



Bridger News



September 5, 2008



From the Principal

Dear Bridger Families,

Welcome to the start of a new year at Bridger School K-8! First off, a big Thank You to the wonderful volunteers who helped spruce up the school grounds and paint the hallways a lovely yellow on Community Care Day, Aug. 23. You are our heroes!

This has been a busy three-day week. Middle school students, grades 6, 7 and 8, have been getting to know their schedules. Kindergarteners have been in conferences with their new teachers. And first through fifth graders have been getting to know their new classrooms.

If you have not already done so, please take a look at your child's opening day packet of materials. Return the requested information as soon as possible. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting year.

Tina Daily
Principal

Important Dates to Remember in September:

- September 8—First Day of School for Kindergarteners
- September 9—PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Library
- September 11—Back to School Picnic and classroom visit, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- September 12—Volunteer Orientation, 9:00 a.m., Library
- September 26—Student Council elections
- September 27—Water Garden Work Party, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
- September 28-October 3—Outdoor School for 6th graders

Volunteer Orientation

Find out how to volunteer at Bridger School in the Neighborhood and Immersion programs at a special Volunteer Orientation meeting Friday, September 12, at 9:00 a.m. in the Bridger Library

Volunteers will need to complete an application and file a background check with the school office. PTA members and school staff will present information on appropriate procedures to follow when volunteering.

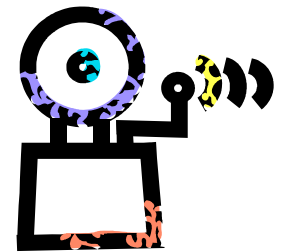
Back to School Picnic

Join Bridger families and staff for Back to School Picnic, Thursday, September 11, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Meet all the staff at Bridger School, including members of the Neighborhood and Spanish Immersion teams. The school will provide hot dogs, chips and soda.

The Picnic starts at 5:30 p.m. Visits to your child's classrooms start at 6:30 p.m. Please join us as we present important information about your child's education. This is an excellent time to sign up for November conferences with your child's teacher.



When to Arrive at School



The Bridger School Day starts when the first bell rings at 8:40 a.m. When the tardy bell rings at 8:45 a.m. all students should be in their classrooms. Students may arrive at school as early as 8:20 a.m. in the Cafeteria for breakfast. Breakfast is free for all.

Please do not send your children to school or drop them off prior to 8:20 a.m. There is no supervision for students prior to this time. Dangerous situations may result from leaving students alone and unsupervised on school grounds. The only exception to the 8:20 arrival is for students who are enrolled in Vermont Hills Day Care—those students may arrive at the time arranged with Vermont Hills.

Outdoor School!

Families of Bridger Sixth graders—be sure to watch for upcoming information about Outdoor School. All sixth graders will be welcome to attend Outdoor School beginning Sunday, September 28th and ending Friday, October 3rd. Information is coming from your child's teacher.

Thank You Volunteers

More than 3,000 volunteers landscaped 76 schools on Saturday, Aug. 23rd as part of Portland Public Schools' annual Community Care Day. Volunteers collected 394,000 pounds of yard debris (20 percent more than 2007) and 7,200 pounds of trash. Pacific Coast Fruit Co and Coastwide Laboratories sponsored the event. Hands On Great Portland helped organize it, and the community members citywide donated their time.

“The efforts of so many people—students and their families, neighbors and friends—are deeply appreciated,” said Superintendent Carole Smith. “By beautifying our schools and grounds, they’ve helped get our new school year off to a great start.”

**Picture Day
Is coming!!!
October 8th!**