



# Bridger News



May 1, 2009



## From the Principal

Dear Bridger Families,

It's May. Time for flowers, thank yous and promotions. We are thanking our wonderful volunteers this Friday, May 1, with a Volunteer Appreciation Brunch in the Bridger Library. Volunteers, you are very important to all the work we do at Bridger—we couldn't provide all the wonderful educational experiences that we have at Bridger without your help and support

Promotions! In a few weeks, our 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be finishing their Bridger experience and moving on to become next fall's high school students. We need your help to plan events that will celebrate their achievement and send them on their way. Please plan to help organize this year's promotion by attending the 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion planning meeting Wednesday, May 6 in the Bridger Library.

I hope you all will enjoy the new flower beds planted around Bridger by the Dahlia guy—our neighbor Mark. Again, thanks for all your hard work. We enjoy having you as a neighbor.

Tina Daily  
Principal

## Important Dates to Remember in May:

- Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>—Volunteer Appreciation Brunch, 8:15-9:30 a.m.
- Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>—May Day Dancers, 10:30 a.m., Gym
- Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>—8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Planning Meeting, Library, 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>—Spring Concert, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>—PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>—Site Council, 3:15 p.m.
- Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>—Water Garden Work Party, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
- Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>—Memorial Day Observed, NO SCHOOL (Schools Closed)

## Bridger Bike Rodeo May 30<sup>th</sup>



Bridger PTA is sponsoring a Bike Rodeo at Bridger School May 30<sup>th</sup>. The Bike Rodeo will be held in conjunction with the first annual Bridger Bikes Montavilla event (see article below).

The Rodeo is sponsored by Bridger Student Council and Bridger PTA. The Rodeo will be held on the Bridger Playground, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. All children are invited. Food and prizes are included. The event is designed to give children an opportunity to practice their safe bicycle riding skills in a fun and supervised setting. There will be a bicycle maintenance station, helmet-fitting booth, and lots of on-bike activities. Tricycle and four-wheel bicyclists will also have their own "mini-route" of the Montavilla ride on the school playground.



## Bridger Bikes Montavilla Event

Families, neighbors and friends will cycle together through historic Montavilla this spring during the Bridger Bikes Montavilla Event May 30<sup>th</sup>. The four-mile route starts at Bridger School's water garden and loops around the neighborhood using bike lanes, low volume streets and the I-205 Trail. All ages are welcome, but riders under age 18 must ride with a parent or guardian. There will be four stops where participants can get their Montavilla "passports" stamped (provided at registration). Participants who complete the route will receive an event t-shirt. Waiver form sign in for the family is 8:00-8:45 a.m.. The ride begins at 9:00 a.m. The bike rodeo starts at 10:00 a.m.



## Spring Concert

Bridger's Spring Concert will be held next week on Thursday, May

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7th with an afternoon performance for the school at 1:30 pm and an evening performance for the parents and families at 6:30 pm. Students from kindergarten through grade 5, plus the Vocal Project choir will be performing a variety of songs about gardens to highlight the wonderful things that have happened this year in our own special Water Garden.

## Bike Safety Class at Bridger



Does your child know the rules of the road? The Bicycle Transportation Alliance (BTA) will be at Bridger School to teach a Bicycle Safety Education class May 22<sup>nd</sup> to May 29<sup>th</sup>. Classes will be 3- 5 p.m. each day. Bicycles, helmets and safety vests will be provided by the BTA. Your child must be in the 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade to participate. This event is sponsored by the Bridger PTA. The cost of this 5-day after school program is \$5. Registration forms are available in the school library. Registration is limited to 30 people. For more information, visit the PTA website [www.bridgerpta.org](http://www.bridgerpta.org).



## Help Plan Bridger's 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion

Join Bridger staff for an 8<sup>th</sup> grade  
promotion planning meeting Wednesday,  
May 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m. in the Library!

## Swine Flu Information

As you may have heard, the Centers for Disease Control is tracking cases of swine flu in five states across the U.S. There are no confirmed cases in Oregon but we are tracking the issue closely -- working with both state and county health departments. Also, the CDC has set up a [Web site](#) with the latest information about swine flu.

We will keep you posted of any changes as information becomes available. In the meantime, please take this opportunity to remind students and co-workers about the following prevention measures:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.
- Stay home if you are sick. Influenza is most often passed through coughing or sneezing of infected people.



Notes from the

Music Room

May is here, and with it comes our Spring Concert! Students in the elementary grades will be performing songs that celebrate the wonders of nature in honor of the Bridger Water Garden and all of our students and parents who have worked so hard this year to make it a special and unique green space for our community. Mark your calendars for Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm and come out to support our blossoming performing artists.

Our final musical performance will take place during the Bridger Bike Rodeo. The percussion ensemble, Sound Brigade, will be showcasing their hard work with an open air performance that will allow parents and students to see just what can be done with some dedicated students and a few drums! I'm really excited about having this opportunity for this group to perform and I hope that everyone comes out to the Rodeo to see them.

This has been a great year of creative performing at Bridger. Our students have risen to every challenge I have presented to them, and I can't wait to see what we can do next year. Students, spend some time this summer thinking about how you want to get involved at school next year. Maybe you will audition for the play, or sing in the Vocal Project choir. I would love to explore ideas for new musical ensembles like a recorder club or a xylophone group. Let me know what you are interested in and together we can make it happen.

See you at the concert!

*Erica Lindgren*

Music Specialist

## PTA International Cookbook Available



Celebrate Bridger's diverse community by trying family recipes from all over the world in the Bridger School International Cookbook. It's the perfect gift for Mother's Day! Included are recipes from Mexico, Italy, Japan, China, Germany, Greece, Peru and more. The cookbook is \$7.00 per copy or \$5.00 for those who submitted recipes. Order forms are available in the Bridger Library. Please staple cash or check to order form and make checks payable to the Bridger PTA. Orders are due May 6<sup>th</sup> for Mother's Day, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Books can be picked up at the library on Friday

