



Bryant Ranch Tuesday Letter

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Happy Holidays



During the year and especially around the holiday season, it is important to remember that the most important things in life are not purchased. Money just doesn't buy everything, especially not happiness! Family, friends and colleagues all share in the joy of making memories for each other. I hope that you enjoy your special memories and moments during the winter break. Get plenty of rest, relaxation, and most of all have fun! We have a very special community here at Bryant Ranch and I feel so fortunate to be a part of the Bryant Ranch educational team. The staff and I sincerely wish you a healthy and happy winter break, a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We look forward to seeing you in 2012 with a renewed commitment to teaching and learning! See you on Tuesday, January 3rd.

Fondly, Debra E. Silverman, Principal

Please Note: The Lunch Entrée for tomorrow, December 14th has been changed from Fish Sticks to Corn Dog.

Vision and Hearing Screening for all Kindergartners, First Grade Boys, all Second and all Fifth Graders – The State of California mandates vision and hearing screening for students in public school. Our screening will be conducted on Thursday, January 5th and Thursday, January 12th by nurses. The exam consists of visual inspection of the eye, along with a test for acuity. Hearing testing consists of your child wearing headphones, where tones are presented, and your child will raise his/her hand.

Parents will be notified by U.S. mail if their child's vision or hearing screen shows a need for further medical evaluation. If you have any questions, please call the PYLUSD Health Services Department at 714/986-7170 and speak with a district nurse.

Should you decide that you DO NOT wish to have your child participate in the above screening; a written note by a parent/guardian will be required to be on file. Please give the note to the school office prior to January 5th.

Jog-A-Thon T-Shirt Design Contest – Thanks and awesome job to those of you who participated in the Jog-A-Thon t-shirt design contest. Your ability to use this year's theme: *Explore Your Dreams. Education Can Create a Star* was very impressive. It was difficult to narrow it down to just one winner.

But, congratulations go to **Kayden Mandley** from Mrs. Stumpf's 3rd grade class! Your design has been chosen for this year's Jog-A-Thon t-shirt, which will be worn by many students, teachers and parents. Winners from each grade level were also selected, and will be included in this year's yearbook. Those winners are:

- Kindergarten - **Ayden Watts** - Mrs. Dolen
- 1st Grade - **Eugenia Lee** - Mrs. Davidson
- 2nd Grade - **Kayla Gonzalez** - Mrs. Cruse
- 3rd Grade - **Kayley Yoo** - Mrs. Stumpf
- 4th Grade - **Maddie Cusick** - Mrs. Taylor
- 5th Grade - **Vivian Boukhalil** - Mrs. Smith

Congratulations to all of our outstanding artists!

AR (Accelerated Reader) Parties... I am sure that you've all heard about the AR parties from last Friday. ☺ We celebrated all of our students who met their goal for reading under our AR program. This first trimester was not perfect in measuring all of our student's great progress in reading ... some of our students started a little later in the trimester while others had to have their goals and dates extended ... I hope you will understand that this was just the beginning and we are transitioning in the guidelines for AR. In January I will provide you with some details that will help you as a parent to support your child in reading and reaching their goals next time!

Be sure to mark your calendars . . .

Wednesday Dec. 14 8:30-11:30 3rd grade field trip to Yorba Linda Library
 Thursday Dec. 15 10:30-11 a.m. Kindergarten Eagles and Owls Holiday Performance in the Multiuse Room
 2:30-4 p.m. *Cinderella* practice in the Multiuse Room

Mon-Fri Dec. 19 - Jan. 2 Winter Break – No School
Mon-Fri Dec. 19 - 23 Child Care Open 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Mon-Fri Dec. 26 - Jan. 2 Child Care Closed



Tuesday Jan. 3 First Day Back to School
 Tues-Fri Jan 3-6 all week ***Student Valet Team C*** – Salma Almoradi, Dylan Aoyagi, Arianna Battistone, Austin Nelson, Tricia Hatfield, Maddie Hansen, Alex Koch, Justin Ehlen
 Tuesday Jan. 3 all day Art Masters Assemblies for 1st through 5th grades
 2:30-3:30 Art Masters Inservice for parents and teachers – Multiuse Room
 Thursday Jan. 5 8:30-11:00 Vision and Hearing Screening for 2nd and 5th graders (see front)
 2:30-4 p.m. *Cinderella* practice in the Multiuse Room

Mon-Fri Jan. 9-13 Second Trimester Progress Reports go home this week
 Tuesday Jan. 10 6:30-8:30 p.m. Project Read Phonology Parent Training at the ESC, 4999 Casa Loma Ave., YL
 Wednesday Jan. 11 all day 3rd grade Music Mobile Assembly
 Thursday Jan. 12 9 a.m. PTA Meeting – All are welcome!
 9-10:30 Vision and Hearing Screening for Kindergartners and 1st grade boys (see front)
 8:30-10:30 5th grade assemblies with Ben Franklin
 2:30-4 p.m. *Cinderella* practice in the Multiuse Room
 Friday Jan. 13 all day PTA Jog-A-Thon Assemblies (Jog-A-Thon Day is Friday, February 10, 2012)

Monday Jan. 16 NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday – Child Care will be closed
 Thursday Jan. 19 2:30-4 p.m. *Cinderella* practice in the Multiuse Room
 6-7 p.m. ELAC Meeting #2
 Friday Jan. 20 Crazy Hat Day!
 Assistant Superintendent Mrs. Candy Plahy visiting classrooms



Thursday Jan. 26 9:50-10:30 This is your first opportunity to attend the 60 Brag Card Storybook Garden. Please turn in your Brag Cards (pre-counted and marked for this event) to the office by Fri., 1/20/12
 2:30-4 p.m. *Cinderella* practice in the Multiuse Room

Here are the Principal's Award Winners for December 9, 2011. Congratulations!

Racquel Allaway	Jeremy Duong	Emilia Nivinskus
Hamzah Alzayat	Lauren Haines	Juliana Person
Alex Amirpoor	Haydon Higdon	Jude Reza
Hayden Antonelli	Olivia Kenny	Nick Ricchio
Adriana Badallo	Sophia Kim	Amy Robles
Sahil Chekuri	Kyla Lenington	Cameron Siavoshi
Anthony Cimino	Logan Mills	Aaron Woo
Ryan Copeland	Jaxson Mintzer	Victor Yoo

The First Box Top Competition Ends December 16



Second Grade is leading the grade level competition, and the following individual classes are in the lead:

Kindergarten	Langsdale	Third	Stumpf
First	Jones	Fourth	McClain
Second	Muraoka	Fifth	Smith

The grade level with the most Box Tops at the end of Friday, Dec. 16th will be the winner of a 10 minute longer lunch recess and the winning class per grade level will receive ice cream one day when we return from Winter Break.