



Bryant Ranch Tuesday Letter

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Don't forget to bring the entire family to Chick-fil-A in Savi Ranch this Thursday, January 26th from 5:00-8:00 p.m. for dinner. Our teachers and Mrs. Silverman will be serving YOU! ☺

Mid-trimester check up - At the beginning of the school year we set expectations for ourselves and our children so they can do their very best in school. Most of our children do an excellent job of reaching and surpassing their personal education goals. The months of January and February are always great times to check on their progress and with student progress reports just out, many students are working towards re-directing their energy to improve their performance in the classroom. I once read an article by Harvey Mackay, business columnist, which can apply to home, business, or school. It was called *Success is made by failures*. Here are the key points that children and adults can focus on to improve their performance or skills in the classroom, at home, and at work:

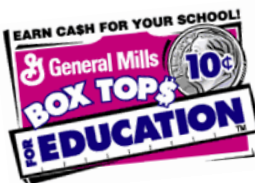
- **Try new approaches** - Persistence is important but repeating the same behavior over again doesn't always work. Make adjustments to what you have been doing. Try doing your homework before (or after) dinner for a change.
- **Decide what is important to you** - If something is worth doing it is worth doing right and doing well. Let your passion and commitment show even if it is a mundane task, such as practicing multiplication facts.
- **Change your perspective** - Do your best to learn everything you can and practice a positive attitude. Lots of practice makes tasks easier. Remind yourself that you are a part of the success at school and it is your responsibility to do your best each day.
- **Define the problem better** - Think about your situation. Decide what you want to achieve (better grades, more times turning in work) and decide how you will go about doing that. Make a plan or chart for yourself and stick to it.
- **Don't be a perfectionist** - Of course you want to do your best work, but it may not be realistic to take double or triple time to complete a project to perfection when other assignments and learning opportunities are there. Be clear on the objectives and work towards completing that and moving on to the next assignment. You will accomplish more and feel great about school.
- **Don't label yourself** - Just because you have not met your goals doesn't mean you are a failure. Every child has the potential to produce what they can do best. Remember, the more you try and believe in yourself, the more you will accomplish.
- **Look in the mirror every day and say "I am in charge"** - You may not be able to control everything in your life but you have control over YOU. You are responsible for your own happiness and success. Make it happen and as Nike says ... *Just do it!*

Bryant Ranch Yearbooks are still available for \$35 including personalization through today, January 24th. As of tomorrow the price increases to \$40 and personalization will not be available. To order your copy online, please go to http://www.jostens.com/yearbooks/ybk_lp_main.html. Type in Bryant Ranch and our yearbook information will pop up. Yearbooks are distributed to students during the last week of school in June.



Jog-A-Thon is Friday, February 10th!

Donation Envelopes are due tomorrow, Wednesday, January 25th. Remember, each student with a total of \$25 in donations will receive a 2012 Jog-A-Thon t-shirt to be worn on Jog-A-Thon Day! (T-shirt delivery will be on Thursday, February 9th.) Thanks for making this Jog-A-Thon our best ever!



Keep saving those Box Tops! A new classroom competition will begin soon. The grade level winning classrooms from our first competition will receive their ice cream treat after lunch this Friday, January 27th. And our overall winning grade level, **2nd grade**, will get their extra 10 minutes of lunch recess time this Friday too!

Please mark your calendars . . .



Thursday Jan. 26 9:50-10:30 60 Brag Card Storybook Garden
 2:30-4 p.m. *Cinderella* practice **for lead parts only** in the Multiuse Room
 5-8 p.m. Chick-Fil-A Family Night

Friday Jan. 27 Crazy Hat Day
 10-12:15 p.m. Kindergarten Owls Field Trip to the Yorba Linda Library

Wednesday Feb. 1 Superintendent Dr. Dennis Smith visiting classrooms

Thursday Feb. 2 2:30-4 p.m. *Cinderella* practice **for lead parts only** in the Multiuse Room`

Friday Feb. 3 8:30-10:45 Kindergarten Eagles Field Trip to the Yorba Linda Library
 7:30-9:15 p.m. PTA Ice Palace Family Skate Night – don't miss out on the fun!

Thursday Feb. 9 9 a.m. PTA Meeting – All are welcome!
 2:30-4 p.m. *Cinderella* practice in the Multiuse Room



Feb. 10 all day PTA Jog-A-Thon – Plan to come by to cheer on all the students!

Thursday Feb. 16 8:30-12:30 3rd Grade Field Trip to the Environmental Nature Center
 9:50-10:30 This is your second 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., 2/10/12
 2:30-4 p.m. *Cinderella* practice in the Multiuse Room
 3 p.m. School Site Council Meeting #2 in the school library – all are welcome.

Friday Feb. 17 NO SCHOOL President's Day Holiday – Child Care is closed
Monday Feb. 20 NO SCHOOL Washington's Birthday Holiday – Child Care is closed



Wednesday Feb. 22 all day 5th grade Colonial Days in the Multiuse Room

Thursday Feb. 23 NO *Cinderella* practice today
 4-6:30 p.m. PTA Spelling Bee and 2nd General Association Meeting in the Multiuse Room – Watch your Tuesday Envelope for more info!



Thursday Mar. 1 NO *Cinderella* practice today

Friday Mar. 2 **MINIMUM DAY – 1st through 5th graders dismiss at 12:45 p.m.**
 ~ Kindergartners attend at their normal times ~
End of 2nd Trimester
Dr. Seuss' Birthday – Read Across America and Pajama Day



Mon-Fri Mar. 5-9 PTA Book Fair all week – if you can volunteer, please contact the PTA

Monday Mar. 5 7 p.m. 5th grade Music Concert for parents/families in the Multiuse Room

Tuesday Mar. 6 4th grade STAR Writing Assessments

Thursday Mar. 8 9 a.m. PTA Meeting – All are welcome!
 2:30-4 p.m. *Cinderella* practice in the Multiuse Room

Here are the Principal's Award Winners for January 20, 2012. Congratulations!

Roger Behle	Alex Doria	Grace Kim	Emma Mudge	Parker Teague
Kaitlyn Belanger	Miles Duran	Ava Langpap	Geoffrey Muller	Merrin Thompson
Martand Bhagavatula	Jessica Gutierrez	Joseph Lee	Charles Pelle	Annie Trinh
Amaya Colburn	Nicole Gutierrez	Nick Magarian	Jake Romero	Nicholas Vega
Kailey Cook	Brendan Hagar	Fernanda Mata	Marid Shah	Vivian Wang
Rylee Delligatta	Jackson Ham	Sarah Meadows	Tatianna Soto	Ayden Watts
Melis Demiralp	Kyle Hunt	Brenden Mercado	Brooklyn Strong	Thomas Wu
Colin Dorff	Nathaniel Kennedy	Jaden Millan		