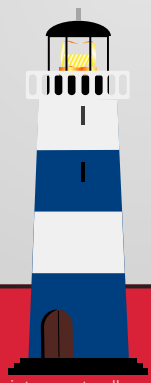


BRIDGEPORT BEACON



March 2024

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

PARP Thank You- What an amazing team we have with staff, PTA, and our community members that made PARP so special for our students this year. The transformation into an art gallery was an amazing display of the arts and literature connection. Students read over 2,000 books during our celebration. What an amazing accomplishment! It is sure to be a wonderful lifetime memory for students and families.

Internet Safety-

"In many ways the Internet is like a gigantic library; both have content to teach and entertain. And similar to the content in a library, not all Internet content is appropriate for children. Libraries create children's and young adults' sections in order to help youth (and their parents) identify which materials are appropriate for them. On the Internet, however, all of the content may be equally accessible. Children do not have to look hard to find inappropriate content; it is as easy as typing a word into the search bar on Google. Even blocking, filtering, and monitoring software can be overcome by a determined child. A child may also accidentally click the wrong link or misspell a web address and be led to websites with inappropriate content. That is why when it comes to dealing with Internet searches and use, adult guidance and supervision are always key."

What can parents do to prevent inappropriate Internet activity?

- Generate a list of expectations for using electronic devices and going online with your children. Being clear about what they can and cannot do will help them to make responsible choices.
- If your children have any online accounts, make sure you're aware of how the site or app works. Most websites require that children are at least 13 years of age before creating an account. Children don't always abide by that rule.
- If you choose to let your children use your smartphone, be aware of what they are doing when they use it.
- Keep your computer in a high-traffic area of your home. Children should not be going online in their bedrooms.
- Remember that your children can go onto the Internet, YouTube or a social network on mobile devices, too. Require your children to use these devices when you are present so that you can monitor them.
- Learn all of your children's passwords and monitor their activities.

For more information please check out the website:
<https://www.netsmartzkids.org/>

Attendance Fact- "Attending school regularly and on-time helps children feel good about school and themselves. It is essential that students understand that going to school on time, every day is important." -attendanceworks.org

Mrs. Melissa Stanch



Special Person's Day Friday, March 22nd **No Snow Date

A special person is invited to come and visit the classroom of their special child. During the visit, you will participate in a classroom activity.

Visit Schedule:

2nd, 3rd & 4th Grades

9:30-9:45 Special People Arrive & Enjoy Refreshments in the Cafeteria

9:45-10:15 Visit Classrooms

10:15-10:45 Book Fair for Special People Only

UPK, Kindergarten & 1st Grades

1:15-1:30 Special People Arrive & Enjoy Refreshments in the Cafeteria

1:30-2:00 Visit Classrooms

2:00-2:30 Book Fair for Special People Only

Limit is 2 adults, no younger siblings due to limited capacity in the classrooms.

Sign up form will be sent home soon!

IMPORTANT DATES

5 ● MIOSM Concert, 6:30 p.m. @ CHS- Orchestra

6 ● MIOSM Concert, 6:30 p.m. @ CHS- Band

4-5 ● Kindergarten Registration

19 ● PTA Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

22 ● Special Persons' Day

29 ● No School, Good Friday

UPCOMING APRIL DATES

8 ● Half Day, Parent Pick-Up Dismissal @ 11:00 AM, Bus Dismissal @ 11:15

10-11 ● 3rd & 4th Grade NYS ELA Testing

12 ● Report Cards Issued

22-26 ● Spring Break

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

March is National Nutrition Month!

Celebrate by helping your kids learn to make healthy choices.

Good nutrition is important for keeping bodies healthy and minds alert. Here are a few suggestions to promote healthy eating:

- Don't skip meals. A good breakfast will help you start the day off right.
- Introduce new foods to your family by letting them choose something they would like to try.
- Eat a rainbow of colorful fruits and vegetables every day to promote a strong heart, healthy vision and it may help with memory.
- Make sure you get enough calcium and potassium to keep bones strong. It only takes 3 servings of dairy a day for children and teens.
- Eat dinner as a family. Children who see their parents eating healthy will follow your example.



BRIDGEPORT PTA

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

Hello from PTA! We have a bunch of upcoming events that we are very excited about. Read-a-thon will be starting next week. Kid's Night Out will be held 3/15/24 from 5:15-7:30PM. Bookfair is coming the following week with Special Person's Day on 3/22/24. Volunteer opportunities are available for all events and link was posted to Parent Square. Sign up for items to donate for Special Person's Day to follow. Any questions or suggestions can be directed to bridgeportempta@gmail.com. Thank you again for all your support.

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, 2023-2024 PTA Board

PTA MEETING INFORMATION

When: March 19th- 6:00pm
 Where: Bridgeport Elementary Library
 Future PTA Dates
 May 21st (Last meeting)

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

COMMITMENT TO CHARACTER EDUCATION



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