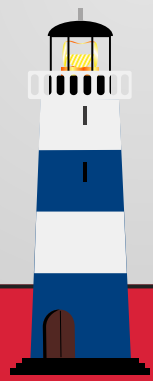


# BRIDGEPORT BEACON



## May 2024

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

New York State Grades 3 & 4 Math Testing- We are scheduled to administer the NYS Math test on May 8th & 9th. Bridgeport Elementary students will be taking their assessments on-line using classroom iPads.

Budget Vote- Tuesday, May 21st, 12:00-9:00 p.m. at Chittenango Middle School

Warm Weather & Recess- Please make sure that your child has closed-toe shoes to wear on the playground. Sneakers are best. We have wood chips on the playground that make flip flops and sandals unsafe. They are also unsafe for climbing on playground equipment.

Class Placements for 2024-2025- 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. 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!

*Mrs. Melissa Stande*



Congratulations to our Chittenango Central Schools Music Department for being designated the award "Best Communities for Music Education 14 years in a row!"



### IMPORTANT DATES

- 8 & 9** ● 3rd & 4th Grade NYS Math Testing
- 10** ● School Fair, 5:30-7:30 @ CHS  
Dismissal @ 1:30
- 21** ● School Budget Vote, 12:00-9:00, CMS
- 21** ● PTA Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 24-28** ● Memorial Day Weekend, No School

### UPCOMING JUNE DATES

- 7** ● Bridgeport Festival, 5:30-7:30
- 14** ● Kindergarten Celebration (more info to come) & Half Day
- 19** ● No School
- 21** ● 4th Grade Moving Up (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 Skin Care Awareness Month!**

Playing in the sun is fun, but too much sun can be harmful. Practice sun safety everyday, everywhere, and all year long!

- Prevent sunburn- children can sunburn very quickly, even on a cloud day. Use sunscreen on all bare skin, including the ears and tops of the head where the hair parts. Reapply sunscreen as directed on the bottle.
- Wear a hat- hats with wide brims help protect your child’s face, ears and neck from the sun. Cool comfortable clothing can also help prevent sunburn.
- Protect your eyes- overexposure to the sun’s UV rays can damage your child’s eyes. Children should wear sunglasses that are labeled 99-100% UV Protection. Teach children they should never look directly at the sun!
- Stay cool- Never leave a child in a parked vehicle during hot weather, even for a few minutes.
- Things get hot- The sun can make vehicles, seatbelt buckles, car seats and other items very hot. These items can cause serious burns. Always check items before they touch your child’s skin. If it feels warm to you, it could feel hot to your child.
- Drink water- children lose fluids from their bodies when they go to the bathroom or sweat. If a child loses too much fluid, he/she can become dehydrated, which is very dangerous. Give your child plenty of water to drink, especially during hot weather or when playing hard.

These Sun Safety Tips were taken from Healthy Childcare Consultants, Inc. Visit [www.childhealthonline.org](http://www.childhealthonline.org) for more information.

Also, we know it’s sandal season, so please remember to send in sneakers for recess and PE class this time of year!

**BRIDGEPORT PTA**

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

Hope that everyone had a relaxing spring break. Thank you to all that participated in the Believe Kids fundraiser in March. We have Teachers Appreciation coming up in May. Any interest in volunteering, questions, or suggestions can be directed to [bridgeportelempta@gmail.com](mailto:bridgeportelempta@gmail.com). Our next meeting is May 21, 2024 in the school library at 6PM. Nominations for next year’s PTA board to be sent out soon. 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**

Last Meeting for the year: May 21st, 6:00 p.m. Bridgeport Elem. Library

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!

Not yet a Dollar Dog saver? Contact Mandy Khammar at 315.728.3318 or [mkhammar@empowerfcu.com](mailto:mkhammar@empowerfcu.com) to join. Membership eligibility required. Insured by NCUA.