

Bridger News



February 1, 2008



From the Principal

Dear Bridger Families,

Welcome back from the holidays and all the snow related activity that we are experiencing. Students and teachers have been working hard at learning this month.

All grades have been involved in district and state assessment this month. The new OAKES assessment is similar to TESA in content, but rather than have a long and a short assessment they are all of similar length. Students seem to have settled in quite nicely.

Safe and Civil Committee has completed their observations of the cafeteria area and there have been some substantial changes being made to how the cafeteria looks and feels. Sometimes getting systems in place that everyone can live with takes time. We are confident that improvements are being made daily.

Our Counselor, Lynne, has been out on medical leave for two weeks. She is doing well and we expect to see her back in another week or so. We will be happy to have her back, but her sub Miss Walker has been filling her shoes very well.

Report cards will be available February 8th. The new semester begins February 4th. We are looking forward to spring and the outside days that it will bring.

As Always,

Tina Daily, Principal

Dates to Remember in February:

- Friday, February 1st—NO SCHOOL, Teacher Planning Day
- Saturday, February 2nd—Elementary/Middle School Transfer Cycle begins and PPS Celebration at Portland Expo Center, 1-5 p.m.
- Thursday, February 7th—Creative Science Information Night, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 12th—PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, February 14th—Neighborhood Kindergarten Round Up and Spanish Immersion Information Night, 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, February 15th--6th-7th Grade Dance, 3-5:00 p.m., Cafeteria
- Monday, February 18th—NO SCHOOL, President's Day
- February 18th—PTA fundraiser at Academy Theater. Monday matinee--20% of concession sales donated to Bridger PTA.
- Tuesday, February 26th—Site Council, 3:15 p.m.
- Thursday, February 28th—Creative Science Information Night, 6:30 p.m.

NO SCHOOL
Friday, Feb. 1
Teacher Planning Day



Transfer Cycle Starts

Information Nights Scheduled for CSS,
Neighborhood/Immersion

Celebrate! Portland Public Schools will be held Saturday, Feb. 2, at the Portland Expo Center from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Schools from throughout the district will have booths at the Expo Center with information about their school. Bridger Creative Science and Bridger Neighborhood/Immersion will each have booths.

The celebration kicks off the transfer cycle for 2008. Families will need to apply for a transfer into either Creative Science or Spanish Immersion in order to be enrolled in the program for 2008-09. Transfer applications will be available following Celebrate either on-line or in paper form in school offices. The deadline to complete and submit the transfer application is March 7, 2008.

As part of the transfer process, Creative Science and Neighborhood/Immersion have scheduled tours and information nights. Neighborhood/Immersion has slated Kindergarten Roundup and Immersion Information Night for Thursday, Feb. 14, 6:30 p.m. Creative Science has scheduled information nights for Thursday, Feb. 7 and Thursday, Feb. 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Tours of Creative Science during the school day are available by contacting Stacy Larson at 503-460-0999 or emailing at larsenstacy@comcast.net. Tours of Neighborhood/Immersion are available by calling the Bridger Office at 503-916-6336.

**Tour Spanish Immersion!
Talk With Parents!
Visit Classrooms!**

Sign Up in the Bridger Office!
Call 503-916-6336

**Attend
Kindergarten Roundup
Thursday Feb. 14, 6:30 p.m.**

*Attend Spanish Immersion
Information Night
Thursday, Feb. 14, 6:30 p.m.*

include history textbooks and support materials and resources for social studies teachers; markable wall maps, desk maps and globes, as well as atlases and accompanying teacher curricula; and videos and DVDs. Among the books are Howard Zinn's "Young People's History of the United States, Vol. 1," which presents a social justice viewpoint that teachers can use to add perspective to whichever U.S. textbook is used, and books from the Opposing Viewpoints series that offer support in teaching argumentative literacy and how to understand and use critical thinking and persuasion effectively.

Comments received on the social studies, PE and health materials will be forwarded to curriculum materials adoption advisory committees. Their recommendations will go to Superintendent Carole Smith, who will present her recommendations to the Board of Education's Student Achievement Committee. Ultimately the board will vote on the new materials for use beginning in the 2008-09 year. For more information, go to www.otl.pps.k12.or.us and click on "Core Curriculum," or contact the PPS Office of Teaching and Learning's Curriculum and Instruction Department at 503-916-5404, ext. 1017, or otlfeedback@pps.k12.or.us

**NO SCHOOL
Monday, February 18
Presidents' Day Holiday**

Bridger Students on Fox 12 Good Day Oregon



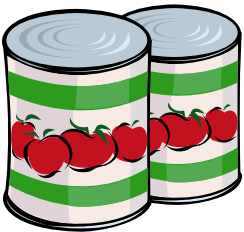
Fox 12 recently visited Bridger School to videotape students from Laurie Shonkwiler's second grade and Brandi Miller's second grade classrooms. The videotape, in which students shout "good day Oregon," will appear on the Good Day Oregon show on Wednesday, Feb. 6 and Wednesday, Feb. 20. One class will appear on the first date. The other class will appear on the second date. The spots will air at approximately 6:50 a.m. and 7:50 a.m. Remember to set your VCR to record for viewing later.

School Lunch Concerns

At this time of year, many school lunch accounts created at the beginning of the year have been depleted. Please update your child's lunch account by making sure your child has money to pay for lunch. Parents may visit the school cafeteria to deposit lunch money. Funds may also be left in the school office. Remember, Free and Reduced Lunch applications are available in the school office.



Project Second Wind



The Bridger School Student Council will take on Project Second Wind March 3 through 7, 2008. The Student Council has a goal of 1,000 pounds of food this year—a big increase over last year. Parents and families may send canned and boxed

food items (no chili or stew due to recalls) to school with their students. The student council will be collecting donated food items from each homeroom at Bridger. Cash donations may also be made to the Oregon Food Bank. The food bank is able to provide 5 pounds of food for each \$1.00 donated. In addition, the Student Council will be holding an after school licorice sale. All proceeds will go to Project Second Wind.

Social Studies Materials for grades 6-8 on display

Families, staff members and others are invited to examine and comment on a wide range of curriculum materials being considered for grades 6-8 social studies. The materials are on display from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5, Tuesday, Feb. 12, and Wednesday, Feb. 20, at the Harriet Tubman Leadership Academy for Young Women, 2231 N. Flint Ave. Also on display are proposed curriculum materials for preK-12 health and preK-12 physical education. The materials will be in rooms 217, 224 and 226. The social studies materials

VISIT Creative Science!

Observations available for
prospective CSS families!

Take a look at classrooms!

Talk with Parents!

See CSS in Action!

Contact Stacey Larsen

503-460-0999

or Email larsenstacy@comcast.net

Grade 1-5 DRAMA CLUB Registration On-going

There's still time to register for Winter Drama Club for Grades 1-5 at Bridger. The workshop will be held Mondays, Jan. 28th through March 31st, 3:05 to 4:05 p.m. on the Bridger stage. The class is being offered by Young Players. Registration forms are available in the Bridger Office or by going on-line to www.theyoungplayers.com.



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Or email jeremes@earthlink.net

Or contact the Bridger Office