



Hello Bridgeport Families!

Our students have been doing an excellent job with learning and participating in our Second Step Program. I visit each classroom (K-4) every week to teach a new topic or skill for learning. I am not sure where the time has gone, but we have wrapped up our first unit! We have learned how to be respectful listeners, how to show empathy, how to focus our attention, how to effectively use self-talk and how to be assertive. Currently, we are focusing on how to respect each other's differences, including thoughts and opinions. If you are interested in working with your child on any of these skills at home, please contact me and I will provide you with some resources. I can be reached at 315.687.2280 or aorioli@chittenangoschools.org.

In the past, Bridgeport has offered a school-wide character education assembly to learn more about the important character traits, which we call "pillar words." Bridgeport's 5 pillar words include respect, responsibility, perseverance, kindness, and courage. This year, teachers will record a presentation and each teacher will play the video for their class. The first virtual assembly will happen in November and will concentrate on the pillar words "respect" and "responsibility."

Additionally, we used to break into small groups a few times a year to talk about the character traits even further. Kindergarten-second grade students participate in what we call "Lighthouse Meetings" and third and fourth grade students participate in "Courageous Conversations." This year, I will provide these lessons to each class individually in person. Students learn more about the character trait and lesson through short stories and discussions.

- Ms. Orioli

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November 2020/2021

- 11/02 PTA Virtual Book Fair
- 11/03 PTA Virtual Book Fair Ends
- 11/03 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 PM / Bolivar
- 11/05 PTA Virtual Meeting 6:00 PM
- 11/10 Picture Retakes
- 11/11 Veteran's Day - NO SCHOOL**
- 11/13 Report Cards Issued
- 11/16 Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences - NO SCHOOL
- 11/17 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 PM / CMS
- 11/24 Early Go Home Drill - Dismissal at 2:45 PM**
- 11/25 - 11/27 Thanksgiving Break





PRINCIPAL'S PAD

Welcome Chrissy Martin our New Office Assistant!

Chrissy is a mother of 3 boys from Canastota. She previously worked 7 years in the community through Community Action of Madison County. She has 20+ years experience with Early Childhood and Child Development education and experience. She is happy to be part of Bridgeport Elementary and continue working with staff and families.



Health Screening Forms- Please remember to complete these each day your child attends In Person instruction. This is critical part of our health & safety measures. You should receive a nightly e-mail with the on-line form to complete. If you need a paper copy, you can print one from our district website.

Veterans Day- I would like to personally thank all of our service men and women for your bravery and sacrifices to protect our freedom. We feel strongly that it is important to thank our military personnel for the many sacrifices they make for our freedom.

Trees for Troops- Again this year, Bridgeport Elementary is participating and supporting **Trees for Troops**. For every \$30 we collect, Romagnoli's Tree Farm in Canastota will send one tree to an active Military family. Each tree donated will have a tag attached to it that will let the troops know exactly where in the United States the tree came from. Last year we were able to send 15 trees to military families! Please consider making any size donation and sending it to our Bridgeport main office clearly marked Trees for Troops. Checks can be written out to Romagnoli's Christmas Tree Farm. We will be collecting until November 18th. Thank you for supporting this truly worthy cause!

Parent/Teacher Conferences- On November 12th, we will hold our parent/teacher conferences. These conferences will be via Zoom or Phone Call. Teachers will be contacting you to set them up.

5 Suggestions for a Successful Parent/Teacher Conference:

- Plan for it. Before meeting, write out questions you would like to ask, such as "What is my child's attitude regarding learning?" "Does my child show respect for others?" "Does he/she accept responsibility for his/her own behavior?" "Does my child seem happy in school?" "What are my child's strengths?"
- Keep an open mind. Your goal is to work cooperatively with your child's teacher so that your child experiences many successes throughout the year. Even if the teacher says something you disagree with, try to listen to what he/she has to say.
- Ask to see your child's work. If your child is doing well, ask what you can do to keep things on a positive track. If there are problems, ask what you can do to help or offer suggestions that have worked for you.
- Clarify and summarize as you go. If you don't understand something the teacher says, ask for clarification.
- Ask what you can do to support your child's learning at home and at school.



Greetings from Bridgeport PTA!

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, November 5th from 6 to 7 PM. A flyer will be sent home with the link for our virtual meeting.

Please remember that our virtual book fair runs until November 3rd. The book fair helps us earn Scholastic dollars, which we then use to purchase books for the school.

November 9th through the 23rd: virtual fundraiser with Charleston Wrap. Details will be sent home with your child!

Did you know that Bridgeport Elementary participates in the Amazon Smile Program? Visit <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/16-1339651> and select (PTA New York Congress 03-048 Bridgeport PTA) as your charity. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible items to our school every time you shop. *You must be on the smile.amazon.com website to donate*

It is not too late to sign up and become a member of the PTA. Membership is \$5 for an individual and \$10 per family. Please contact Kelly Pealo (kschlarx8@gmail.com) with any questions.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Best regards,

2020-2021 PTA Board

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