



Hello Bridgeport Families!

Our students have been doing an excellent job with learning and participating in our Second Step Program. I visit each classroom PreK-4 every week to teach a new topic or skill for learning.

Recently, we learned how to be respectful listeners, how to show empathy and how to be assertive. Currently, we are focusing on how to respect each other's differences, including thoughts and opinions. This topic has generated thoughtful and important conversations with our students and I am so proud of all they are sharing and understanding. Also, we are learning about "Bullying". We learned how to recognize bullying, how to report it, and soon we will learn how to refuse bullying and how to be an up stander (someone who stands up to bullying). We celebrated Bullying Prevention Month in October and you may have seen a coloring picture come home with your child. We hung these beautiful pictures in the hallways to show we are a caring school community and a "Bully-Free School"

Veteran's Day is coming up in November, so our 4th grade Peace Builders listened to a story about soldiers and made a craft for veterans at the Clearpath organization in Chittenango to show appreciation for they dedication and service to our country.

- Mrs. Diglio

Dollar Dog Is Thankful...

At this time of year, many of us are talking about what we are thankful for. Dollar Dog wants you to know that he is thankful for all the Dollar Savers at your School - *especially you!*

Your school cares about your future and wants to make sure you are smart with your money. Because your school offers an in-school banking program, there's a lot to be thankful for.

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Bridgeport Elementary School

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November 2021

- 11/01 Trees for Troops Begins
- 11/02 Empower Dollar Dog Collections
- 11/02 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 PM / BRE
- 11/03 PTA Virtual Book Fair Ends
- 11/09 Picture Retakes
- 11/11 Veteran's Day - NO SCHOOL**
- 11/12 Report Cards Go Home
- 11/15 Parent/Teacher Conferences - NO SCHOOL
- 11/16 Empower Dollar Dog Collections
- 11/16 PTA Meeting 6:00 PM
- 11/16 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 PM / CMS
- 11/24 - 11/26 Thanksgiving Break - NO SCHOOL**
- 11/30 Empower Dollar Dog Collections





PRINCIPAL'S PAD

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 24 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 19th. Additionally, students will be making paper ornaments in their classes to send along with each donated tree. Thank you for supporting this truly worthy cause!

Parent/Teacher Conferences- On November 15th, we will hold our parent/teacher conferences. These conferences will be via Zoom, phone call, or in person. Teachers will be contacting you to set them up. Please note that if an in person meeting is set up, everyone is required to wear a mask and maintain social distancing.

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.

*Melissa Stanek,
Principal*



Greetings from Bridgeport PTA!

We hope everyone had a great time at Trunk or Treat. The PTA would like to thank everyone who participated. And, thank you to our amazing staff for making this a great night!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Turkey Trot Fundraiser! Your support will allow us to help support the Bridgeport Food Pantry.

Would you consider becoming a PTA member? The cost is just \$5 for individuals. We would love your support and volunteering is optional. Membership forms can be handed in or completed online at <https://bportpta.memberhub.com/store>.

As a reminder, you can help support our school by participating in Amazon Smile and Box Tops for Education.

Best regards,

2021-2022 PTA Board

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