

Bryant Bulletin

February 19, 2020

Staff Spotlight— Mr. Goshorn



Mr. Goshorn is one of our fabulous 4th grade teachers. He has his Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies. This is Mr. Goshorn's 5th year in education. He says he chooses to work in education because working with kids brings meaning to his life and seeing them excited to come to school and learn each day makes him excited to come to work. His students motivate him to be his best self because he knows they are watching everything he does, how he responds to different situations, and how he treats people. Mr. Goshorn says, "They are our future and I love knowing that I can have a positive impact by doing my best each day for each one of them." He loves being someone his students know they can trust and confide in.

Mr. Goshorn's favorite moment in education happened in his first year of teaching. He says he was teaching a student that no teacher had been able to build a relationship. After a few months of work building a relationship with the student, Mr. Goshorn was finally able to get through when the student let his walls down and confessed some of the difficulties he was dealing with in his home life. After that moment, Mr. Goshorn says they had a special bond. Mr. Goshorn says he will always remember this student and cherish forever having the opportunity to be the one that was able to break down his walls. Outside of school, Mr. Goshorn loves to play the guitar, exercise, play and watch sports, and hang out with his friends, family and his puppy, Ruffles. He contributes to Bryant's culture of kindness and care by being himself at all moments. He says he cares about others and prefers to take care of their needs before his own. Being kind, caring, and compassionate are all parts of who he is.

Dr. Rhodes' Weekly Message

Congratulations: Congrats to Mrs. Amy Ritter, Pre-K Assistant. Mrs. Ritter is our Assistant of the Year!!

Reminder: Please return all pictures from the recent Journey's/Valentine's Strawbridge picture package that you did not want to purchase (or money for the pictures you want to keep). Due date is this Friday, February 21st.

Save Your Coins: Our PTA will begin Coin Crazy next week. Who will be the King or Queen of the Bryant Ball?? See below in the PTA section for more details.

Bryant Ball: The PTA is sponsoring the 3rd Annual [Bryant Ball](#) on Friday, February 28th. The theme is Masquerade. Don't miss it!!

Blood Donation Opportunity: Bryant Elementary is partnering with Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center for a community blood drive on Friday, February 28th. Please mark your calendars if you are able to participate in this act of kindness. [Click here](#) for more details.

From Mrs. Flores, School Counselor:



This Week's Character Challenge: Participate in Random Acts of Kindness Week.

The week of February 17-21 is *Random Acts of Kindness Week*. Students will be challenged to complete as many random acts of kindness as they can. We hope to continue to spark and encourage kind acts throughout the school. Students will have a tic tac toe board of ideas as well as a kindness chain of random acts of kindness created by our Read, Deed, Run and Kindness Crew members. Read more about the purpose behind Random Acts of Kindness [here](#).

Parent Book Club: We will be hosting a Parent Book Club using the book *The Yes Brain*, which focuses on cultivating courage, curiosity, and resilience in your children. If you are interested in being a part of this wonderful book club, please complete the [following form](#).

Responsibility: This month we reintroduced the character trait Responsibility. Students will be having conversations and activities that help develop and apply Responsibility in their daily lives! As we reintroduce Responsibility, we hope to instill new ideas and skills that students will be able to apply and utilize in school and at home. We are using the following definition at school: to take action and understand how our choices affect others, ourselves, and the world. Responsibility is a skill that will change over time as students take on more and more responsibilities in their lives. If you are looking for ways to extend this trait at home as well, check out our [K-2 resource \(en Espanol\)](#) and [3-5 resource \(en Espanol\)](#). For more information, contact Penny Flores, the School Counselor, at penelopewflores@katyisd.org.

From the District:

Summer Recreation Program: The Katy ISD Outdoor Learning Center (OLC) has released information about the 2020 Summer Recreation Program. Additional information and registration forms can be found on the [OLC web site](#).

Legacy Parent Academy: The next session will focus on Internet Safety and will be hosted February 19th in the community rooms at Legacy Stadium from 6pm to 8pm. [Click here](#) for more information.

Dyslexia Parent Education: The Katy ISD Office of Interventions will be hosting a Dyslexia Parent Education Night at the Education Support Complex on February 25th, from 5:45pm to 8:15pm. [Click here](#) for more information.

Campus Event Calendar

February 24-28

PTA Coin Crazy Fundraiser to benefit stocking the Book Vending Machine

February 28

Go Texan Day! (Dress with a Texan Flare)

Bryant Ball PTA Family Event

March 4

Monthly Character Kickoff for Respect (Wear **Yellow**)

March 5

8:45am-10:00am Kindergarten Field Day

10:10am-11:25am- 4th Grade Field Day

1:15pm-2:30pm- 2nd Grade Field Day

You can pre-Raptor by [clicking here](#). *Maximum of two visitors per student.*

March 6

8:45am-10:00am- 1st Grade Field Day

10:10am-11:25am- 5th Grade Field Day

1:15pm-2:30pm- 3rd Grade Field Day

March 9-13

Spring Break

March 17

CAT Meeting, 4pm

March 20

PTA Spirit Store *If students will make purchases, please place money in a sealed ziplock bag labeled with student name and indicating the money is for Spirit Store.*

March 24

PTA sponsored Aim for Success will present *Rock the Talk- Why, When and How to Talk to Your Kids about "The Birds and the Bees."* (Audience- Pre-Kindergarten through 5th grade parents)...more details to come.

Information from the PTA

2020-2021 PTA Executive Board Nominations

The PTA Nominating Committee will be accepting recommendations until February 21, 2020 for individuals who would like to serve in one of the PTA Executive Board positions. Our PTA bylaws require that only persons who have signified their consent to serve if elected shall be nominated for or elected to such office. Likewise, only PTA members in good standing may be elected to any office.

Please only nominate one person per position. You do not need to nominate someone for each of the positions. For your nomination to be considered, you **MUST** submit your name and email address. Nominations close at 4:00pm on February 21, 2020. The form can be found by [clicking here](#).

Coin Crazy

Our 3rd annual Coin Crazy begins next week. The teacher of the leading homeroom at the end of the day on Friday, February 28th will be crowned king or queen of the Bryant Ball!! We need your help counting all the coins that come in. If you can help, please sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080544AEA62CA4F58-coin>

Spirit Store

Spirit Store is taking place this **Friday, February 21st** during student lunches and the PTA is looking for volunteers to help make sure it runs smoothly. Please click on the link below to sign up for a time slot. Feel free to reach out to our VP of Fundraising - Jennifer Nash - if you have any questions at bryantptafundraising@gmail.com. Thank you so much for volunteering! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A4BABA723A0F94-spirit2>

Yearbook

The last day to **GUARANTEE** a yearbook for your student is to order by February 28, 2020. For more information, please contact the yearbook Chair, Christy Boyd, at bryantptayearbook@gmail.com. Yearbooks can be ordered at: <https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/2735885/Bryant-Elementary-School/>.

Get your Spirit Wear!

Our Spirit Wear is in-stock and ready for you! For your convenience, you can purchase all your Bryant Spirit Wear online by visiting <http://officialbryantpta.com>. If you have any questions, please contact our VP of Fundraising – Jennifer Nash at bryantptafundraising@gmail.com.