

BRIDGE BULLETIN

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JANUARY FLYING BY

All is quiet on the Bridge front! Lots of great learning happening - happy kids and happy staff makes for a terrific learning environment.

Mrs. Eschler's class is the FIRST winner of our Masks Up Zero Ribbits campaign. Her cute little class will get a dance party and movie one afternoon next week. Mrs. Eschler's class had 16 "purple" tickets. Both 3rd and 4th grades tied for 2nd place with 14 tickets.

Have a fabulous weekend and see you Monday!

Lani Rounds
Principal

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent Teacher Conferences are in February. Teachers have created a conference schedule and a sign up. Teachers have sent information regarding signing up for a conference. The conference schedule and links for sign up are also available on our website at:

<https://www.bridgecharter.org/school-events>



Please NOTE - our conferences are on February 24, 25 and 26. Conferences on February 25 and 26 are ALL day and there is **NO school** on those two days. Wednesday, February 24 is a short day and school is dismissed at 1:15.

Teachers will have conferences available 4 pm - 8 pm on one of the days to allow for working parents. Teachers will offer a combination of Zoom and in-person meetings to help us remain COVID compliant. If you are planning to attend in-person PLEASE bring a maximum of TWO people to the conference to ensure the safety of all individuals present and ALL individuals ages 3+ must wear a face covering.

LOTTERY IS NOW OPEN

The lottery opened on Monday, January 18 at 10:00 am for the general public.

On February 2, we will run the first lottery. With this lottery we will select students with preferences - siblings, military, children or grandchildren of founding board members, and children of employees. Then, the lottery program will fill any remaining spots by randomly selecting any other students in the lottery.

If you have friends, neighbors or family members interested in having their children attend Bridge for the 2021-2022 school year, please let them know that THIS lottery is the MOST important lottery of the entire year as it is the one that initially fills our seats. We will run additional lotteries, every two weeks as needed, if open seats become available.

The link to the 2021 - 2022 lottery is on our webpage

<https://www.bridgecharter.org/enroll-today>.



VALENTINE'S DAY EXCHANGE

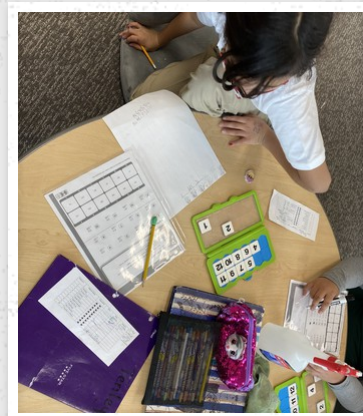
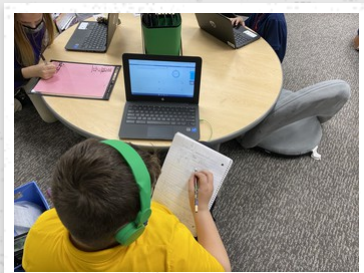
There will be NO exchange of Valentine's cards or gifts this year at Bridge between students. This doesn't mean teachers won't be doing something fun IN the classroom. We made this decision based on current COVID restrictions and the current rise in positive COVID rates within the community. We may be erring on the side of caution but we feel this is the BEST way to help keep our students safe. **Please be understanding** - one day this pandemic will be behind us and we can return to what we refer to as "normal operations".



Additionally, Valentine's Day is on a Saturday this year making it a great time to celebrate with the family. The previous Friday (February 12) and the following Monday (February 15) are also *no school* days.

OUR MODEL IN ACTION

Our model includes small group learning for reading and math, computer aided instruction in language arts and math, and stations in which students work independently or collaboratively to complete work aligned with core standards and their personalized learning plan (grade 1 - 6). The pictures below show math CAIS, small group reading in a 4th grade classroom, and a math station.



WHOLE GROUP LEARNING

Another part of our model is whole group learning using Heggerty (phonemic awareness for grades K-2) and Vocabulary Surge (grades 3-6). This is a picture of our 1st graders working on Heggerty in the KIVA. Because this is a phonemic awareness program and seeing and hearing the sounds is critical to the learning, Mrs. Archuleta wears a face shield so students can see her mouth form the sounds. She is also using our amazing Audio Enhancement system which helps teachers provide crystal clear instruction through a state-of-the-art amplification system.



READY2TEACH

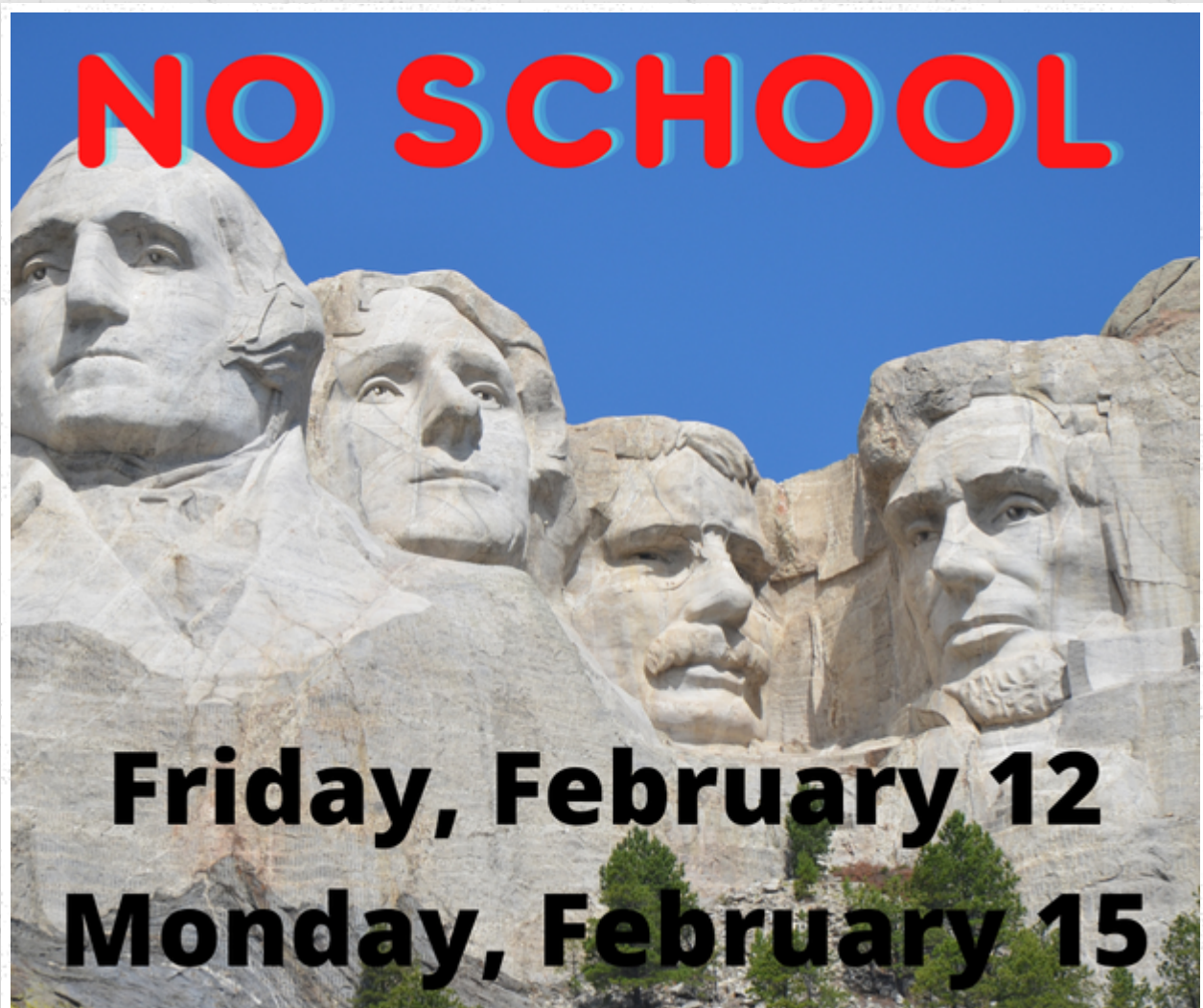
Bridge is ALWAYS in need of great subs! If you are interested in subbing at Bridge - lunchroom, recess, classrooms, special education, etc. please apply today through Ready2Teach using the button above. We pay \$12 for all substitute positions.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY AND PRESIDENT'S DAY

Friday, February 12, is a Professional Learning Day for teachers and there is NO school for students. The following Monday, February 15, is President's Day and there is no school for

staff or students. This allows our families a FOUR DAY weekend with Valentine's Day squished in between. You can find our calendar on our website at

<https://www.bridgecharter.org/school-calendar>



VISIBLE LEARNING - ENTHUSIASM

This month during Visible Learning, students are learning about the importance of Enthusiasm. Please have your students practice the following "I Will..." statements.

- I will be an energy giver.
- I will smile.
- I will encourage others.
- I will treat every job as important.
- I will not be discouraged by failure.



Our mission is to empower students to take ownership of their own learning. By learning, practicing and embracing these visible learning traits, students will have the skills needed to become accountable for their own lifelong learning. You can find the six Visible Learning traits on our website at [Visible Learning](#)



BRIDGE ELEMENTARY



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)

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