

# BRIDGE BULLETIN

SEPTEMBER 26, 2020

## DEAR FAMILIES,

Thank you for choosing Bridge as the place to send your kiddos! We know you have many choices, including your traditional district school, and are honored you have entrusted us with your child's education. It is hard to believe we are already nearing the end of term #1 and sliding into fall.

Have a safe and fabulous weekend!

Lani Rounds

## FALL BREAK OCTOBER 12 - 16

## TRUSTLANDS COMMITTEE AND PLAN

Thank you for your participation in our Trustlands Committee vote a few weeks ago. Our Committee is formed based on the four individuals who received the most votes. We met on September 24, elected officers and approved our Trustlands Plan. You can find the agenda, minutes and meeting on our website at: <https://www.bridgecharter.org/plans>

Director - Lani Rounds

Chair - Dave Hirst

Vice Chair - Cameron Chugg

Secretary - Yesenia Quintana

Member - Amanda White

# PICTURE MAKEUP DAY

Lifetouch will be at our school on October 8 to take school pictures of all kindergarten students, any online or face to face students that missed the original date, new students and students who were absent during the original picture day. You can order pictures online using the information below.

Website = [mylifetouch.com](https://mylifetouch.com)

Picture Day ID = **EVTZJWJ6H**



## OUR LUNCHROOM CREW PROVIDING FREE MEALS TO ALL BRIDGE STUDENTS

These are the individuals that work day to day to ensure our kids have nutritious AND tasty meals for breakfast and lunch. Remember, ALL meals are free for ALL Bridge students. This status will end when the grant runs out of funding or December 31, whichever comes first.

PLEASE take a minute to complete the Free & Reduced application on your Aspire account to determine your student's eligibility for continued FREE or REDUCED price meals after the grant dissolves. It takes just a few minutes AND besides helping your student receive free or reduced meals, it helps Bridge access additional funding so we can continue running our at-risk programs which currently consist of before school drop off at 7:30 am, after-school BASE



until 4:30 pm and weekly DIBELS progress monitoring for our struggling readers. If you need help completing the Aspire F/R lunch application please contact [Stacy Henry](#).

NOTE - we are also applying for FREE dinner to be served to our students each evening after BASE. More information about this program coming soon.

## VISIBLE LEARNING CHARACTER TRAITS AT BRIDGE ELEMENTARY



## VISIBLE LEARNING - REFLECTION AND INITIATIVE

Students meet weekly with the Visible Learning specialist, [Kaylie Langhaim](#), to learn about traits that help learners take responsibility, accountability and ownership of their learning. Over the past few weeks students have learned about REFLECTION and INITIATIVE. You can use these key words to help students practice the traits at home.

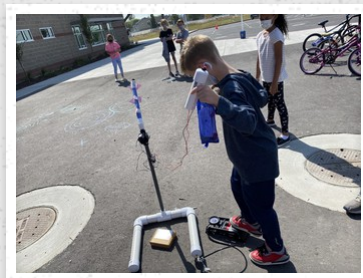
Reflection - Reviewing my learning to see what works and ways I can improve.

Initiative - Recognizing and doing what needs to be done BEFORE I am asked to do it.

You can find this information on our website at: <https://www.bridgecharter.org/character-first>

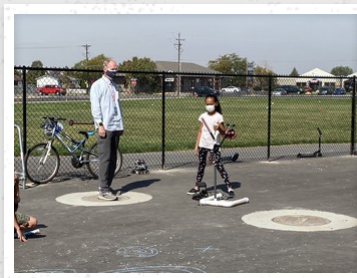
# STEM SPECIAL FOR GRADES 4 - 6

Our 4th - 6th graders meet each Friday with Mr. Johnson to learn about science, technology, engineering, and math. As a real-live engineer, Mr. Johnson has a TON of experience that he brings to our students.



## ADDING AIR

Mr. Johnson built a rocket launcher which students filled with air via a foot pedal on a bicycle pump.



## 3-2-1 LAUNCH

Students used a "detonator" button to launch their rocket.



## ON DECK

Students line up waiting for their chance to see WHO engineered the best rocket (defined by the distance it traveled).

# EXCUSE STUDENT ABSENCE

You are required to notify the school of a student absence within 24 hours so we can update the absence to EXCUSED. You can do this a couple of ways.

PHONE - (801)499-5180

[Website Excusal Form](#) this is found at the bottom of the Student Data page on our website

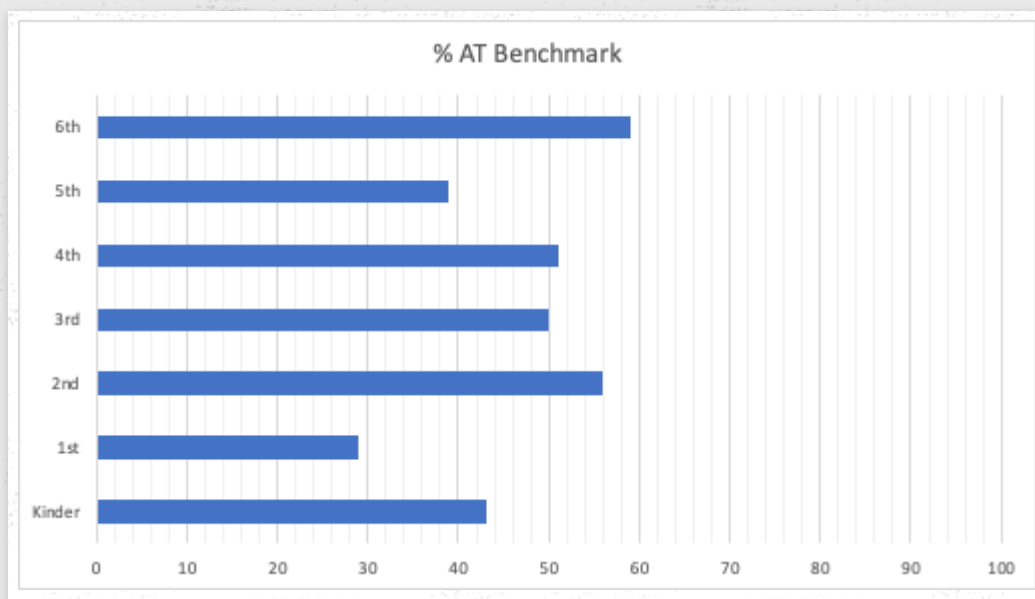
# COVID GAP IN READING

"COVID Gap" is what we are calling the data which indicates a high numbers of readers are not at benchmark as measured by the Acadience (DIBELS) testing. The graph below shows the percentage of students in each grade who are AT benchmark. We have a lot of work to do but are confident that our model, small group instruction, station activities, Imagine Learning, personalized learning plans (grades 1-6) and DATA BASED decision making, will help us close this gap.



Even with our innovative, research-based model, Bridge can't do it alone. We need YOUR help. You can HELP at home by having your child read every single day. If your child is unable to read, then read aloud to them while pointing to the words in a book. Have them "echo" read with you. To increase fluency have students re-read a passage multiple times using a timer - each time trying to beat their score. Non-readers should practice fluency with letter names and letter sounds. ALL students will benefit by providing an oral summary of what they read or what they had read to them.

Several grade levels already have an at-home reading incentive program in place. Reach out to your child's teachers to see if their class has a reading incentive program.



## REPORT CARDS AND DATA REPORTS

The term ends October 9, right before we leave for Fall Break. Aspire will be updated on Friday October 9 to reflect your child's mastery grade in reading and math. For most students the grade will be reflective of two data points for both reading and math. In the envelope with your child's report card will also be reports from Acadience (DIBELS), Imagine Learning and an information sheet explaining Mastery grading and the data used to calculate your child's grade. "Mastery" indicates how close your child is to mastering (81% or higher) the grade level expectations.

## OPTIONAL ONLINE LEARNING

We feel strongly that students will benefit most by being at-school for face-to-face instruction. However, in these crazy times we understand that there are some students for which it may be unsafe for them, or for a loved one, for the child to attend school until COVID is behind us.

For these students we offer an optional online program. Information about our program is on our website at [OPTIONAL ONLINE LEARNING](#)

Registration for Term #2 for the online learning program ends October 5.

**Current online students** MUST register for Term #2 if they intend to continue with online learning. Current online students who wish to come to face-to-face instruction must inform [Sara Tucker](#) our online facilitator. Mrs. Tucker has sent online students a form to complete to indicate if they plan to attend in-person for Term #2.



## BASE - BRIDGE AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Our after-school enrichment program runs each day, 3:30 - 4:30 pm except Wednesday. We are currently serving an average of 160 kiddos each day. Session #2 begins October 5 and continues thru December 4.

As you know, students are now grouped by grade level for BASE and attendance is taken. Students MUST be pre-registered for BASE. This is to allow for contact tracing if a positive COVID case occurs. The sign up for Session #2 has ended (deadline was September 25).

With Session #2 our BASE facilitators will rotate each week from grade to grade with a pre-planned activity. These activities vary from art to yoga and each BASE class your student will participate in a different weekly activity.

If your student is registered for BASE, then that is where we send your child after school. If you do not wish your child to participate in a BASE class on a day for which they are registered, you MUST call the office (801)499-5180. You certainly can email your child's

teacher; however, they are so busy during the day you can not be assured that the teacher will have time to read or answer their email by 3:30 pm.

If you arrive before 4:30 pm to check your child out of BASE, you must come to the office and present ID.

Our BASE facilitator is [Sara Tucker](#) - please reach out to her with any questions or concerns about BASE.



## WANT TO BECOME A SUBSTITUTE?

Bridge uses Ready2Teach to request substitutes - this includes teachers, para-educators and support staff. Bridge pays our subs \$12 hour. Use the Ready2Teach icon above to begin your journey as a substitute educator or staff member.

## ENROLL ONLINE - 1ST & 3RD GRADE SPOTS AVAILABLE

We have had a couple of students move and now have a few spots available in 1st and 3rd grade. Please let your friends and family know they can [ENROLL ONLINE TODAY](#) through our website at <https://www.bridgecharter.org/enroll-today>.





# BRIDGE ELEMENTARY



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Mission - The mission of Bridge Elementary is to provide students with a personalized learning experience and **empower** them to take personal ownership and accountability for their **own** academic performance.

[Lani Rounds](#) - Academic Director (Principal - teaching, learning and Keeper of the Mission & Vision)

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

[Julie Christensen](#) - Special Education Director

[Sara Tucker](#) - Admin Support (Online Facilitator, BASE Coordinator, ELL Support, Title 1 Coordinator and 4th grade mentor)

[Lalani Williams](#) - Lead Secretary (enrollment, registration, Aspire, and many more)



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