

# BRIDGE BULLETIN

SEPTEMBER 19, 2020

## DEAR FAMILIES,

Another week down and one week closer to FALL BREAK. Our Fall Break provides a full week for staff and students - October 12 - 16. Hopefully your family can find something fun to do to help welcome in Fall. One more quick note - Bridge Elementary is a public charter school and is NOT tied to a district. Because we are our own entity, our school breaks may not align exactly with the district breaks and our early out days or school closed days also may not align. Please use our school calendar found on our website at [SCHOOL CALENDAR](#) to find our school holidays and early out days.

Mark your calendars - our NEXT \$2 Dress Down Donation Day is Friday, September 25.

Have a safe and fabulous weekend!

Lani Rounds  
Principal - Academic Director



## FALL BREAK OCTOBER 12 - 16

### UPSTART - FREE ONLINE KINDERGARTEN READINESS PROGRAM

Do you have a child who will start kindergarten next year? If so, PLEASE take this opportunity to enroll them in [UPSTART](#) an award winning kindergarten readiness program.

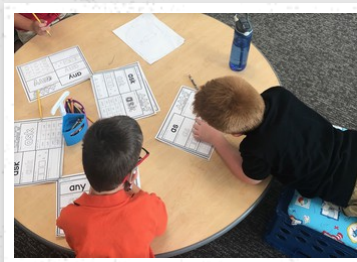
Waterford UPSTART provides four-year-old children access to the highest form of academic support in their early education at **no cost to participants: personalized family education and coaching**, a new **computer and Internet** if needed, and **adaptive educational software**.

The average Waterford UPSTART graduate enters kindergarten reading at nearly a first-grade level and maintains their gains for years to come.



#### CAIS

Our students use Imagine Learning for reading and math each day.



#### STATIONS

Students participate daily in station activities.



#### SMALL GROUP

ALL students engage in small group reading and math instruction every day!

### REGISTRATION FOR ONLINE LEARNING TERM 2

For the 2020-2021 school year, Bridge offers an asynchronous online learning program for students who are unable to come to school for Face to Face instruction. Registration for Term #2 begins September 25 and closes October 5, 2020. Students who are currently enrolled in online learning who would like to continue with online learning for Term #2 MUST re-register. Information about our online program and access to the registration form are on our webpage at [ONLINE LEARNING](#)





## STEAM BEANS

Mr. Johnson guides students in programming our new Ozobots.



## ARTS & CRAFTS

Arts and craft activities are always a favorite in BASE.



## COOKING

Students learned how to make homemade ice cream in Mrs. Tucker's BASE class.

## BASE (AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT)

Our next round of BASE begins October 5 and continues through December 4. Registration begins September 19 and ends September 25. Students are assigned to a BASE class based on their grade level. BASE facilitators will rotate through the grade levels each week providing a variety of activities. You can use this link to register your student(s) [BASE SIGN UP](https://www.bridgecharter.org/b-a-s-e) or the link shown on our webpage at <https://www.bridgecharter.org/b-a-s-e>

## \$2 DRESS DOWN DONATION DAY - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25



## FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

This is a legit picture of one of our DELICIOUS and NUTRITIOUS school lunch options - fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, home baked rolls and a selection of fruits and vegetables. Students at Bridge will get FREE breakfast and lunch until our USDA grant runs out of money or December 31, whichever comes first.

Although breakfast and lunch are currently FREE, please take a moment to complete the lunch application found on your Aspire account (right hand side) to determine if your student qualifies for free or reduced meals. The 2020 - 2021 qualifying amount is nearly \$50K for a family of four plus almost \$4,500 for each additional family member. Please contact [Stacy Henry](#) for information about completing the lunch application.

You can find our menu on our website at [MENU](#)

## ACADEMIC GRADES AT BRIDGE

Bridge uses Mastery Grading using summative and formative assessment instead of grading individual activities and assignments. Grading is aligned with core standards and is provided for language arts and math. Grades will post in Aspire after the end of Term #1. The term ends October 17, 2020. Grades will show as 4 - 1 based on the following.



- 4 – Mastery 81% or higher
- 3 – Near Mastery 70% - 80%
- 2 – Needs Improvement 60% - 69%
- 1 – Substantially Below Expectation < 60%

Complete information about grading can be found in our [Family Handbook](#) on our website.

## PETS DURING DROP OFF AND PICK UP



Just to start - WE LOVE PETS as much as the next person. We have had lots of people bring their dogs to the portico or sidewalk to pick up their students. Kids are kids and want to pet the dogs, tease the dogs, play with the dogs, etc.

Some of these animals are not enjoying all of the attention and some of our families are not enjoying the barking, nipping, saliva or hair (some kids and parents have dog allergies) and because of this, dogs, no matter how small or cute, have created an unsafe environment for our families. PLEASE help us keep our kids safe and refrain from bringing your pets to the front of the school or to the school sidewalk area while picking up or dropping off your students.

## PARKING LOT SAFETY

Again, thank you to ALL who are pulling all the way forward, remaining cell phone free, and are exhibiting patience. School is dismissed at 3:30 - the parking lot is cleared by 3:45 - sometimes even a few minutes earlier. Cussing, using interesting gestures, and yelling at staff or others does NOT speed up the process. Although it sounds counter intuitive, the best tool for improving traffic flow and keeping everyone safe is PATIENCE.

We have LOTS of openings for volunteers who want to help us keep our families safe in the parking lot. If you would like to HELP please email Stacy Henry. Mrs. Henry will be happy to put you to work - PLUS you can earn double the amount of volunteer hours for parking lot duty.

## A FEW STUDENT OPENINGS IN 3RD GRADE

We still have a few student spots remaining in 3rd grade. If you know a family whose student would benefit from Bridge Elementary's unique learning environment, please have them visit our website and [ENROLL ONLINE TODAY](#)



# BRIDGE ELEMENTARY

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[Lani Rounds](#) - Principal (Academic Director)

[Stacy Henry](#) - Director of Operations & Student Services  
(parking lot, recess, lunchroom, behavior, 504  
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