

BRIDGEPREP MONTHLY BULLETIN

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Principal's Message

Dear BridgePrep Family,

Communication is the key to our successful relationship. We recognize the need for communication to be clear and concise. To help in this endeavor, we have established multiple ways to reach out and ensure that we are communicating effectively.

Our first line of communication is our Phone App and BPA Tampa website. If ever we need to get a hold of you quickly, this will be our first line of communication. Our Phone App is also where you will find our calendar, your child's homework, our monthly newsletter, and our directory should you need to contact your child's teacher. Our monthly newsletter is a great source to preview what's to come, and what your child will be doing for that month. Remember, you can always find your child's homework, our calendars/events, and up to date news on our website (batampa.bridgeprepacademy.com). We also have a Face Book and Twitter accounts where we post all our events and any emergency news.

Additionally, our teachers contact you every week in their "Weekend Updates" via email, and or Edsby (an important 24/7 portal) to get homework & personal information like grades. These updates will let you know what our objectives and goals are for the week and highlight any events forthcoming. Teachers use Class Dojo (a 24/7) phone and website portal to receive personal information regarding your child's behavior. If you are not receiving emails or phone calls via our Parent Link, Class Dojo, or Weekend Updates within Edsby, please contact our front office (813-258-5652) as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Harris
Christine Harris M.Ed.
Principal BridgePrep Academy
K-8 South Tampa

Welcome BridgePrep Families!

Welcome to Spanish

!Saludos!

As we are entering the Fall Season we are excited to continue our learning in **Español**. Kinder and 1st grade will be working with settings, characters, and sequence of events. 2nd through 5th will be working with sequence of events, main idea, and part of the sentence. 6th through 8th will be working verbs. During the month of October, we will continue working with Hispanic Heritage in all grades, we will keep you posted in Dojo!

Hasta luego!

Character Trait of the Month

Integrity

Integrity is the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; moral uprightness.

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.

Upcoming Events



October 9th – Monthly PTC Meeting

October 11th – Spirit Night @ Chick-Fil-a

October 22nd – 26th - Scholastic Book Fair

October 22nd – 26th – Red Ribbon Week

October 26th – Fall Festival

October 31st – Book-A-Ween Parade (Kinder – 3rd)

Classroom Collaborations

Welcome to Kindergarten

In Kindergarten we have been learning about how scientists work and using science tools to explore nature! The students have loved using magnifying glasses to look at things on our playground up close! We are changing directions for the month of October and learning about how engineers work! We will be building skyscrapers for Science Olympics by planning, designing, building, finding problems, and rebuilding!

Kinder Students Using Magnifying Glasses To Look At Things Up Close



Welcome to First Grade

In October, we will continue learning through our content and have fun learning experiences in the process. We will also start learning about long vowel words along with the silent e. This will be confusing for some students, but I promise that we will get this!

If you have any questions/concerns, you know where to find us. Have an awesome day!

Welcome to Second Grade

Second grade has spent much of the first quarter applying reading strategies such as visualizing, predicting, and questioning to fictional text. In October, we will be applying some previously learned and new strategies to informational text. We will also hopefully begin book clubs soon! In writing, we will continue writing narratives and work on revising and editing to be the best writers we can be! In social studies, we will begin researching famous Hispanic Americans in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. We are hard at work finishing the first quarter to gear up for the rest of an amazing year!

We are looking forward to starting a new month next week and new fun activities.

In my science class we're learning about Forces in Motion. We've learned how pushes and pulls make objects move and we had a great time experimenting with magnets. Next week we plan to fly paper airplanes! In Math we continue to work on place value to 100 and have extending that to 1,000. Many may wonder why is place value so important. Well, if we miss this stage of learning we will have a more difficult time with adding and subtracting with regrouping, counting in numbers greater than 100, and much more. We will start some simple addition this week. It gets more rigorous as we go but we will always find ways to have fun learning with manipulatives and games. By the way, we haven't forgotten about our very own game made by my 2nd period scholars. We have it all laminated and will find time this week to play!

2nd Grade Enjoying Friends During Lunch



Classroom Collaborations

Welcome to Third Grade

Mrs. Stewart's third graders will begin another book study. Our genre will be biography this month as we explore the fascinating life of artist and activist Frida Kahlo. As always, we will celebrate our new learning at the end of the month with a fiesta.

Welcome to 4th grade

In 4th grade Science we covered Forms of Energy and how energy is transferred. Our students showed their understanding of energy through hands on creations of sound energy. The students were able to make their own musical instruments in order to show their understanding of sound energy! ELA has also reinforced similar concepts. In ELA students have learned how science can help you understand how things work. Students worked on finding text evidence to show cause and effect within their reading. Students also worked on their persuasive writing skills. We are proud of the way that our 4th grade class is bonding and working together!

Welcome to Fifth Grade

In science, we have started working on our STEM Fair project! We are learning about the scientific method and following it. Expect emails as each part is taught in class and is assigned. If you have not been getting emails from your child's homeroom teacher, please email your child's homeroom teacher to make sure that you are added to our mailing lists! Mr. Shahar's email address is OShahar@bridgeprepacademy.com. Ms. Hampton's email address is SHampton@bridgeprepacademy.com We also worked on our Science Olympics project - building a roller coaster. This tied into our unit on forms of energy. In math, we have been working on multiplying multi-digit numbers, order of operations, and dividing whole numbers.

Welcome to Middle School

Middle grade ELA will be working on the writing process and learn important prewriting strategies to plan and organize a piece of persuasive writing. Students will also be learning about figurative language in both reading and writing. We will be learning parts of speech beginning with noun, pronouns and verbs.

Our students have been enjoying all the fun hands-on Science labs and diving into the Scientific method to learn the ins and outs of how ideas and problems work within the Science world. The best thing about Science is seeing the curiosity build in their minds and then develop on paper and through labs. We have been learning that in Science there is no such thing as failure, only adaptation. Experiment, adapt, learn, repeat and to always think like a proton and stay positive. Also, never trust an Atom, they make up everything.

BPA Chorus Performing at Family Dinner Night



Classroom Collaborations

Welcome to Art

Art is a wonderful way to learn about history and culture. Joining in the celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, we studied the life and paintings of different Hispanic artist such as Joan Miro, Pablo Picasso, Salvador Dalí and Frida Kahlo. Student's created beautiful art projects inspired by them. I'm so excited and proud!



Welcome to Music

Hello BridgePrep Music Fans!

A musical note from the music classroom:
Our students have been dancing and singing songs in Spanish to commemorate Hispanic History Month. During the month of October, we will begin singing songs about the Fall and continue learning about other cultures!

BPA Elementary Soccer Team



A Family Checking out Hispanic Inspired Art Exhibit at Family Dinner Night



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