BRIDGEPORT BEARS BULLETIN

SEPTEMBER 2026



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I am excited to welcome our students, families, and community members to the 2026-2027 school year! This year will bring new experiences to many of our students and families. It has been yet another busy summer at Bridgeport Elementary! The office, custodial, and maintenance staff have done an incredible job of preparing the building for an exceptional upcoming school year.

As always, your support of your child's educational program is an important factor of their success in school. If you have any questions or concerns, or if you wish to pass along information, please contact your child's teacher. Establishing strong communication between home and school is an important goal for us. Together, we will have a productive and positive year!

To find information regarding our school expectations and procedures, including arrival and dismissal times and routines, I invite you to review the Family Handbook that has been posted on our district website.

I look forward to working with you to make this a year to remember!

Sincerely,
Melissa Stanek, Bridgeport Principal

PARENTSQUARE

This is the fifth year that the district has used ParentSquare as our main tool for communication. If you have not already, I encourage you to download the app to utilize the various features this platform offers.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW/RETURNING STAFF

- Julia Bauder- Special Education Teacher
- Jena Hubbard- Special Education Teaching Assistant (new role)
- Katie Virden- Orchestra Teacher
- Margo Lenweaver, Trina Baldwin & Bonnie Corkran- Special Education Aide
- TBD- Art Teacher
- Patricia Giffune- Administrative Intern/4th Grade Teacher

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 1- UPK & K Meet & Greet, 10:00-12:00
Supply Drop-Off, 8:30a.m.-2:30p.m.

Sept. 8- First Day of School!

Sept. 14- PTA Meeting, 6:00pm in School Library

Sept. 21- Picture Day!

Sept. 23- Bridgeport Open House, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Sept. 24th- Half-Day of School-Parent Pick-Up Begins at 11:00 a.m. Buses dismiss at approximately 11:15 a.m.

UPCOMING OCTOBER DATES

Oct. 12- No School (Columbus Day)

Oct. 29- Annual Trunk or Treat, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Oct. 30- Half-Day Dismissal- Parent Pick-Up Begins at 11:00 a.m. Buses dismiss at approximately 11:15 a.m.

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

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Bridgeport Elementary wants to extend a very warm, heartfelt thank you to the Bridgeport United Methodist Church and the Conlan family for their generous donations of school supplies! This allows us to provide free school supplies to anyone who may need them!



NURSE'S NOTE ~MRS. BIEDERMANN

Immunizations
- Please submit immunization records as soon as possible!
- Students WILL NOT be permitted to attend school as of September 18, 2026 without necessary immunizations, per NYS Law!

Physicals
- School Physical Form available from main office or website

Dental Health Certificate (optional)

Food allergies/medical needs (please notify Mrs.Biedermann)

Medication
- Written physician orders and parent permission required to administer.

Question(s)/concern(s)...please call or visit Mrs. Biedermann!

BRIDGEPORT

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

PTA
everychild. onevoice.

Hope that everyone had an awesome summer! We are excited to be starting another school year. PTA memberships are $7 this year and can be paid cash or check to Bridgeport PTA. All are welcome, and encouraged to join. Membership forms are available via paper or can be completed online at https://nyspta.org/home/membership/. Look for our table to sign up for PTA at Bridgeport open house. Scholastic book fair will be going on during the week of open house along with candy/snack sales at open house. Any interest in volunteering, questions, or suggestions can be directed to bridgeportelempta@gmail.com.

Dear Family and Friends of Bridgeport Elementary,

Join the Bridgeport PTA to receive emails about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities. It is simple to join at this web address:

bportpta.memberhub.com

PTA Meeting Dates for 2026-2027
9/14
11/17
1/19
3/16
5/11

All meetings are at 6:00pm in the Bridgeport Elementary Library

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

COMMITMENT TO CHARACTER EDUCATION

National School of Character
Character.org

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

DOLLAR DOG SAVERS!

WE'RE BACK TO SCHOOL. LET'S START SAVING!

It's that time of year...back to school time. This year let's save even more with Dollar Dog. Every other week, your child can save their money right at school with our Dollar Dog in-school banking program. Our in-school banking program teaches students good saving habits to last a lifetime. Watch for school saving reminders or look on our school's website for the Dollar Dog deposit day calendar.



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.

STOP FOR SCHOOL BUSES!





PROTECT OUR CHITTENANGO BEARS!

- RED LIGHTS FLASHING = STOP! (BOTH DIRECTIONS)
- BE ALERT FOR STUDENTS AT ALL STOPS
- STAY 20 FEET BACK

A safe ride is a parent's best peace of mind.

CHITTENANGO COMMUNITY CARES

SLOW DOWN. IT'S THE LAW. IT'S OUR COMMUNITY.