

BRIDGE BULLETIN

MARCH 27, 2021

FROM THE DESK OF MRS. ROUNDS

Here it is - the END of term 3 and the SLIDE to the end of the year. Some things to look forward to between now and the last day of school, June 3.



- Report cards sent home by next Friday (see below for more information about grades).
- Spring Break (no school) April 5 - 9
- Zoom meeting with your child's PLP advisor for Term #4 (grades 1 - 6)
- Staff Appreciation Week May 3 - 7
- DIBELS Testing May 10 - 21
- RISE Testing (grades 3-6) May
- KEEP (kindergarten testing) May
- Memorial Day (no school) May 31
- Field Day June 3

As always, thank you for entrusting us with your children's education.

Have a terrific weekend and we will see you Monday morning!

Lani Rounds
Principal

TERM #3 GRADES

Remember, we use MASTERY to determine if a student's level (grade) in reading, math and writing (grades 3+). A student who has achieved mastery (4 on the report cards) is at "grade level" and has mastered that content for the current grade. Since it is then end of Term #3 students who are on track to reach mastery would receive a "3" on their report card. Students who receive a 2 are below expectation of reaching mastery and students who receive a 1 are significantly below the expectation of grade level mastery.



Grades are determined based on middle of year assessments for DIBELS, Imagine Learning reading and math, a classroom math assessment, and for grades 3+, the writing grade is based on a RISE benchmark test.

This has been a TOUGH year for all schools - not just students at Bridge. The primary factors contributing to the reduction of students at mastery are the three months missed at the end of last year and the combination of soft closures and quarantines this year. We estimated that by January 1, after counting quarantines, soft closure, fall, Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks, our students had missed 8 weeks of school this year and some had multiple two-week quarantines increasing that time to 12 weeks.

As can be heard from every single teacher at school *"We can't wait until next year."* Our students have already made tremendous gains helping close the "COVID" gap. However, we are excited for next year to see the impact uninterrupted, mask-free education has on students. Normalization, having students and staff familiar with the Bridge model, and the changes we will make (more about this at the end of May) are all ways that we will see great improvement, school-wide, next year.

Spring

Break

APRIL 5 - 9



STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

Instead of having "secretary day" or "teacher day" or "librarian day" to thank and celebrate only a few groups of employees, we have chosen to have our own week, May 3 - 7, **STAFF**

APPRECIATION WEEK. We very much believe that EVERY SINGLE person at the school plays a significant role in our success. Whether a person is teaching a class, putting a bandaid on a child, comforting an upset kiddo, sweeping a floor, cleaning a toilet, or serving a meal, THAT individual is an essential part of our successful school.



As a director, I truly believe in the saying, *"Although our roles are different, our value is the same."*

During the week of May 3 - 7, please take a moment to send your favorite staff member an email, a card, or even a sticky note to THANK THEM for the difference they make in your child's life.

FIELD DAY PRIZES NEEDED

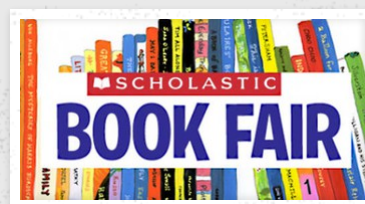
Our Field Day is going to be SO MUCH FUN! We will have bounce houses, an outdoor BBQ, face painting, balloon animals, games with prizes, a magician, an obstacle course and races, and a movie comprised of lots of pictures taken during the school year. We want this Field Day to be spectacular - thanking kiddos for their hard work and dedication during a VERY challenging year!



We are looking for donations of prizes for our games. These are just simple prizes like you would find in a bag at Zurchers, order through Oriental Trading or the pick up at the Dollar Store - things kids would want to win at a school carnival. If you have a hook up for prizes that are typically distributed with "kid's meals" that would work as well.

In addition, we need donations of 2 liter bottles of soda for a ring toss game. Just drop your donations off at the front office. THANK YOU in advance for helping us make this Field Day an event to be remembered!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR - LAST CHANCE TO ORDER



Bridge Elementary is hosting an online book fair. Each of your purchases provides points for the school to use to select new books for our library. You can choose to have your books shipped to your home or delivered to the school with our library order.

Any questions about our virtual book fair can be sent to our librarian [Kaylie Langhaim](#)

With a \$25 order, you can pick a FREE \$5 Book (use code: READS).

Order Due Date: 03/31/2021

Shop Our School Library's Page: <https://orders.scholastic.com/WM7LZ>

Shop Digital Flyers with Your Child:

Kindergarten:

<https://scholastic-clubs.mydigitalpublication.com/publication/?i=688996>

First Grade:

<https://scholastic-clubs.mydigitalpublication.com/publication/?i=688990>

Second Grade:

<https://scholastic-clubs.mydigitalpublication.com/publication/?i=688991>

Third Grade:

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Fourth Grade:

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Fifth Grade:

<https://scholastic-clubs.mydigitalpublication.com/publication/?i=688994>

Sixth Grade:

<https://scholastic-clubs.mydigitalpublication.com/publication/?i=688997>

Please feel free to share the link to extended family and friends. All of their orders also earn FREE Books for our library.

LOTTERY OPENINGS FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

Please let friends and family know we still have a few spots available for next school year. We will run another lottery on Tuesday, March 23. At present, we have about 10 openings in 4th grade, and a couple openings in grades 2, 5 and 6.



We will continue to run lotteries as needed, until school begins in August. So, just because there isn't a spot available today in grades K, 1 or 3 doesn't mean a spot won't come available between now and August.

We will run lotteries up until August as spots open up due to students moving or deciding to attend another school.

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

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.

VISIBLE LEARNING AND WATCH ME LEARN TICKETS

By now, your child should have learned about FIVE of our six Visible Learning traits. Our hope is these traits are not just used at school, but that students are truly generalizing these traits throughout their lives.



1. Reflection
2. Initiative

3. Flexibility
4. Enthusiasm
5. Determination

The final trait they will learn about is **THOROUGHNESS**

Students who display these traits are rewarded with a Watch Me Learn ticket. These tickets can be turned into our prize box for twice monthly drawings and a chance to SPIN the WHEEL (see pics below), or saved until they have 10 tickets and then redeemed for a token for the Treasure Tower or a Dress Down coupon.

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](#)



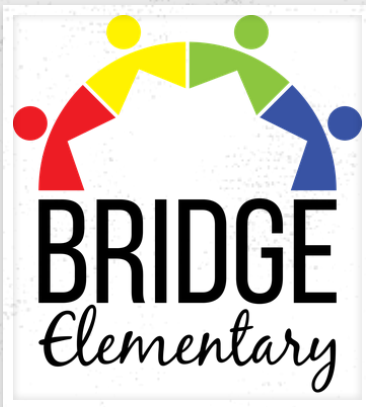
**SPINNER
WINNER**



**PRIZE
BUCKET**



**HAPPY
WINNER**



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)

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