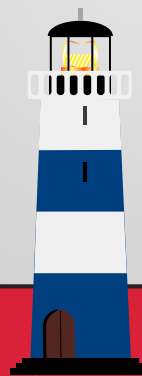


BRIDGEPORT BEACON



March 2025

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Internet Safety-

"In many ways the Internet is like a gigantic library; both have content to teach and entertain. And similar to the content in a library, not all Internet content is appropriate for children. Libraries create children's and young adults' sections in order to help youth (and their parents) identify which materials are appropriate for them. On the Internet, however, all of the content may be equally accessible. Children do not have to look hard to find inappropriate content; it is as easy as typing a word into the search bar on Google. Even blocking, filtering, and monitoring software can be overcome by a determined child. A child may also accidentally click the wrong link or misspell a web address and be led to websites with inappropriate content. That is why when it comes to dealing with Internet searches and use, adult guidance and supervision are always key."

What can parents do to prevent inappropriate Internet activity?

- ~Generate a list of expectations for using electronic devices and going online with your children. Being clear about what they can and cannot do will help them to make responsible choices.
- ~If your children have any online accounts, make sure you're aware of how the site or app works. Most websites require that children are at least 13 years of age before creating an account. Children don't always abide by that rule.
- ~If you choose to let your children use your smartphone, be aware of what they are doing when they use it.
- ~Keep your computer in a high-traffic area of your home. Children should not be going online in their bedrooms.
- ~Remember that your children can go onto the Internet, YouTube or a social network on mobile devices, too. Require your children to use these devices when you are present so that you can monitor them.
- ~Learn all of your children's passwords and monitor their activities.

For more information please check out the website:
<https://www.netSMARTkids.org/>

Attendance Fact- "Attending school regularly and on-time helps children feel good about school and themselves. It is essential that students understand that going to school on time, every day is important." -attendanceworks.org

Mrs. Melissa Stanch

Special Person's Day Friday, March 14th **No Snow Date

A special person is invited to come and visit the classroom of their special child. During the visit, you will participate in a classroom reading activity tied to our PARP celebration.

Visit Schedule:

2nd, 3rd & 4th Grades

9:30-10:00 Special People Arrive & Enjoy Refreshments in the Cafeteria & visit the Book Fair

10:05-10:35 Visit Classrooms

UPK, Kindergarten & 1st Grades

1:15-1:45 Special People Arrive & Enjoy Refreshments in the Cafeteria & visit the Book Fair

1:50-2:20 Visit Classrooms

Limit is 2 adults, no younger siblings due to limited capacity in the classrooms.

More information and sign ups coming soon!

IMPORTANT DATES

3 ~ Books Are Fun Fundraiser Begins

3-4 ~ Kindergarten Registration

4 ~ MIOSM Concert, 6:30 p.m. @ CHS- Orchestra

5 ~ MIOSM Concert, 6:30 p.m. @ CHS- Band

10-21 ~ PARP (Pick A Reading Partner)

14 ~ Special Persons' Day

20 ~ Family Fun Night, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

UPCOMING APRIL DATES

8-9 ~ 3rd & 4th Grade NYS ELA Testing

14-18 ~ Spring Break

25 ~ Report Cards Issued

*Please refer to the ParentSquare calendar for the most up-to-date list of events.

Hello Bridgeport Families!

We are moving right along with our social emotional curriculum, "Second Step." Students are learning how to solve problems and how to play fairly with others. We will soon enter our Child Safety unit, so stay tuned for more information. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out. As always, thank you for your unwavering support with your children and our counseling program!

-Mrs. Diglio



BRIDGEPORT PTA

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

Hello from PTA!

Hope everyone had a restful break. We have the Scholastics Bookfair coming up the second week in March with Special Person's Day on 3/14/25. The bookfair will be open during Special Person's Day for the special people to shop as well. The next Kids Night Out will be 4/4/25 and we will be hosting Ma & Pa's Kettle Corn & Popcorn Factory in April.

Any questions or suggestions can be directed to bridgeportelempta@gmail.com.

Our next meeting is April 8th in the school library at 6PM. Thank you again for all your support.

PTA MEETING INFORMATION

When: April 8- 6:00pm

Where: Bridgeport Elementary Library

Future PTA Dates
May 13

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

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