



# Bryant Ranch Tuesday Letter

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**Transitions at Bryant Ranch...** At this time, it is with mixed feelings that I inform you of some changes that are taking place. **Mrs. Kim Voge, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, has accepted a new position as curriculum specialist** for the District's Technology and Math Trainings. Kim Voge has been a valued member of the Bryant Ranch staff since 1995 and has been a great influence to the children and families in this community. Out of all of the highly qualified candidates who applied, Mrs. Voge had the skills and training that made her the "front-runner." Although we are sad to have her leave us, we are very happy that she has accepted the position and will represent the high quality teachers that come from Bryant Ranch School. This opportunity will advance her career in bringing technology and new strategies to children all over our district. We wish her much luck and continued success.

We have secured a highly qualified credentialed teacher, **Miss Suzanne Wedrall**, to replace Mrs. Voge. Miss Wedrall has four years of long term teaching experience and is a graduate of California State University, Fullerton. She has served in a variety of positions at Bryant Ranch in the past 4 years. Students are familiar with her and consider her part of our staff. As she will be leaving the position of intervention teacher for reading and English learners, we will be replacing her with a long term substitute for this year. Our **new intervention teacher, Mrs. Michele Zenk** is a credentialed teacher who taught in our district for several years before staying home with her young family. She is now coming back into elementary school. Both Miss Wedrall and Mrs. Zenk will begin their new positions on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> as we will take these two weeks to begin the transitions.

In addition, **Mrs. Whitcroft will be going on maternity leave** on Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. Her class will be taught by **Miss Cory-Anne Johnston**, who has served as her substitute all year. **Miss Johnston** has successfully taught at Bryant Ranch in several long term assignments including 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, and 1<sup>st</sup> grade. She is a highly trained credentialed teacher who is familiar with all policies and procedures at our school.

We welcome everyone to our team and will continue to pull together to make Bryant Ranch the best ever!



## Jog-A-Thon is Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>!

Congratulations to the winners of our class/grade level donations:

Kinder – Mrs. Blair

First – Mrs. Whitcroft

Second – Ms. Cruse

Third – Mrs. Platt

Fourth – Mrs. Yoshimura

Fifth – Mrs. Wright

**Don't Underestimate the Power of Hand Washing ...** Kids may not always listen when you tell them to wash their hands, but it's a message worth repeating. Hand washing is by far the best way to prevent germs from spreading and to keep your kids from getting sick.

Germs can be transmitted several ways, including through: contaminated water and food; droplets released during a cough or a sneeze; and contaminated surfaces. If kids pick up germs, they can become infected simply by touching their eyes, nose, or mouth.

Good hand washing is your first line of defense. Demonstrate washing hands to your child - or better yet, wash your hands with your child several times a day so he/she learns how important this good habit is. Here are some simple steps for scrubbing those germs away:

- Wash your hands in warm water.
- Use soap and lather up for 15 seconds (antibacterial soap isn't necessary - any soap will do). Make sure you get in between the fingers and under the nails where uninvited germs like to hang out. And don't forget the wrists!
- Rinse and dry well with a clean towel.

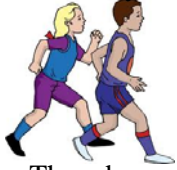
The few extra minutes you spend at the sink could make a big difference, and save you trips to the doctor's office!

# Mark your calendars . . .



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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade Colonial Days in the Multiuse Room  
 Thursday Feb. 23 NO *Cinderella* practice today  
 4-6:30 p.m. PTA Spelling Bee and 2<sup>nd</sup> General Association Meeting in the Multiuse Room



Thursday Mar. 1 NO *Cinderella* practice today  
**Friday Mar. 2 MINIMUM DAY – 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders dismiss at 12:45 p.m.**  
 ~ Kindergartners attend at their normal times ~  
**End of 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 5<sup>th</sup> grade Music Concert for parents/families in the Multiuse Room  
 Tuesday Mar. 6 4<sup>th</sup> 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

Tuesday Mar. 13 all day Art Masters Assemblies for 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades  
 2:30-3:30 Art Masters Inservice for parents and teachers – Multiuse Room

## Principal's Award Winners - January 27, 2012. Congrats!

Maddie Adams	Logan Ehlen	Alyssa Ortega
Aiden Alvarez	Emily Ehrenberg	Mabel Ra
Kennedi Askin	Kiki Emry	Sean Richardson
Carol Boghdadi	Trisha Hatfield	Sydney Rivera
Brooke Brehm	Clare Johnson	Ashley Ruggles
Ryan Bui	Christopher Jordan	Christian Serrano
Tim Chang	Juhi Lakhani	Stephen Serrano
Chase Chatman	Khushi Lakhani	Alina Shawl
Brandon Cook	Caleb Lopez	Adysonn Stella
Britney Cook	Molly Martin	McKenna Stroud
Ashley Cravens	Samantha Masucci	Sanya Villanueva
Dalaney DeLeon	Regan Millsap	Paikea Wall



**Kindergarten Registration for the 2012-2013 school year is scheduled for Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, from 9-11 a.m. in our Multiuse Room.** We are currently taking names and our Kindergarten paperwork will be available for pickup in the office as of Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>.