



Bridgeport Elementary

2009 - 2010



BRIDGEPORT DAILY NEWS

Arrival: KA–5 Students can arrive between 8:20-8:30 a.m. Please do not drop off your child before 8:20 a.m. Students begin their academic tasks at 8:45 a.m. PM kindergarten students arrive at 12:15 P.M.

Tardiness: The start of each day is a time for organization. It is, therefore, very important that students arrive at school on time. Frequent tardiness (after 8:30 a.m.) interferes with learning and sends students the message that promptness is not important.



“PARENT VISITATION DAYS”

- * Monday, February 1st - 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. - KA Kdg.
- 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. - PM Kdg.
- * Tuesday, February 2nd - 9:30-10:30 a.m. Grade 2 & 3
- * Wednesday, February 3rd- 9:30-10:30 a.m. Grade 1
- * Friday, February 5th - 9:30-10:30 a.m. - Grade 4
- * Friday, February 5th - 9:30-10:30 a.m. Grade 5

SCIENCE FAIR:

BRIDGEPORT ELEMENTARY

FEBRUARY 9th, 2010 @ 6 - 7 PM



CHARACTER EDUCATION:

Character Trait for JANUARY & FEBRUARY: RESPECT

If you know a student who has shown continual respect, then please write a letter about that student. In your letter, be sure to include details that describe how the student has shown respect.

Principal's Corner

December brought so many wonderful learning opportunities and activities to Bridgeport Elementary. Many of our classrooms spent time this month learning about other cultures around the world and how they celebrate different holidays this season. Activities included making ginger bread houses, nutcrackers, special holiday cards and wonderful decorations for our students to bring home to their families. Thanks to all the parents and grandparents that helped out in the classrooms during this month. Your time is much appreciated.

We also had some great holiday productions put on by our students this month. Everyone enjoyed the 5th grade band and orchestra and the 4th and 5th grade chorus perform their winter concert. Our teachers and students worked very hard since September preparing for this concert. Their hard work paid off and we all enjoyed the performance. Of course our Bridgeport Drama Club also performed a wonderful play call SOS to Santa. This holiday tradition at Bridgeport is a favorite for all of us. Again, thanks to all the teachers, parents and grandparents who supported this production.

A huge thanks to all the families who donated food for the Bridgeport Food Drive. We sent over 300 can goods to the food pantry in Chittenango. Thanks again to the families who donated pet supplies for Wanders Rest in Canastota. Both of these drives were a huge success thanks to each of you who donated.

As we look to January and February there are many events that you should be aware off.

- January 13 PTA meeting/7:00PM/School Library
- January 18 Martin Luther King Day/No School
- January 21 Math Fun Night/Pizza and Games 5:30-7:00
- January 29 ½ Day of School
- February 1-5 Parent Visitation
- February 5 Report Cards go home
- February 9 Bridgeport Science Fair
- February 10 PTA Meeting/7:00PM/School Library
- February 15-19 No School/Winter Break

Please make sure you check out our web site on a regular basis to stay up to date on events that are taking place in our school. There are some wonderful pictures of all the activities that take place here at school.

Remember to discuss with your children the importance of following the bus rules. Stay in your seat, no yelling, no food or candy; stay seated until the bus has come to a stop. As we begin to approach different weather systems it is important to remind students how important it is to be respectful on the bus, so that the bus driver can concentrate on the roads.

I hope all of our students and their families have a peaceful and healthy 2010.

Mary Farber A decorative graphic for the New Year. It features the words "Happy New Year" in a blue, cursive font. The text is surrounded by green and blue floral and leaf-like patterns. A green and blue ribbon-like shape curves under the text.

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Dear Parents and Staff,

Happy New Year! Hope everyone enjoyed the holidays!

- Please start saving your Capri Sun and Kool Aid juice pouches, in January the PTA will start collecting them. The program will be through a company called Terracycle. This company collects the pouches and makes backpacks, pencil cases, and more. Our PTA will make .02 cents per pouch.
- Gertrude Hawk Candy Sale – Starting at the end of January. Anyone wanting to volunteer to help with the sale please contact myself at slemad@twcny.rr.com. More info to come home with the dates.
- **PARP needs you!** Parents As Reading Partners is gearing up for a great month of reading in March. However, we need parents to make this happen. More information will be coming home in February on how parents can volunteer.
- It is never too late to show your support and become a PTA member. Membership forms are on the bulletin board outside the office.

Our next PTA meeting will be on Wednesday, January 13th, at 7:00 p.m. in the library. Hope to see you there!

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PTA President



A few reminders from Mrs. Haggerty...



Medications -When it becomes necessary for a student to take medication in school (prescription and non prescription) a signed written request is required from the parent and the family doctor. Medication must be in the original container and must be delivered to school. No medication is to be brought to school by a student.

Please call school and let us know if you child will be absent or tardy. If you have any health related questions, please feel free to call me at 633-9612

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Dear Families,

We can hardly believe we are through with the holidays and into the heart of winter. Thank you to all of our families who participated in our fun filled activities held throughout the month of December.

This month we are looking forward to spending time exploring winter and all the fun activities that occur during this time of year. We will also be learning about hibernation and the animals that do hibernate.

Please continue to review the sight words and of course the letter sounds. We are just about finished covering all 26 letters of the alphabet and will begin our Guided Reading groups in February. Please make sure you are reading on a nightly basis to help foster a love for reading

Mrs. Buffum



WINTER

FIRST GRADE NEWS

December was an exciting time in first grade. We shared the holiday traditions of our families and celebrated in our classrooms. The long holiday break afforded us time to relax and spend time with our families and prepare for the New Year.

In 2010, the first graders will complete our math unit, *Number Games and Story Problems*, which helps build a solid understanding of math. We will continue to play number games and

solve story problems. The students will explore combinations of 10 (such as $4+6$, or $2+5+3$), combinations of 20 (such as $3+7+5+5$), and combinations of other numbers. They will count and combine objects that come in 2's, like hands, and in 4's, 5's, and 10's. Please take the time to learn and play these games with your children.

As January unfolds, we will begin our study of penguins in Antarctica. Throughout this unit, we will learn many interesting aspects of penguin life in a cold climate.

In February, we will be celebrating Valentine's Day with a classroom party for the students. After our winter break, we will recognize the 100th day of school. The students will participate in special activities that involve counting, working with, and reading about the number 100.

As we start the third marking period, the first graders will continue to solve both addition and subtraction word problems using a variety of strategies. They will also learn to collect, record and analyze data. We encourage the students to become more independent and take greater responsibility for their learning and schoolwork.

Thank you again for your continued support. We wish you the very best for the upcoming New Year.



SECOND GRADE

Happy New Year from Second Grade!
We hope you all the best in 2010!
We will start the year off with many new and exciting learning activities. In reading we will continue to learn comprehension skills such as cause & effect, making inferences and drawing conclusions. We will read autobiographies and learn about many famous Americans, such as Martin Luther King, Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. In Math we are working on time and money. We will begin our next unit in mid-January on collecting data. We will meet some interesting creatures called Yekktis! In writing we continue to learn to write good paragraphs. We are using the 6+1 traits of writing to make our paragraphs really flow! We have written to our pen pals in Auburn and are awaiting a response! We look forward to writing to them again! In science we are working on our unit on magnets. In Social Studies we will continue to sharpen our map skills. Thank you all for the support for the Ronald McDonald House. We were able to donate a large box of much needed supplies! I'm sure many families will be touched by your generosity! Happy Winter!



THIRD GRADE

The third grade would like to wish all the families at Bridgeport a safe and happy "New Year." It's amazing that it is 2010 already – a new decade and almost halfway through third grade. In reading we finished up our mysteries and are working on various other genres in the upcoming months including: fantasy, nonfiction, and biography. We continue to work on comprehension strategies to help us become better readers. We practice these strategies in our guided reading groups, independently in our own books, and by answering multiple choice and short answer questions. In writing we finished up our descriptive writing about autumn and will be starting a persuasive writing unit. Students will be writing a letter to Mrs. Farber trying to convince her to extend recess time. Let's see how persuasive they will be. In social studies the students have been learning about different types of communities and will be moving on to learn about Native Americans. In science we will be starting our sound unit. This is always a fun unit to study, but for some reason the classes next door don't always think so. Students will be learning multiplication and division in the upcoming months in math and from there moving onto fractions. We have so much still to do this year, and don't forget that our New York State tests for ELA and Math are coming up in April and May. Never a dull moment!



FOURTH GRADE NEWS

We hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday, and a relaxing break! As the New Year begins, fourth graders are right in the middle of a Social Studies unit on Native Americans and a Science unit on Simple Machines. We are having a great time learning how the first people of New York lived and how to spot simple machines that we use in our everyday lives!

In writing we are learning how to research various topics and how to use that information in a research report. After finishing up a fictional unit on Native Americans in reading, we will be moving into one of our favorite genres: historical fiction! Before Christmas Vacation, our math classes were filled with discussions about shapes, lines, and angles as we completed our unit on Geometry. Next, we will be exploring measurement!

As we dive deeper into the winter season, remember to send students in with warm winter coats, hats, gloves, scarves, and boots. We will have outside recess as long as the temperature is safe, so warm winter clothing is a must! Keep reading and practicing those math facts each and every night.

Fourth Grade Team

FIFTH GRADE NEWS

Happy New Year! In math, we have begun our Fractions, Decimals and Percents unit. Throughout this month, students will be focusing on a number of areas including: ordering fractions, percent equivalents, conversions, etc. In social studies, we will be continuing our unit on Latin America. Students will be researching Central America, as well as the Caribbean Islands. In ELA, students are working on their survival themed units for guided reading. In science, students are continuing their study of chemistry through various experiments each day. Science Fair packets have been handed out. Students will be working on their science fair projects throughout the month of January. 5th grade students are required to do an experiment. The Bridgeport science fair will be held on February 9th.

~The Fifth Grade Team~



BRIDGEPORT STUDENT COUNCIL

Nine 5th grade students were selected for the 2009 - 2010 Bridgeport student council. They have been very busy with morning announcements and safety patrol at dismissal.

Bridgeport student council members are - Michael Capeling, Meghan Carter, Grant Czarnecki, Camaren Kelly, Alyssa Kolb, Amanda Misercola, Aaron Norman, Anna Norman, Alexa Rossi and Karleigh Sternberg. Student council advisors are Mrs. Haggerty, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Peterson and Mr. Preston.