

# Bryant Bulletin

May 15, 2019

## Staff Spotlight—Mrs. Hults



Mrs. Hults is our awesome Library Assistant! This is Mrs. Hults' 2<sup>nd</sup> year in education. Mrs. Hults has a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and a Master's in Library and Information Sciences. Mrs. Hults loves helping students find the just right book for them and learning which types of books each student likes to read. Mrs. Hults shared she loves that every student in the whole school comes to the library every week as it's so wonderful getting to know each student at Bryant and engaging with all of their wonderfully different personalities!! Mrs. Hults shared one of her favorite moments in education, "My favorite moments in the library are when you can connect a student with a book that you know they are going to love! Also, watching the students

having fun when they're at the different stations we have set up in the library where they can learn and play is great!" Outside of school Mrs. Hults enjoys reading (of course!), hiking, watching movies, playing Scrabble with her husband, and spending time with her 2 daughters. Mrs. Hults shared how she helps foster care and kindness at Bryant, "I make sure to greet everyone I see with a smile. ☺ And I try to remember every student's name so that I can greet them by name when I see them, whether during the day at Bryant or out in the world."

## *Dr. Rhodes' Weekly Message*

It's hard to believe we have arrived at another Wednesday with only one more Wednesday to go. We would all like to thank parents, our wonderful PTA, and students for recognizing teachers and staff last week during Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week. The cards, pictures, flowers, breakfast treats, and much more were very thoughtful and kind.

As you can imagine, kids start getting a little excited towards the end of the year. While teachers are trying to keep routines and expectations consistent, the end of the year brings changes to schedules and routines (such as testing week). If you could help at home by discussing your expectation of best behavior at school, we would certainly appreciate it.

I have completed our comprehensive Parent/Guardian Survey for 2018-2019 and ask that each family please give us feedback. Respectful feedback, positive or constructive, will be used to help us grow and make Bryant even better. All surveys are anonymous. Each survey question requires a selection but each written part of the survey can be skipped in case you do not have time to give written feedback. The survey will take 10-15 minutes to complete. Last year we had 97 surveys completed but we would love to have a lot more this year. I am hoping by sending the survey a little earlier than last year, we will have more participation. The survey will close on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at midnight. Please [click here to complete the survey](#).

**REMINDER—CLOSED CAMPUS THIS WEEK:** We will be giving make-up STAAR tests for the remainder of this week.

**School Supplies:** PTA Pre-Packaged school supplies are available for purchase. PLEASE NOTE- Pre-Packaged school supplies are not a fundraiser for PTA...it is a service for families enrolled in PTA. The Pre-Packaged Supplies include PTA membership in the pricing. This method of obtaining school supplies is optional. [Click here](#) for Pre-Packaged school supply information. [Click here](#) for the grade level School Supply Flyer which you can use for summer shopping.

**Special Recognition:** Bryant Elementary has once again earned the distinction of being a *No Place for Hate* School!! Our kids, staff, and our Counselor, Mrs. Flores, worked very hard and completed many lessons and activities to earn this distinction. As a collaborative effort, students helped create the "Tree of Respect" that highlighted a multitude of ways in which we can show respect towards one another at school, home, and in the community. In addition, we created a school-wide mural that emphasized the importance of being accepting of one another despite differences we may have and being inclusive of one another. Finally, we completed a project called "Empathy Shoes" in which students learned the meaning behind empathy and discovered authentic ways of practicing and showing empathy. We focused on reasons empathy is often hard to practice--because one person does not truly understand or know the other person to be able to empathize with what they are going through. So, every student created an empathy shoe that represented what a walk in their life was like. These shoes were displayed in the school as a reminder of the importance of accepting others, being respectful, and having empathy towards others. This summer, Mrs. Flores will be thinking of new and exciting projects for next year!!

**Attention:** If you ordered a yearbook, they will be delivered to students at the end of the day on the 17th (Friday). Some parents want their kids to get signatures in their yearbook and some do not. If you would like your child to collect signatures/messages, send yearbooks back on the following Monday (20th). Students will be given 30 minutes to collect signatures during the day.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students, so current Kinder, 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students will not be able to submit. **All submissions are due before May 31<sup>st</sup>.**

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

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

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

**Attention 5<sup>th</sup> Grade going to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents:** Enrolling in 6th Grade PreAP Math allows students to access math course work in high school including AP Calculus and AP Statistics. Any student may choose to take the 6th Grade PreAP Math course; additionally, students who reach the masters level on the 5th Grade Math STAAR test will automatically be placed into the 6th Grade PreAP Math course. Any questions regarding this course placement may be directed to the counseling office at the junior high your child will attend in the fall.

**Thank You!!:** Thank you to Dr. Jayson Wurtzbacher, one of our parents and dentist at [Sealy Dental Center of Katy](#) for providing staff with a Chick-fil-a breakfast last week. Mrs. Cook also won a Smile Bright Sonic Toothbrush!!

**Paw of Katy:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of our Student Newspaper is now available. These kids along with Mrs. Hibler and Ms. Wilkinson have done a wonderful job beginning our first student written newspaper. [Click here to read!!](#)

## *From our GT Department:*

Parents of students who are currently participating in the spring gifted and talented screening should expect to receive placement results the last week of May through U.S. mail. Notification letters will be mailed beginning May 24<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your patience.

## *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](#).

# *Event Calendar*

## **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

# *Information from the PTA*

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