



Welcome to
Kindergarten Orientation
2025-2026

Bryant Elementary



Ashley Pierce
Principal





Welcome to Bryant

- Principal: Ashley Pierce
- Assistant Principals:
 - Tracy Bashay
 - Abby Bankston
 - Jana Knight
- Counselors:
 - Penny Flores
 - Julie Akerson
- Nurse: Jordan Lambert
- Nurse Aide: Imelda Butcher
- Registrar: Staci Dakus
- Attendance Clerk: Nicole Saenz
- PTA President: Rebekah Smith



Meet the Kinder Team

- Brett Baca
- Kaitlyn Brownlee
- Katherine Chaney
- Kendall Crow
- Mariska Jessup
- Callie Northey
- Andrea Robles
- Lora Zuazua



Rebekah Smith
PTA President

bryantptapresident@gmail.com



BRYANT PTA

JOIN US BY PURCHASING
SCHOOL SUPPLIES OR GO
TO JOINTPTA.ORG WHEN
SCHOOL BEGINS

What does the PTA do?

- Funds events for all **students**, such as: Creature Teacher, Trunk or Treat, Fall Party, Cookies with Santa, Bryant Ball, Glow Run, Carnival, End of Year Party and even more!
- For the **teachers**: Professional development, various trainings to optimize education for all students and hospitality events.
- **Parents & Community**: Tears and Cheers, Watch DOGS pizza night, and Giving Tree.



Our Website:
WWW.OFFICIALBRYANTPTA.COM

FOLLOW
US ON
SOCIAL
MEDIA!



**THROUGH
FUNDRAISING, PTA
HAS BEEN ABLE TO
PROVIDE OUR
STUDENTS WITH:**

New Bottle Fill Stations

Music and Art Supplies

New Playground Equipment,
Gaga Pits and Activities

Butterfly Garden, Benches
and Picnic Tables

...and MUCH MORE!!

Questions? Email:
PRESIDENT@OFFICIALBRYANTPTA.COM





Bryant PTA

I look forward to working together in the coming year! Important updates throughout the year can be found on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and our website.

Facebook: Robert & Felice Bryant PTA

Instagram: beS.pta

Twitter: @PtaBryant

Website: www.officialbryantpta.com

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly at bryantptapresident@gmail.com with any PTA questions or concerns.



Staci Dakus

Registrar

stacirdakus@katyisd.org



Registration

- Pre-Registration: Pre-K,
Kindergarten and New 1st Grade
Students:

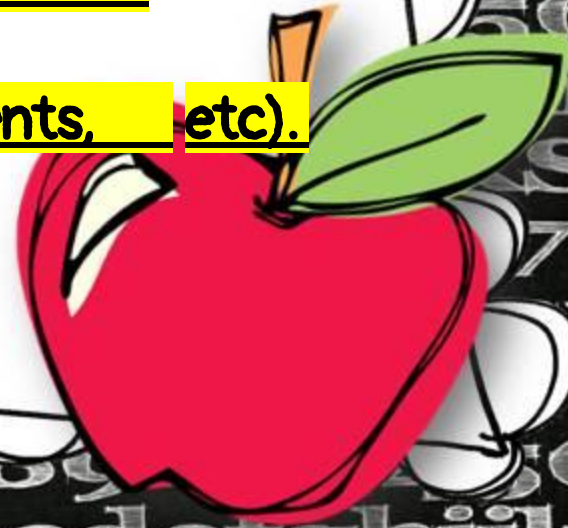
Monday, March 31st, 2025

All registrations are done online
through KatyISD.org under new
student registration.



Things you will need to upload during Registration:

- Birth Certificate
- Social security card (optional)
- Parent ID/passport
- Immunization Records
- Proof of Residence ... Katy ISD only accepts gas, water, electric bills or purchase/lease agreements for first 30 days of move in (Katy ISD does not accept phone bills, car insurance, mortgage statements, etc).



Privacy Codes:

Y - Allows your student to be in all school photos

O - Allows your student to be in the yearbook and class photo for yearbook (no social media photos)

N - student will NOT be in any photos including the yearbook photos.



Note:

If you have a Pre-K student currently enrolled for the 24-25 school year, you do not have to pre-register, you will need to complete the annual student update in August.



Nicole (Nikki) Saenz

Attendance

nicoleeapodaca@katyisd.org



Attendance

- Link for reporting absences can be found at www.katyisd.org under the SCHOOLS tab find Bryant Elementary, FAMILIES tab. (Day of absence only)
- Always notify the Attendance Office if your child is absent. You can report online or email the attendance clerk, Nicole (Nikki) Saenz, at nicoleeapodaca@katyisd.org
- Report online/email before 2:00 pm
- Report child's first and last name, teacher, grade, and reason for absence



Tardies

- All students should be in class by **8:10am**
- If your student arrives after **8:10am**, parents/guardians must come inside with student to fill out a tardy slip. Students are not to be sent inside without a parent/guardian.



Office Information

- Office Times
 - Monday - Friday
 - 8:00 am - 4:15 pm
- Contact
 - Office: 281-234-4300
 - Fax: 281-644-1965
 - Email: BryantElementary@katyisd.org



Penny Flores (Kinder) &
Julie AkerSon

Counselor

penelopewflores@katyisd.org

julianaakerSon@katyisd.org

281-234-4331

281-234-0676



As the school counselor, I am here to help support your children socially, emotionally, and academically.

For students, I provide individual counseling, small group sessions, and classroom guidance lessons based on a variety of things including: Monthly Guidance Lessons, Referrals (Parent and/or Teacher), Age-Appropriate Lessons (reporting versus tattling, how to make friends, how to get along with friends, etc.), or in crisis situations.

For parents, I can provide consultations specific to your child's needs, and I can supply reference or resource materials.

HELPING STUDENTS SUCCEED
is my goal!



Jordan Lambert,
RN

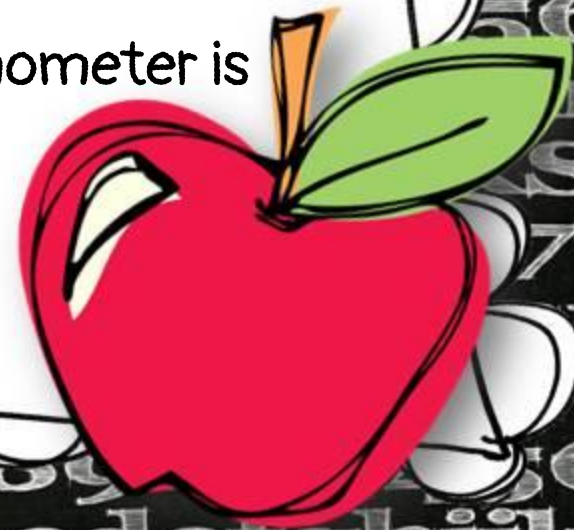
Campus Nurse

Email: jordanelambert@katyisd.org



24 Hour Rule

- If your child has fever, vomiting, or diarrhea, Katy ISD guidelines state that he or she must stay home for a minimum of 24 hours. To give your child time to recuperate and to protect classmates and teachers, the child must be symptom free without the aid of medications for a 24-hour day before returning to school.
- An oral temperature of 100 with a thermometer is considered a fever.
- Doctor's notes CANNOT override 24-hour rule.



Sick Children

- We would LOVE it if all students could attend school EVERYDAY.
- However, as you know, a person can be sick without a fever, vomiting, or diarrhea.
- If your child has very frequent cough with thick yellow or green mucus, wheezing, crusty or pus-like discharge from the eye, or rash of unknown origin, we recommend and sometimes require doctor release with treatment to be in school.



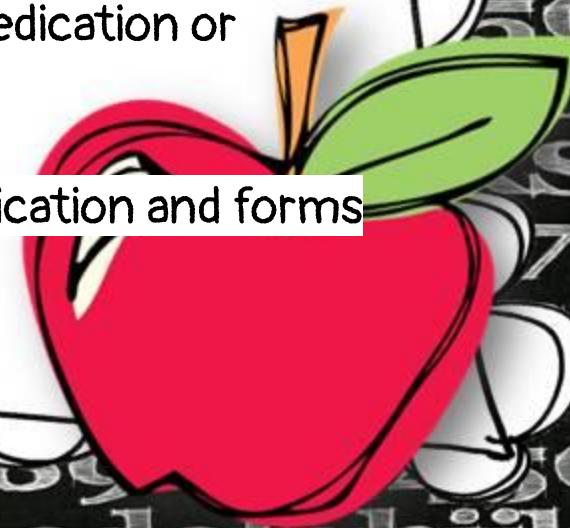
Infectious Diseases

- Reportable illnesses are below, please indicate any diagnosis on the attendance absence form or notify the nurse:
 - strep throat
 - COVID
 - chickenpox
 - pink eye
 - lice
 - impetigo
 - ringworm
 - flu



Medicine

- Children may not carry medicine with them at school-not even cough drops.
- If your child needs medicine at school, a KATY ISD approved form is needed. This must be filled out by a parent and/or the physician with the medicine in its original container. You or your child can drop it off in the clinic before going to class.
 - Controlled substances such as some medications for ADD/ADHD always have to be delivered by an adult.
 - The form is located on katyisd.org search medication or from our clinic.
- If you believe your child needs medication at school, you can reach out to me or drop off medication and forms in August before the first day of school :)



Chronic Conditions

- We are here to help them manage health conditions.
- If your child has been diagnosed with food-borne allergies (or any allergy with anaphylaxis), asthma, diabetes, heart-disorders, ADD/ADHD, anxiety, congenital disorders, etc., please reach out to me.
- Any accommodations needed through the nurse have a form associated with the condition on the school website under Clinic tab



Clothing

- Please pack an extra set of clothing, including underwear and socks, in a plastic bag for your little one that is seasonally changed out. Leave it in his/her backpack. It is comforting to have your own clothes in case of an accident. Even older kids with spills or food. We keep virtually no extra clothing in clinic.
- Flat, closed-toe shoes with velcro or that lace up are much safer than sandals, crocs, and flip flops in helping prevent injuries.
- Policy is listed on the KISD website.



Toileting

- We understand that all children develop at different rates
- In kindergarten, students will be expected to close the door and lock it, take their own clothing down, wipe self with toilet paper (no flushable wipes), and put clothing back on, and wash hands.
- Clothes your child is able to fasten themselves are highly recommended
- For your child's comfort practice this at home over the summer.
- Teach your child to alert their teacher when they need to use the bathroom
- Policy is listed on the KISD website.



Cafeteria food and Diet Modifications

- Food services in schools and diet modifications are monitored by federal regulations
- A doctor's order is required to modify diets in the cafeteria due to food allergies or a disability in a major life activity.
- They do offer vegetarian meal options daily, but you will need to coach and teach your child what to select. Monthly menus are available at katyisd.org and on the app



Home Access Center (HAC)

- Parents will use HAC to view their child's homeroom teacher for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Letters for HAC login information will be mailed to Kindergarten parents prior to the first day of school.
- www.katyisd.org



HomeAccess
C E N T E R



Exciting New Experiences

Kindergarten marks the beginning of exciting new experiences for your child.

- Interaction with new people
- New settings and activities
- More structure and focus on learning

Please spend time speaking with your child about these opportunities!



Katy On the Go

- www.katyisd.org



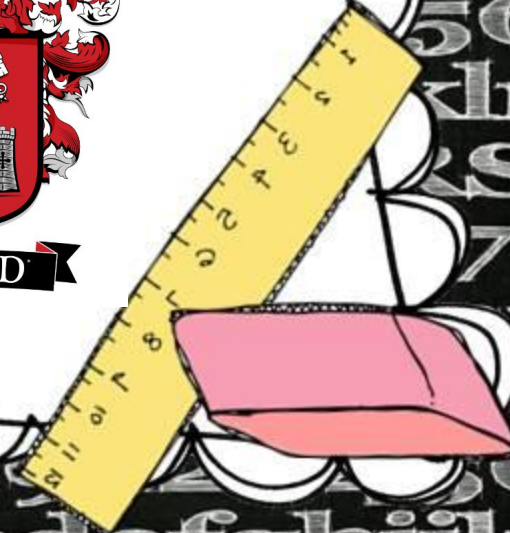
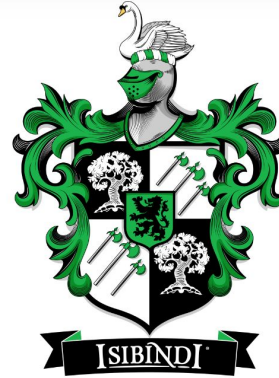
Stay Connected with our NEW

KATY *OnTheGo*

Mobile Application



Four Houses, One Bryant



"IS my child ready?"

- Personal and Social Readiness
- Fine and Gross Motor Readiness
- Communication Readiness
- Basic Cognitive Readiness

These are areas which would be beneficial for your student. We will continue to develop these skills throughout the year.



Personal and Social Readiness

- Separates from parent(s)
- Functions without a nap
- Uses the restroom independently
- Responds appropriately to adult authority
- Follows simple directions
- Demonstrates self-control
- Gets along and shares with others
- Takes turns
- Shows an interest in learning and coming to school



Fine and Gross Motor Readiness

- Uses crayons, scissors, and glue
- Attempts to hold and write with a pencil
- Traces basic shapes
- Can cut various lines
- Throws, catches, or bounces a large ball
- Dresses self
 - shoes and coats
 - buttons/snaps/zippers



Communication Readiness

- Speaks clearly using phrases and complete sentences
- Can communicate needs
- Can say his or her full name, address, and phone number (including area code)
- Knows parents' first and last names
- Follows spoken directions and rules
- Listens without interrupting



Basic Cognitive Readiness

- Identifies basic colors and shapes
- Identifies numbers 1-10
- Counts to 20
- Shows an interest in books and learning to read
- Identifies most letter names and sounds
- Begins to write name in print
- Colors



A Typical Day in Kindergarten

- Kindergarten is a fun, busy, learning filled experience!
- Expect your kids to be happy, well educated, and a bit tired from all of their learning!



Tentative Schedule

- Unpack/Soft Starts
- Announcements
- Community Circle
- Calendar/Morning Message
- ELA (reading, writing, phonics)
- Literacy Stations
- Lunch
- Recess
- Science
- Specials
- Math
- Math Stations
- Social Studies
- Developmental Centers
- Pack Up/Dismissal



Lunch

- Children get their own trays using ID badges or are welcome to bring their lunch from home.
- Students manage lunch independently - easy open containers are preferred.
- We have 30 minutes for lunch each day.
- Prepay using Meal Pay Plus (www.katyisd.org Parent tab) program is highly encouraged (once you have student ID number).
- Parents are asked to hold off on visits for the first two weeks of school.





Recess

- We have recess right after lunch
- Play is important
- Tennis shoes are the best
- Please be cognisant of the weather
(Names in jackets!)





Specials

- Daily rotating schedule of PE, Music, and Art
- 50 minutes each day
- Tennis shoes are required for PE days



P.E.

- Kindergarten students will come to PE every other day. We will be learning everything from locomotor skills, to throwing, catching, kicking, and sports skills.
- Proper shoes are a must. Closed toe, flat bottom, no Crocks, Hey Dudes, or Boots etc.
- Proper attire. If girls are wearing dresses or skirts please wear shorts underneath as we will be moving a lot.
- Try to practice skills at home :)





Library and Computer

- Library time is scheduled.
- Children will check out books once per week.
- Students will get to visit the computer lab throughout the year.





Developmental Centers

- Time to practice social skills, motor skills, and creativity
- Items such as dramatic play, blocks, art, puzzles, games, and technology





Snack Time

- Children may bring a healthy snack and water bottle from home each day. Only clear liquids are allowed in the classroom.
- All snacks need to be ready to eat.
- Snack time is approximately 10 minutes daily.





Transportation

- Children can walk, ride a bike, ride the bus, go to a Daycare, attend YMCA, or ride home in a car.
- Always send a signed note if method of transportation changes. An email sent to bryantelementary@katyisd.org will also be accepted.
- Please try to keep the mode of transportation consistent from day to day. Children can get stressed and confused when it changes.
- All families are assigned a dismissal number.
- Bus routes can be found on the Katy ISD website beginning in August.
 - District Website/Parents/Bus Routes
 - Bus SMART ID Tags
- Walkers must be picked up by their guardian, unless written permission is given by the guardian to walk with a sibling. We do not allow Kindergarten students to walk home independently.





IS your child bus ready?

- Knows first and last name
- Knows parents first and last name
- Understands to talk with the driver if unsure of his/her bus stop
- Has an adult waiting at the bus stop



Preparing for the New School Year

- Talk about going to school in positive terms
- Encourage your child to ask questions and share their feelings with you
- Drive by the school in advance
- Begin bedtime routines several days in advance
- Reinforce healthy habits such as hand washing
- Encourage your child to be polite and state feelings



Name

- Please put names on:
 - Backpacks
 - Lunch Kits
 - Snacks
 - Coats
 - Water Bottles



Backpacks

- Large enough to hold folder, library books, and change of clothes
- Easy to open and close
- Please no rolling backpacks



Meet the Teacher

- Confirm your child's method of transportation
- Bring school supplies
 - No specialized supplies (Hello Kitty, Superman, etc.) - Many rooms use community supplies
 - It is not necessary to label supplies with your child's name
 - Regular plug in headphones


On the Big Day

- Arrive on time, but not too early.
- Leave cheerfully. Don't linger.
- Keep a positive attitude. If you look forward to the first day of school, your child probably will too.
- Students will:
 - Learn routines and expectations
 - Get acquainted with friends and teachers
 - Tour the school



Ways to Get Involved

- Volunteer to help at school
- Join the PTA
- Attend school events, parent conferences, and meetings
- Contact your child's teacher if you have questions or concerns
- Follow us on social media
 - Twitter/X @bryantelem #bengalpride

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Thank you for coming! We
are looking forward to a
wonderful school year!