

# BRIDGE BULLETIN

**FEBRUARY 6, 2021**

## 100 DAYS!

Our kindergarten classes had a terrific time celebrating 100 Days of school. Yes folks, that means we only have 80 days left. I am shaking my head in disbelief as the year has flown by so quickly.

Thank you for those who completed our parent survey. The data is SO helpful for us to know where improvements are needed. Our last survey indicated the weakest area was teacher communication with parents. Teachers made some changes and our score in this area has increased, though it is evident we still have some work to do. This is a summary of the percentage of respondents who gave us a high marks in the following areas:

- Provide a safe and supportive environment = 94%
- Educational needs are being met = 95%
- Recommend Bridge to other families = 95%
- Teachers communicate student progress with parents = 86%

Have a fabulous weekend and remember there is NO school next Friday (Feb. 12) and Monday (Feb. 15).

Lani Rounds  
Principal

## LIBRARY BOOK CHECKOUTS

Yes - we have finally been able to open the library for kids to check out books! They are super excited and are following the COVID rules we have had to put in place. Our kids can check out books for 3 weeks at a time.

Kindergarten and second grade students visit the library on Mondays.

The other grades all visit the library on Tuesdays.

Please remind your student to take good care of their library books!



## COLD - WET - MUDDY CLOTHES

Somedays it's freezing and the field is frozen - somedays it's warm and the field is wet and muddy. Someday it will be warm and the field will be grass again. Regardless of the conditions the kiddos STILL love playing on the field during recess. This results in lots of wet and muddy kids.



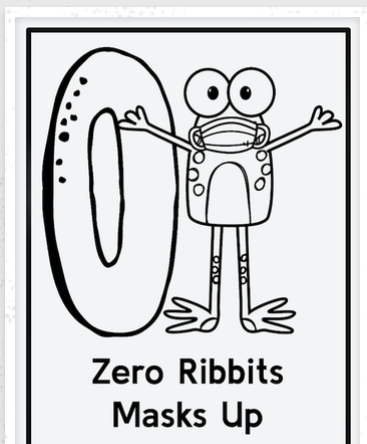
If your child has borrowed Bridge clothing because they got too wet and muddy to return to class, PLEASE return the borrowed clothing (you can keep the underwear - we don't reuse those). Currently, less than 25% of the items get returned to the school. Just place the borrowed clothing in the laundry basket in the foyer. We will wash the items and have them ready for the next person in need.

We are in DESPERATE need of donated dress code appropriate items in sizes 5/6 and 7/8 - these are the littles that have the hardest time staying out of the mud. If you have items to donate, please bring them to the foyer and put them in the laundry hamper. I KNOW your clothes are clean, but for COVID reasons we wash everything brought to the school.

NOTE - we are only having the really wet and muddy kids change. When they are just a little wet or muddy we brush them off and send them back to class. If you want your child to change their clothes if they are a little wet, muddy, dirty, please send them their own change of clothes in their backpack. Also, we do NOT have extra shoes so Little Johnnie or Sally will need to wear their cold wet shoes all day unless a parent can bring them another pair.

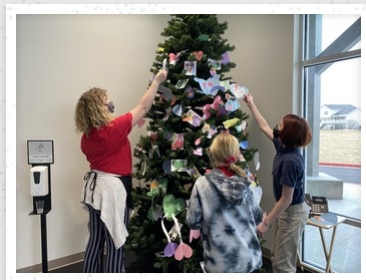
## PURPLE TICKET WINNERS!

If you remember we have a "Zero Ribbits Masks Up campaign" at the school. When students transition quietly and all have their masks in the CORRECT position, the grade level (or kindergarten class) may receive a PURPLE ticket. At the end of two weeks the grade with the most purple tickets gets a Purple Ticket Party!



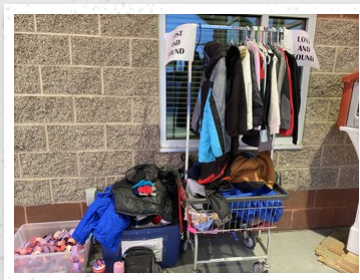


The recent winner is 1st grade! They had 16 tickets while 4th grade and 5/6 grade both had 15 tickets. First grade's party will be on Monday!!!!



## EVERYDAY TREE

The theme for February is "Love and Kindness".



## LOST & FOUND

All items will be bagged and donated on Monday.



## 1ST GRADE SCIENCE

Learning about movement and vibrations.

## 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 is 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.

## 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.

## 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>



# NO SCHOOL

**Friday, February 12**  
**Monday, February 15**

## VISIBLE LEARNING - DETERMINATION



This month during Visible Learning, students are learning about the importance of Determination - "Overcoming obstacles to meet my goals."

Please have your students practice the following "I Will..." statements.

- I will set the right goals.
- I will get moving.
- I will face challenges.
- I will keep trying.
- 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)

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

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