

BRIDGEPORT BEARS BULLETIN



May 2026

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Budget Vote- Tuesday, May 20th, 12:00-9:00 p.m. at Chittenango Middle School

Class Placements for 2026-2027- The time of year is upon us when staff will be grouping students for next school year, a process which takes a great deal of time and energy.

The staff must consider the following when deciding on student placement:

- Maintaining a good ratio of achievement levels, learning styles, special services and behavioral patterns
- Relationships that students have with one another and their ability to work well together
- Personality and work habits of individual children
- Maintaining a healthy balance of boys and girls

We value your perspective as a parent and guardian. Should you wish to share information about your child's personality, learning style or the best type of classroom environment to foster their learning please do so in writing by May 22, 2026. Because of the many factors we have to consider, we are not able to grant requests for specific teachers.

Our goal is to balance classes to the best of our ability in order to create optimal environments for learning. Thank you for your cooperation as we work together to provide the best educational program for all of our children!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Melissa Stande

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**BRIDGEPORT
ELEMENTARY
YEARBOOK
2025-2026**

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IMPORTANT DATES

8 ~ School Fair, 5:30-7:30 @ CHS
Parent Pick-up @ 1:15pm
Bus Dismissal @ 1:30pm

12 ~ PTA Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

19 ~ School Budget Vote, 12:00-9:00 @
CMS

22-26 ~ Memorial Day Weekend, No
School

UPCOMING JUNE DATES

12~ Bridgeport Festival, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

12~ Kindergarten Celebration (more
info to come) & Half Day,
Dismissal @ 11:15 a.m.

19~ No School, Juneteenth

24~ 4th Grade Moving Up, AM
ceremony (more info to come)

25~ Last Day of School, Report Cards
Issued

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

May is Mental Health Awareness Month!

We all develop coping strategies as we grow, but it's up to the adults in children's lives to model, teach, and reinforce healthy coping strategies to better provide our children and community with the chance to thrive. If we remember the saying, "It takes a village to raise a child" and work together to help children build strong mental health habits that can last a lifetime. Below are some simple and meaningful ways to support healthy mental health in children and adolescents:

- 1. Talk openly about mental health. Creating spaces in our homes and community for open, honest conversations about emotions helps normalize mental health. When children feel safe talking about how they are feeling, they are more likely to reach out for support when they need it.*
- 2. Model healthy coping strategies. Children learn by watching the adults around them. When caregivers demonstrate positive ways to manage stress, like taking breaks, using calming strategies, or seeking support it teaches them they can do the same.*
- 3. Prioritize time together as a family. Consistent quality time helps our children feel seen, valued, and connected. Even with small daily routines or check-ins we can provide a sense of stability and belonging.*
- 4. Get involved in your community. Taking part in community experiences helps children build relationships, develop empathy, and feel a sense of purpose and connection beyond just themselves.*
- 5. Encourage regular physical activity. Movement is a powerful tool for mental health. Exercise supports mood regulation, reduces stress, and helps build confidence in positive ways.*
- 6. Recognize the traits you want to see in your children. Notice and name the traits and actions you see and want repeated by your children. When children feel recognized and valued for their efforts, they are more likely to continue those positive behaviors.*

Supporting children's mental health is an ongoing process! Small, consistent actions make a meaningful difference over time.

For more information visit: The Kids Mental Health Foundation at <https://www.kidsmentalhealthfoundation.org/about>

BRIDGEPORT PTA

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

Hello from PTA!
 May 12th: PTA budget meeting

All meetings are held at 6pm in the Bridgeport Elementary Library.

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 4th to May 8th. PTA has a special week planned for our AMAZING staff with breakfast, lunch and sweet treats. Flyers will be coming home with optional tokens of kindness for our incredible staff.

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,
 2026-2026 PTA Board

PTA MEETING INFORMATION

May 12th, 6:00 p.m.
 Bridgeport Elem. Library

June 9th, 6:00pm- Budget Meeting & Last Meeting of the Year

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

COMMITMENT TO CHARACTER EDUCATION



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

In May...Grow Flowers...Grow Money

It only takes on seed to grow a flower. It only takes on deposit in your dollar dog savings account to grow money. Start growing your money right at your school with it's in-school banking program, then make regular deposits, add in simple and compound interest and watch your money grow even more!

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