

# BRIDGEPREP MONTHLY BULLETIN

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## Administrative Message

Dear BridgePrep Family,

Thank you for celebrating National School Choice Week with us! We thank each and every one of our families for choosing BridgePrep Academy South Tampa. We are currently considering next year's enrollments, please be on the lookout for messages regarding your intent to return to BridgePrep S. Tampa. We ask you fill out your intent to return promptly upon receipt, as we want to ensure we save a spot for current and future children interested in joining our team. Keep in mind, we are not just building an academically successful school, we are growing our family!!

In the spirit of team...we have a couple of wonderful events planned for this month. This year we are selling **Candy Grams**, little token sweets with a special message for children to share with peers, teachers, and families. The Candy Grams will be delivered on Valentine's Day, so don't delay order today.

On **Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>** we will be having our **Valentine's Dance**. We invite you to come eat some sweet treats, play some games, dance, and have a wonderful time with your BridgePrep Family. This is sure to be loads of fun. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you again for making BridgePrep Academy your school of choice!!

Sincerely,  
Harris and Mizzi

## Welcome BridgePrep Families!

### Welcome to Spanish

### ¡Bienvenidos!

¡Hola! A warm greeting from the Spanish teachers at BridgePrep Academy.

During the month of January, we have been working with reading, comprehension and I-station in K- 5. In 6th-8th we have continued working with grammar and I-station. We have also been working on practicing the Spanish Language by creating plays related to their textbook. The students have been working hard writing their own script, all Spanish!

¡Hasta la próxima!

## Upcoming Events



February 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Parent -  
**Teacher Conference  
Week**

February 6<sup>th</sup> – **Spirit  
Night @ United Skates**

February 8<sup>th</sup> – **Fair Day  
(Non-Student Day)**

February 12<sup>th</sup> – **Spring  
Picture Day**

February 15<sup>th</sup> –  
**Valentines Dance**

February 18<sup>th</sup> –  
**Presidents Day (Non-  
Student Day)**

## Character Trait of the Month

### Respect

An expression of high or special regard or **courtesy**

## BridgePrep Academy of Tampa Mission Statement

BridgePrep Academy believes every child learns best in a safe, nurturing and stimulating environment where high academic expectations, self-esteem, good character, and an appreciation for the arts are promoted. BridgePrep Academy's mission is to provide a challenging academic curriculum that will encompass an enriched Spanish language program, technology and experiences that will enable students to develop globally. BridgePrep Academy's goal is to educate well rounded individuals and enable students to reach their maximum potential.

## Classroom Collaborations

### Welcome to Kindergarten

We had a wonderful time celebrating the 100th day of school seeing what our students came up with! We are so proud of their accomplishments and growth so far this year.

### Welcome to First Grade

1st Grade will be decorating our classrooms for Valentine's Day and will be making Valentine's masterpieces in Art to help decorate the gym for our Valentine's Day Dance. I will be posting pictures of our masterpieces on ClassDojo for all to see. In the beginning of February, we will be ending our unit on Compare and Contrast for: past/present, point of views between the texts "The 3 Little Pigs" and "The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs, and character similarities and differences between 2 different fairy tale Step-Mothers. After our unit, we will be analyzing quotes using "Say, Mean, Matter" to start practicing identifying important information, what the information means to us, and why it matters. This goes along will all grades also practicing "Say, Mean, Matter", just on a smaller scale for 1st Grade. Can't wait to see what they come up with by themselves.

### Welcome to Second Grade

I can hardly believe that we are already halfway through the school year. We came back after Winter Break rested and ready to have fun learning. My students are excited about working on addition and subtraction up to 1000 already with regrouping. When we are working on place value, we have our own abbreviation for HUNDREDS, TENS, AND ONES. We call it H. T. O. Makes it a lot easier and much more fun!

We are also using our imagination in Science as we try to think like an engineer. We had fun working in teams to think of ways to improve on the many invention's engineers have made to improve our lives. Then the students came up with future ways to improve on these inventions and presented their "imaginings" to the class. There were some amazing ideas! Second grade will be strengthening their informative writing in February. We will create a biographical paragraph about a famous African American. We will also continue our study of folktales by comparing them, discussing point of view, and learning about traits to describe characters in stories. To help our writing conventions, we will learn about the apostrophe and how to use it.

### Kinder and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Students of the Month



### Kinder and 1<sup>st</sup> Enjoying Movie Night



## Classroom Collaborations

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Showing School Pride Wearing Silly Socks During National School Choice Week



### Welcome to Fifth Grade

In math, we have been working hard adding and subtracting decimals! We have been lining up the place values so that we make sure to do the math correctly.

In science, we have been exploring space! We learned about the Milky Way galaxy, our solar system, and the celestial bodies (the sun, planets, moons, comets, asteroids, and dwarf planets) within it. We created model galaxies that show where the red, yellow, and blue stars are as well as where there is gas and dust in our galaxy, the Milky Way. We took a tour of the solar system that was measured to scale in terms of both the size and distance of the sun and planets. The sun was shrunk down to 10cm and we still had to turn around at Saturn because we didn't want to leave the school grounds!

In Social Studies & Language Arts we began learning about the New England Colonies and have been focusing on explanatory & opinion writing. We look forward to meeting with parents & students for our mid-year conferences this month!

### Welcome to 4<sup>th</sup> grade

In the Month of January, we learned about the Reconstruction Period after the Civil War. The students studied about Florida's Cattle Industry, Sumter and Citrus Counties and ways people use money. We also learned about the phases of the moon, astronomy and how the constellations came to be named. In math, students went in depth about fractions, decimals and rigorous studying of multiplication facts (4th grade is such a key year to learn these facts, it will set students up for math success for years to come when these are mastered).

In the coming week and throughout the month of February, the students will begin a novel study to the book "Frindle." This novel is mainly about a kid named Nick who has a reputation for disrupting class. When he starts fifth grade, he tests his no-nonsense teacher, Mrs. Granger, by asking her who decides what words mean. This results in him inventing a new word, "frindle," which originally means pen. A journalist picks up the "frindle" story, which quickly makes Nick famous.

### Fun In 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science



## Classroom Collaborations

### Welcome to Art

Colors are everywhere!

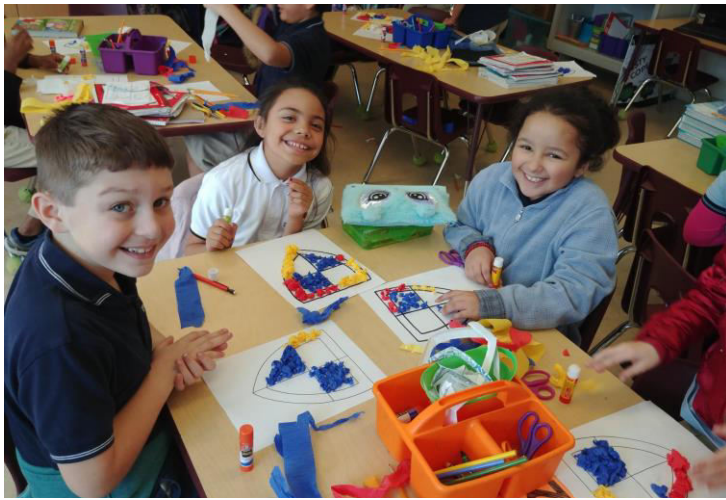
This semester we continue learning the elements of art. Exploring the wonderful world of colors. Painting and experience with different kinds of paint and other medias. The students are really enjoying this unit and we are going to continue making beautiful art project that you will see.

### Welcome to Music

Hello families!

Students have been very busy in the music classroom. We've learned about percussion instruments and how they work. On the other hand, Middle schoolers have been learning about orchestras and music from China. During the month of February, students will be learning famous songs from African American composers.

### Students Showing School Pride Creating National School Choice Week Art



### Kinder & 1<sup>st</sup> "We Got Spirit" National School Choice Week Pep Rally



### 8<sup>th</sup> Graders Working Hard on their Iditarod Project



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