BRIDGEPORT BEACON

April 2025

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

<u>New York State Grades 3 & 4 ELA & Math Testing</u>- We are scheduled to administer the NYS ELA test on April 8 & 9 and the NYS Math test on May 7 & 8. Bridgeport Elementary students will be taking their assessments on-line using classroom iPads.

<u>Stay Connected</u>- Whenever you have a change in address or phone numbers for anyone who has access to your child, please call the main office. It is critical that we are able to contact a parent or emergency contact at any time. We also ask that you make sure your voicemail box is not full so that we can leave you a message when necessary. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

<u>Toys & Electronic Devices</u>- Please note that according to all district elementary Family Handbooks, all toys, cards, fidgets and electronic devices including cell phones should be left at home. The school is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen items.

Mrs. Melissa Fande

NYS ELA and Math Testing for 3rd & 4th Grade students ELA- April 8 & 9 Math- May 7 & 8

Be sure your child:

- Get's a good night's rest each night before testing
- Has a good breakfast either at home or at school

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IMPORTANT DATES



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Hello Bridgeport Families

K-4th grade students have started participating in lessons from the High Five! Program, developed by McMahon Ryan Child Advocacy Center, and The Child Protection Unit from the Second Step Program. These programs focus on emotional, physical and sexual abuse prevention.

Each week, I, Mrs. Diglio (School Counselor) will present a different topic to your child in their classroom. Additionally, I will send follow up exercises home with your child. This program is part of your child's safety education, but you are your child's first and best teacher. We will cover some basic safety tips, however, each child lives in a different environment, and no one knows your child better than you. Therefore, it is important for you to follow up with your child about what they learned in school, and continue that education. Below are the topics that will be covered in the classroom:

- **Understanding Feelings:** It is important for your child to be able to identify what they are feeling (happy, sad, angry, uncomfortable, etc.) and know how to respond appropriately.
- Safety Around Strangers: This topic can cover many areas. The main focus will be on safety around strangers and will include information on staying safe in public.
- Physical Safety: Children may witness scary situations and these programs focus on appropriate ways to respond and how to assertively get help.
- **Personal Body Safety:** In an age appropriate way, these programs teach children that the private parts of the body are special and that no one should ever touch or see their private parts (unless it is to keep them "clean and healthy"). We refer to the private parts of the body as those parts covered by your bathing suit

The goal of this program is to prevent child abuse, but children will need all of us to work together to achieve this goal. If you wish to learn more about this program, please contact Mrs. Diglio at <u>adiglio@chittenangoschools.org</u> or 315.687.2280.

BRIDGEPORT PTA

Alone we can do so little; Together we can do so much!

Hello from PTA! We had a very successful Scholastics Bookfair. The next Kids Night Out will be 4/4/25, there is still time to sign up. PTA will be hosting Ma & Pa's Kettle Corn & Popcorn Factory fundraiser in April, flyers will be coming home the second week in April. Any questions or suggestions can be directed to <u>bridgeportelempta@gmail.com</u>. Thank you again for all your support.

Would you consider becoming a PTA member? The cost is just \$5 for individuals. We would love your support and volunteering is optional. Best regards, 2023-2024 PTA Board

PTA MEETING INFORMATION

Last Meeting for the Year!

April 22nd @ 6:00 PM Bridgeport Library

Volunteers needed! Any level of participation is appreciated! Join the fun!

COMMITMENT TO CHARACTER EDUCATION



WE KNOW... WE DO... WE FEEL

April Showers Bring Rain...and money?

April is known for its rain showers, so flowers will grow in May. Why not shower yourself with money by making regular deposits at school with in-school banking and then watch your money grow in your Dollar Dog savings account?

Not yet a Dollar Dog saver? Contact Mandy Khammar at 315.728.3318 or mkhammar@empowerfcu.com to join. Membership eligibility required. Insured by NCUA. **PAGE 2**