



Bridger News



November 3, 2008



From the Principal

Dear Bridger Families,

November has arrived and with November has come rain and cooler weather. Make sure your children wear their jackets and appropriate shoes for the season—no shorts and flip-flops!

We look forward to seeing families at a variety of events this month, from Grandparents and Special Friends Day on November 5th to Conferences during the week of Thanksgiving. Please make a note of K-2 Family Literacy Night on November 13th and Family Reading Night on November 20th. Don't forget the Scholastic Book Fair November 19-26.

Your participation in school events is important to your students. Please make a conference appointment with your child's teacher if you have not already done so. Middle school parents, plan to attend your students' conferences in the cafeteria. If we, as parents, take a little time to involve ourselves in our children's learning, it will make tremendous difference in their success.

This month we have two fund raisers at the same time: The PTA is selling entertainment books; and the classroom teachers are selling cookie dough to help pay for a glass artist that will be coming in April. In the future we will try to spread these things out

Tina Daily
Principal

Grandparents and Special Friends Day

Bridger School would like to welcome Grandparents and Special Friends to join staff and students at school Wednesday, November 5th, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.



Sign in by the front door and then proceed to your student's classroom. Volunteers will be available to help direct you. Each classroom will have a special event planned for students to share with the special guests they have invited. We

look forward to your visit to Bridger. Visit our Cookie Dough Sale Cookie Café.

NO SCHOOL!

Monday, Nov. 10

(Teacher Planning Day)

Tuesday, Nov. 11

(Veterans' Day Holiday)

Important Dates to Remember in November:

- **Nov. 5--Grandparents and Special Friends Day, 2:00-3:00 p.m.**
- **Nov. 10--NO SCHOOL, Teacher planning day**
- **Nov. 11--NO SCHOOL, Veterans' Day Holiday**
- **Nov. 13--K-2 Family Literacy Night, 5:30-7:30 p.m.**
- **Nov. 19--Picture Retake Day**
- **Nov. 20-Dec. 2--Scholastic Book Fair**
- **Nov. 22--Water Garden Work Party, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon**
- **Nov. 24-Nov. 26--NO SCHOOL, Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences**
- **Nov. 27--NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving Day Holiday**
- **Nov. 28--NO SCHOOL, Holiday**

Parent Conferences Nov. 24, 25, 26

Bridger School Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences will be held Nov. 24, 25 and 26. If you have not already made an appointment with your child's teacher, now is a good time to do so. Just call the school office at 503-916-6336 to contact the teacher.

K-5 Conferences will be held as follows:

- Monday, Nov. 24, all day and evening.
- Tuesday, Nov. 25, all day.
- Wednesday, Nov. 26, only in the morning.

No school for students on conference days.

Middle School Conferences will be held on a first come, first served basis in the Bridger Cafeteria at the same times as K-5 to allow parents to meet with all middle school teachers.



Notes from the Music Room

November already – the school year is well and truly underway! We are working hard in our music classes and each week brings new songs that your children can share with you.

Our choir, Vocal Project, has had several rehearsals now and I am thrilled with how wonderful they sound already. Research shows that community singing is not only good for our hearts and minds it is also good for our bodies; we physically relax when we are singing with our friends. I would still love to see more students in grades 4-8 come out for choir on Tuesday mornings. We begin at 7:45 and sing until 8:30 a.m.

Our percussion group, Sound Brigade, is just getting off the ground as well. This lunchtime group is a great opportunity for students to get more hands-on time with some of the fabulous instruments in our music room. There is still room for a few more students, so if your child would like to get more time on a drum have them come out on Thursday.

New recorders for the students in grade 4 and 5 have just been ordered, and a letter has been sent home with those children who need to purchase one. I have found a new supplier with a lower cost recorder, and I would encourage you to purchase a \$3 recorder if your child does not have one already. This is a real instrument, dating back to the Renaissance period, and will prepare our students to enter a band program in high school if they choose.

*I know I mentioned this last month, but it is never too soon to mark your calendar now for our Winter Concert. **Thursday, December 18th**. This year we will be exploring all of the different ways our community celebrates the December holiday season.*

Please feel free to stop by anytime, I'd love to meet you.

Erica Lindgren
Music Specialist

Mark your calendars!

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Retake Day

Wednesday

November 19th!



K-2 Literacy Evening

Join the Principal and Bridger Staff for a lively discussion about helping your child with reading on Thursday, November 13th, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Bridger Library. Topics include:

- How you and your child can use our library.
- How you and your child can use the public library.
- Tips about how to help your child **practice reading at home**.
- Get acquainted with Bridger Library.

All Kindergarten to Second Grade parents are welcome. Pizza and juice will be served. Childcare will be available. Books and prizes will be given away. For more information, call the Bridger Office at 503-916-6336.

Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Bridger!



Thousands of popular books will be available to choose from at the Bridger Scholastic Book Fair,

November 20th through December 2nd. Every sale goes toward buying new books for our Library! The schedule is:

- Thursday, Nov. 20 (5:30-7:30 p.m.)--Cookie Café: Our first night. Come enjoy free cookies while learning more about helping your children with reading, and be the first to check out our huge book fair selection.
- Friday, Nov. 21 (school hours)--Student Preview Day. All classes will have a chance to preview the sale, but no sales will happen.
- Monday, Nov. 24 (8 a.m. - 8 p.m.)--Visit and buy something before or after attending your child's Teacher Conference.
- Tuesday, Nov. 25 (8 a.m. - 3 p.m.)--More Teacher Conference Sales
- Wednesday, Nov. 26 (8 a.m. - noon)--More teacher Conference Sales
- Tuesday, Dec. 2 (school hours)--Students who bring money to school will be able to visit the fair during the school day.
- Tuesday, Dec. 2 (5-7 p.m.)--Reading Night: Final chance to attend the book fair and learn more about supporting your child's reading.

We are collecting "Book Change" through 9 a.m. on December 2nd. Students donate change that we will use to buy more library books. Scholastic Books matches our donations by giving books to a worthy charity. The class who donates the most change gets to help select the books we will buy for our Library!



Wish Lists and Shopping Spree - Teachers will preview the sale and let us know which books they'd love to have for their classrooms.

Please consider helping out by buying one of them. We will draw one name from all the students who donate a wish list

book to a teacher. The lucky student will get a \$25 Shopping Spree at the fair on 12/2!

Be a Neighborhood Hero!

The Shadow Project, a non-profit foundation that assists students in special education, is seeking support from businesses and individuals in the community. At Bridger, The Shadow Project helps Beth Raisman's, Betsy Shaughnessy's, Janet Stearns-Gannett's, and Jacqueline Sutton's hardworking students become confident and excited about learning. Started in 1997 by a Portland mom whose son has learning challenges, The Shadow Project teams with special education teachers, providing them a free goal-setting and leadership tool that has helped nearly 5,000 boys and girls tap into their potential.

Honored this year by the Oregon Education Association, The Shadow Project is a collaboration between educators, the foundation and community supporters. You can help by making a donation or volunteering. Your business can help by sponsoring a classroom as a corporate partner or providing in-kind contributions for our motivation program, including new books, school supplies, warm throws, hats and mittens, small sporting goods such as baseballs, educational toys, art supplies, and small gift items including bath products and jewelry.

For more information, please email Judy Beaudette at judy@shadow-project.org or call The Shadow Project at 1-888-747-0005. www.shadow-project.org.



Bobcat Beans

*Special order Coffee
from Stumptown Coffee Roasters
as part of a Bridger PTA Fundraiser!*

**Order forms in the Bridger Office.
Coffee is delivered every week!**

ORDER YOURS NOW!

Message from the Student Council President:

Dear everybody,

I'm Tien, the new Student Council President. I'm very happy to be involved in the school and help make the school a better place. So far, the Student Council has sponsored the Math Night which turned out to really well. A lot of people came and they had fun, and I'm glad they did.

Just about two weeks before Math Night, the Student Council along with their advisors (Ms. Lindgren & Ms. Fugere) went to Newberg for a special training. We met many other school students at Mountain View Middle School, and I learned a lot of things there. I learned new games that we can do to bring up the spirit at our school and different fundraising activities. At this Fun Shop, we also learned about business greetings, how to talk on the phone professionally, and how to use the microphone appropriately. Those are helpful skills that I think will help me throughout my year as President. They also taught us how to solve problems. I met a lot of people and I personally think that this trip to Newberg was a great experience.

The student council is now working on the coming up Halloween Assembly. There will be two assemblies, one for K-4 and the other one for 5-8. There will be lot of fun games for everyone.

One more thing I would like to say is that I hope more people will join the Water Garden Work Party and help us make this the best garden we can. We need your help!!!!

Sincerely,

President
Tien Nguyen

Clothing donations needed at Bridger

Bridger School's clothing closet needs your donations. If your children have outgrown pants, shirts and jackets, please consider donating them to school. Youngsters who need a change of clothing during the day will make good use of your donations. We especially need sizes 8-12 in pants and small T-shirts. Thanks!



Cookie Dough Sale

Nov. 7th-19th

Watch for packet coming home

Nov. 7th!

Proceeds to provide

Artists in Residence at Bridger

Sponsored by Bridger Staff

Entertainment Book Sale Sponsored by Bridger PTA

Buy a \$20 Book before Nov. 14.

Proceeds to PTA and school support.

Contact Kris Calvert for more
information at bridgerpta@gmail.com

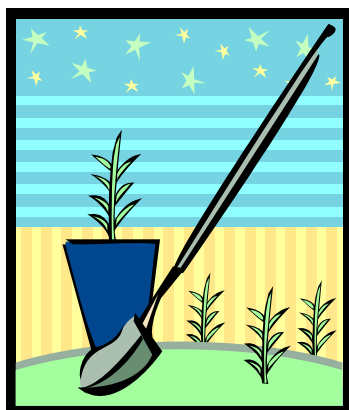
Children's Theater Workshop at Lincoln

Lincoln High School students will teach a theater workshop on November 11th, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The event is Lincoln's annual Fall Children's Theater Workshop. Bridger students in grades 4-8 are eligible to take this class and learn about musical theater, improvisation, stage combat, costumes and more.

Contact Jim Peerenboom at Lincoln High School for more information, 503-916-5200, ext 438 or jpeerenb@pps.k12.or.us

Bridger PTA Thanks Watergarden Helpers

Pay a visit to the rainwater garden at Bridger School and see all that Saturday volunteers have accomplished! Shrubs have been trimmed, weeds were pulled, pathways were mulched, the bridge railing was started and litter was picked up. PTA would like to thank all who participated including



Bridger parents and students; Student Council and Staff Advisors Erica Lindgren, Ann Fugere; Principal Tina Daily; Patricia Dair from Urban Water Works; San Fast Buffalo Horse, educator and Urban Water Works volunteer; Hands on Portland volunteers; Erin Cole and Rhyan Gretch from SOLV. Special thanks to Bipartisan Café who donated baked goods for the event. ***Another Water Garden Work Party is scheduled for Saturday November 22, 9 a.m. to Noon.***

After School Classes still have openings!

Space is still available for after school classes at Bridger. Take a look at the opportunities below:

- **Art Workshop:** Tom Verdevoodg is teaching a wonderful art class open to 2nd through 8th grades. Media will include watercolors, quill calligraphy, acrylic painting on tin, woodcarving and Plateau style beadwork. Students are welcome on a drop in basis. There is a \$5.00 charge per class paid to the teacher at each class. If you cannot afford to pay he would love to have you anyway. Come learn beadwork, painting on tin and other fun things. Class is on Wednesday afternoon from 3:10- 4:10pm.



- **Chess Club:** There are still openings in Chess Club on Wednesdays and Thursdays. All grades welcome! No charge.



- **Flag Football:** Flag Football has some openings on Tuesdays and Thursdays for middle school grades 6th through 8th at no charge.



If you need more information, please contact Secretary Liz in the office between 9:00am and 12:30 at 503-916-6336.