

# BRIDGE BULLETIN

NOVEMBER 21, 2020

## SOFT CLOSURE - OVER!!!

Thank you families for all of your support during soft closure - support with your kiddos accessing Zoom, completing Imagine Learning, completing their packets, picking up FREE breakfast and lunch, and your support of the decision to move to soft closure. It was a TOUGH decision and one that was made with input from the health department, Board members, staff, and our education management company. On that Friday, when I was weighing all of our options, we had four members who tested positive for COVID19. However, we had dozens who were quarantined because of close contact and many others who were home sick. I knew we couldn't run a school safely with half of our educational staff gone and a depleted substitute pool. It turns out the decision was the absolute best choice for our school and families - as of yesterday we had over 20 staff and 8 students who tested positive for COVID19.

When we return on November 30 our school will be sparkling clean and sanitized and our teachers and paras will have more stringent COVID mitigation practices to help reduce the chances of COVID spread and reduce the numbers of staff who are in close contact with one another. Our personalized learning model requires a TON of collaboration and joint planning (our teachers get 16 hours each week). Teachers will now be planning at a distance of at least 6' apart and using digital tools to collaborate as often as possible. It isn't the BEST method of collaboration but during these crazy times it is certainly the SAFEST way to collaborate.

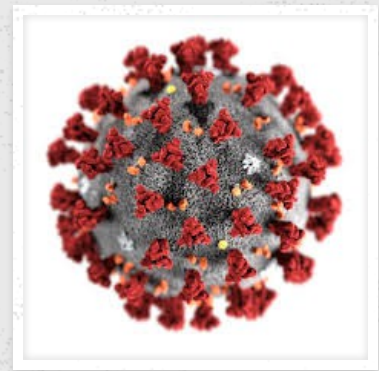
We are all SO excited to see your students on November 30!

Please have a safe Thanksgiving!

Lani Rounds  
Principal

# COVID MITIGATION

Please ensure you are not sending students to school who are sick. For many, COVID begins as a headache and a "scratchy" throat. For some, that's the only symptom. For others the symptoms quickly progress to body aches, fever, shortness of breath and a cough. In order to mitigate the spread of COVID at Bridge, staff and students who do not "feel well" must remain at home.



When students come to the office because they are "not feeling well" we take their temperature and then call home. If our school nurse is available she can assess the student to determine if the student just needs a drink of water and a minute to relax. If the school nurse is NOT available the office staff has no medical training and their instructions are to call parents and send the child home. Please be understanding. We KNOW it is an inconvenience but we are trying our best to keep staff and students safe.



## PREP

A team of about 10 people came together to help prep boxes for FREE breakfast and lunch for our students during soft closure.



## MILK

All families received a gallon or more of milk.



## BOXES PACKED FULL

Items included waffles, cinnamon rolls, French toast sticks, corndogs, hamburgers, chicken nuggets, burritos, fresh fruits and veggies!





## LOST & FOUND

Our Lost & Found is overflowing and is ready for donation to a local charity. We have placed ALL lost items under our front portico. They will remain there until November 30 at 8:40 am. PLEASE take a road trip and stop by the school to see if any of the items belong to your child.

## READY2TEACH

Bridge is ALWAYS in need of great subs! If you are interested in subbing at Bridge - lunchroom, recess, classrooms, special education, etc. please apply today through Ready2Teach using the button above. We pay \$12 for all substitute positions.

## CHECK THE WEATHER - RECESS GUIDELINES

Please make sure when we return to school, your child dresses accordingly for the weather – hats, coats, gloves and boots during wet and cold weather. We live in Utah where snow, ice and cold weather are inevitable. Students WILL BE outside for recess and PE unless the “feels



like" temperature is below 20F or the precipitation (heavy snow or rain) will result in wet kids, or the winds are heavy enough that there is a chance of injury.

The school will follow the State's recess guidelines regarding bad air days. All students will be kept inside for PE and recess during "red" days. Students at risk of respiratory issues will be kept inside during "yellow" days providing parents notify the teacher and the office.

You can find the above information in our [Parent Handbook](#).

## *Thanksgiving Break*



**NOVEMBER 23 - 27**  
NO SCHOOL

## INTENT TO RETURN AND THE LOTTERY

I know it sounds CRAZY but, it is nearly time for you to provide your "Intent to Return" to Bridge for the next school year. The information to declare your intent will be sent on December 1 via email. Shortly after you will complete registration for next school year. Once the registration is complete your child will be "rolled over" for the next school year. Once that is completed we will have the information we need (how many spots available) to run the lottery for the upcoming school year.

The lottery will open January 18 for new students who wish to attend Bridge as well as

FIRST priority in the lottery. SO, if you have a student who will be in kindergarten next year and they have a sibling currently at Bridge, those will be the FIRST students we pull through the lottery (we have room for 75 kindergarten students next year). Our first lottery will be on February 2, 2021. We will begin advertising the [ENROLL NOW](#) link for new students shortly before the lottery opens.

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## BRIDGE ELEMENTARY

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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.

### WHO TO CONTACT FOR WHAT

Principal - [Lani Rounds](#)


Lead Secretary - [Lalani Williams](#) (Aspire, registration, lottery)

Director of Special Education - [Julie Christensen](#) - (IEPs and students with disabilities)

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