



Bryant Ranch Tuesday Letter

A National Blue Ribbon and California Distinguished School



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Happy New Year!

I hope that everyone had a wonderful break and was able to spend lots of quality time with family. With the New Year upon us it might be helpful to review the Ten Ways to Help Your Child Do Well in School:

- *Show you care. Your child needs hugs and words of support. Ask your child about their day.*
 - *Read, read, read with your child. Make it fun and talk about what you are reading.*
 - *Make home a place for learning. Help your child practice reading, math, and writing.*
- *Promote healthy habits. Make sure your child gets plenty of rest, exercise and balanced meals.*
- *Be a role model. Your child learns from you. Be positive about education and show joy for learning.*
- *Encourage independence. Allow your child to make mistakes and learn to accept consequences.*
 - *Give your child responsibilities and household chores.*
- *Create a study routine. Set a time and quiet place for your child to work every day. Go over homework.*
 - *Get involved. Meet with your child's teacher, attend school events, and help out at school.*
- *Build success. Help raise your child's self-esteem by setting reachable goals and praising your child's efforts.*
 - *Make school important. Insist on good attendance and punctuality.*

We are looking forward to a happy, healthy, and productive winter trimester. Happy 2012 ...

Library Birthday Book Club... Once again, we are starting a "Birthday Book Club" in the library. With parents asking how they can assist our school, students telling us they want additional selections for reading, and budgets being tight...we want to combine all of these ideas into one that will benefit all. If you and your child would like to donate a **new** book to the library in honor of their birthday, we will put a label inside with their name and recognition of the donation. You can do this at any time during the year (especially if your child has a birthday that falls on a non-student day) and our library clerk Mrs. Sandoval will make sure it is labeled and shelved. (Be sure to include a note with your student name and birthdate.) How wonderful it will be to add to our library while recognizing our students at the same time. Here's to more reading opportunities! ☺



Art Masters Assemblies... We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful and supportive PTA board who believes in a "well-rounded" student. Each year the Bryant Ranch PTA has funded an art program called "Art Masters" which teaches our children the works and styles of different artists and provides a specific lesson in that style each time they have learned about a special artist. This program is costly but allows every student in our school an opportunity to be taught and practice visual arts. Several mediums are used including; chalk, pencil, paint, crafting and sculpting. Thank you to our community and our PTA chairperson, Mrs. Karen Bremer, for providing such an enriching program for our children. I wonder who the next Degas or Van Gogh will be.

Mid-year assessments... In the next couple of weeks our teachers will be taking a look at our growth from the beginning of the year for all of our students. Our district reading assessment, DIBELS Next, measures several of the reading components and let's us know if our students are growing in their reading phonemics, fluency, and comprehension. The benchmark goals that students are to reach mid-year are slightly higher than at the beginning of the year. I am confident that our students are reading with vigor and have increased their reading skills at this time. Bryant Ranch is a high performing school and our results at the beginning of the year demonstrate that with 90% of students reading at grade level. Keep practicing every night for maximum success!

Can you believe it's 2012?!

Tues-Fri	Jan 3-6	all week	<u>Student Valet Team C</u> – 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 1 st through 5 th grades 2:30-3:30 Art Masters Inservice for parents and teachers – Multiuse Room
Thursday	Jan. 5	8:30-11:00 2:30-4 p.m.	Vision and Hearing Screening for 2 nd and 5 th graders <i>Cinderella</i> practice in the Multiuse Room
Mon-Fri	Jan. 9-13		<u>Student Valet Team D</u> – Loredo Pittman, Nicholas Allen, Nathaniel Kennedy, Tori Huhn, Grace Nguyen, Carson Gonzalez, Tiffany Schennum, Tiarah Galvan 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	3 rd grade Music Mobile Assembly
Thursday	Jan. 12	9 a.m. 9-10:30 8:30-10:30 2:30-4 p.m.	PTA Meeting – All are welcome! Vision and Hearing Screening for Kindergartners and 1 st grade boys 5 th grade assemblies with Ben Franklin <i>Cinderella</i> 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. 6-7 p.m.	<i>Cinderella</i> practice in the Multiuse Room ELAC Meeting #2
Friday	Jan. 20		Crazy Hat Day! Assistant Superintendent Mrs. Candy Plahy visiting classrooms
Thursday	Jan. 26	9:50-10:30 2:30-4 p.m.	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 <i>Cinderella</i> practice in the Multiuse Room



Bryant Ranch PTA Executive Board Officer Nominations are due Wednesday, January 11th, 2012. Training is available for all of the positions and the current board members are more than willing to answer any questions that you might have. Become involved with our school, there is nothing more rewarding!

Here are the Principal's Award Winners for December 16, 2011. Congratulations!

Kendra Adams	Carter Hicks	Karissa Malinaro
Maha Alabed	Maggy Kedzierski	Samantha Masucci
Noah Bauerkemper	Kayla King	Jaden Millan
John Calmes	Keira Langston	Liam Rogers
Vlade Dyer	John Lee	Tiffany Schennum
Leia Fidel	Justin Lopez	Peyton Schnakenberg
Mayalia Guntle	Jacob Loseman	



The Winners of the First Box Top Competition

Second Grade won the grade level competition with 1,874 boxtops collected, and will receive a 10 minute longer lunch recess soon.

The following individual classes won ice cream parties:

Kindergarten	Langsdale	(601)
First	Jones	(561)
Second	Muraoka	(849)
Third	Stumpf	(797)
Fourth	Yoshimura	(594)
Fifth	Smith	(430)

Keep saving those box tops! Another competition will be starting soon!