

Bridger News



January 11, 2007



From the Principal

Dear Bridger Families,

Welcome back to school from your restful Winter Break! We have some busy months ahead of us. State testing will begin in January for middle school students and in February for elementary students. Please remember to help your student do his/her best by making sure he/she gets plenty of rest and good food to eat.

The results of the Schools Parent Survey have been compiled. Please look for the synopsis on page 3 of this newsletter. The next step will be to give students an overview of the results and review the survey data with staff. Staff will use that information to look at areas of common concern and help develop protocols where needed.

In addition to testing and implementing survey results, this spring will be full of decisions that come from Creative Science transitioning to the Clark site and from Bridger/Spanish Immersion continuing to grow at the Bridger site. Information nights and the school choice process will get into full swing in February. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Bridger Office for information.

As we look forward to a very busy winter and spring, we hope that everyone—staff, students and families—will continue to work together in cooperation to provide the very best for all of our students.

Sincerely,
Tina Daily, Principal

Dates to Remember in January:

- Monday, January 21st—NO SCHOOL, Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- Tuesday, January 22nd—Site Council, 3:15 p.m.
- Friday, January 25th—High School Transfer Cycle begins.
- Friday, January 25th—“Free To Be You and Me,” evening performance at 4:00 p.m. in the Bridger Cafeteria
- Thursday, January 31st—Grading Period Ends
- Friday, February 1st—NO SCHOOL, Teacher Planning Day
- Saturday, February 2nd—Elementary/Middle School Transfer Cycle begins and PPS Celebration at Portland Expo Center, 1-5 p.m.

Free To Be You and ME!



Coming Soon: A Musical Production by the Bridger School 6th and 7th Grade Drama Classes—
“Free To Be You and Me.”

Evening Performance.
Friday, January 25th,

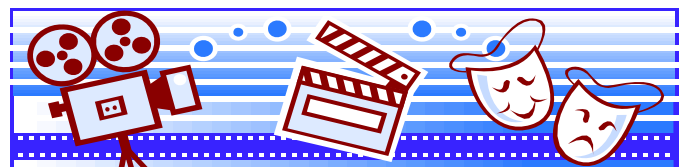
4:00-5:00 p.m.

In the Bridger Cafeteria

Join Us for:

**Singing! Dancing!
Comedy! Fun!**

Your donation will help support our
Drama Program!



Bridger Site Council Members Needed

Bridger School’s Site Council needs parent members to serve for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year and the 2008-2009 school year. Positions are available for one representative from Neighborhood families and one representative from Spanish Immersion families. The site council meets once each month. Interested persons, please contact the Bridger Office and Principal Tina Daily.

NO SCHOOL
MONDAY, JANUARY 21!
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

Notes from the Music Room

I am pleased to report that Bridger School had a very successful first Winter Concert! The students had worked very hard to learn their pieces and it showed in their wonderful performances. Thank you to everyone who helped make the evening a success.

Next term brings the exciting addition of recorder study for the students in grades 3 through 5! Learning to play the recorder helps students develop strong note reading skills and prepares them for continuing on with private piano, guitar or other instrument lessons, as well as band in high school. A letter will be going home shortly explaining how to purchase your child's instrument.

January also brings the exciting addition of Bridger Vocal Project! This is an auditioned choir open to students in grades 5, 6 and 7. This is an extra-curricular group that will rehearse once a week outside of school hours. An audition sign-up sheet will be posted in the music room. Please call me if you have any questions.

Stay tuned for more exciting news from the Music Room in February, including an announcement about the start of Bridger Sound Brigade.

Erica Lindgren
Music Specialist

Take a Break from Cooking! Support Bridger PTA

PTA Fundraiser
at Acapulco Restaurant
10566 SE Washington St.

ALL DAY

11:00 a.m. - Close

You must bring the PTA Flyer coming home soon
(extras in Bridger Office)

Wednesday, January 23rd

**Acapulco is donating a percentage of sales
to Bridger PTA**

VISIT Creative Science!

Observations available for
prospective CSS families!

**Take a look at classrooms!
Talk with Parents!
See CSS in Action!**

Contact Stacey Larsen
503-460-0999

or Email larsenstacy@comcast.net

Celebrate! Portland Public Schools Feb. 2

Celebrate! Portland Public Schools is quickly approaching. This year's event is scheduled for February 2, 2008 at the Portland Expo Center from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Celebrate! PPS is a one-day, district-wide celebration highlighting Portland Public School. Events include student dance and music performances on the main stage, an exhibition of student artwork, and a full-size kindergarten classroom. High schools will highlight their sports programs, language centers, clubs and scholastic achievements. The event will also provide helpful information regarding the transition years, from starting kindergarten to transitioning to middle and high schools. Staff from the Enrollment and Transfer Center will be available to help answer questions about the district transfer process. For more information on Celebrate! PPS, including performance schedules and transportation information, visit the Celebrate! Webpage: <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/depts/communications/celebrate08/>

News from the School Nurse



Dear Parent/Guardian,

It is that time of year again when children and adults have colds, the flu and other infections. Here are some healthy habits that may help us stay well.

Please take a few moments to review the following with your child:

1. Cover your cough!

Safe & Civil School Parent Survey Results

Five staff members from Bridger are involved in the Safe and Civil Schools Training. This is a three-year program that looks closely at areas of common concern in school buildings and works to find solutions to clear up these problem areas.

Thanks to all of you who have turned in the parent survey. It is always helpful to get another perspective on how we are doing in our school. We received 109 completed surveys that represented 150 students. This information was compiled by Research and Evaluation and forwarded to us. The results indicate the following highpoints are:

1. Students are glad to come to school most of the time and generally feel safe at school.
2. Staff members encourage students to do their best and are helpful to students.
3. The school/staff does a good job of providing help when parents/families ask for it.
4. Students believe the work they do at the school is important and are proud to be a part of this school.
5. Parents and families who visit the school are welcomed, treated with respect, and encouraged to come back.

Your responses also informed us that you were concerned about the following areas in particular – the playground, the cafeteria and the hallways. Behaviors to focus on were bullying and teasing.

A Safe and Civil Schools Committee has been established to address these concerns. The contact person from this committee is our Assistant Principal, Seth Jones. Please feel free to contact him at 503-916-6336 with any questions or concerns relating to the safety and civility of Bridger School.

Keeping your child safe after school

- Students need to go home directly after school or to an organized after-school activity
- There is **NO SUPERVISION** for students after school unless in an after school class or club.
- Please **DO NOT** allow your child to play unsupervised on the playground after school.
- Please **DO NOT** ask office staff to take care of your child.
- Students staying for After School Classes/Clubs need to be picked up immediately following the class.
- Please make pick up arrangements for your children prior to their arrival at school. Please do not ask them to call home for pick up arrangements.

- ◆ Use tissue instead of hankies when ill, coughing or sneezing.
 - ◆ Cough or sneeze into the elbow bend of the arm if possible, or into the hands and tissue, then... **Wash those hands effectively!**
2. **Effective hand washing** is the number one way to keep germs from entering our bodies. Use plenty of soap and water, scrubbing palms of hands, fingernails, around wrists and in between fingers and under rings for **30 seconds**, then rinse and dry.
- ◆ Wash hands after recess or gym, before eating or preparing food, after using the restroom or blowing a nose, coughing or sneezing and after handling pets.
 - ◆ Do not share food, drinks or utensils; hats, combs, coats or clothing; make-up, lip balm or other personal items.
 - ◆ Do not touch the blood or body fluids of another person. Ask an adult for help.

Parent:

You will be asked to take your child home if there is:

- ◆ Rash, with **or without fever**
- ◆ Skin lesions or sores that are “wet” or pus filled
- ◆ Fever of 100.5 degrees or higher
- ◆ Vomiting
- ◆ Diarrhea
- ◆ Colored (yellow/green) drainage from eyes or ears
- ◆ Coughing: deep, barking, congested, or with colored mucous

Call your health care provider for:

- ◆ Stiff neck or headache with fever
- ◆ Behavior changes of irritability, sleepiness, fatigue or complaints of illness with inability to participate in school activities
- ◆ Prolonged diarrhea (three watery or loose stools per day or that last more than three days).
- ◆ Breathing difficulties
- ◆ Yellow color to skin or eyes (jaundice)

Please keep your child home until symptom-free for 24 hours.

If you have questions or concerns, please call me through the school office.

Sabrina, RN

NO SCHOOL
Friday, Feb. 1, 2008
Teacher Planning Day

Don't forget to order *Bobcat Beans!*

Bridger PTA Fundraiser

Partnering with STUMPTOWN Coffee Roasters

Call Jereme at 503-515-7679

Or email jeremes@earthlink.net

Or contact the Bridger Office