHS, RHS, CJH, MPE, FES, and RKE this summer. Learn more by [clicking here](#).

Join us for Our Katy ISD VIPS Celebration

Friday, May 10th - Merrell Center

Doors Open 8:15 a.m. - Breakfast Buffet 8:45-9:15 a.m.

Program 9:15-10:30 a.m. - [RSVP](#) by May 7th.



Event Calendar

Thursday, May 2

Choir Spring Concert in the GYM, 6pm

Friday, May 3

Career Day for Grades 3-5th during Specials.

Tuesday, May 7

CAT Meeting in the LGI, 4pm

Friday, May 10

VIPS District-Wide Breakfast, 8:30am-10:30am. More details to come.

Monday, May 13 – Friday, May 17

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

Monday, May 20

5th Grade Completion Ceremony and Reception- 9:00-10:30am ([Pre-Raptor link](#))

Kindergarten Celebration of Learning- 11:15am-12:15pm ([Pre-Raptor form to print](#))

Tuesday, May 21

2nd Grade Celebration of Learning- 11am-12pm ([Pre-Raptor link](#))

4th Grade Celebration of Learning- 12pm-1pm ([Pre-Raptor link](#))

1st Grade Celebration of Learning- 12:30pm-1:15pm ([Pre-Raptor link](#))

Wednesday, May 22

College Shirt Day

3rd Grade Celebration of Learning- 11:30am-12:30pm ([Pre-Raptor link](#))

Thursday, May 23

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL-Early Dismissal, 12:40PM

Report Cards Go Home

ACTIVITY CORNER

Pump up your memory

A good *working memory* lets your youngster switch back and forth between tasks and do work that involves more than one step. Sharpen his memory with these activities.

Story chain

Build a “repeating story” by remembering what everyone before you has said. One person starts with a sentence like “I’m riding a _____ to the _____,” filling in the blanks. (“I’m riding a kite to the moon.”) The next person repeats the sentence and adds his own sentence. Continue until someone

skips a sentence, says them out of order, or can’t remember one.

The last time I...

When was the last time you used a ruler or saw frost on a window? This game strengthens your child’s power of recall. Take turns calling out a question, such as “When did you last eat an egg?” To answer, everyone needs to think about details and context.

(“We had tacos in school on Monday. So it must have been Tuesday, when I got the salad bar and put hard-boiled egg slices on my lettuce.”)♥

