



Bridger News



December 3, 2008



From the Principal

Dear Bridger Families,

Thank you for participating in Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences at Bridger School K-8. We had a very nice turnout of families for conferences November 24-26. Your participation in your child's education will help insure his or her success in future years.

Looking forward to the coming month, we hope you will join us for Bridger School's first concert of the year—December Gifts. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to see Bridger's Music Program display all the hard work students have been doing this fall.

We look forward to working hard with your children right up until Winter Break. May the Holidays bring you Peace and Joy.

Tina Daily
Principal

Important Dates to Remember in December:

- **December 1—NO SCHOOL, Teacher Planning Day**
- **December 4—9 a.m. Spanish Speakers Only meeting, P-3**
- **December 9—PTA meeting, 6:30 p.m.**
- **December 18—Winter Concert, "December Gifts," 6:30 p.m.**
- **December 19—Holiday High Jinks (a time for student games and fun)**
- **December 22-January 2—Winter Break, NO SCHOOL for students**

"December Gifts"

Bridger students will explore all of the different ways our community celebrates the December holiday season with a Winter Concert musical program entitled "December Gifts." Join Bridger families and staff on Thursday, December 18th at 6:30 p.m. for this event. Performing will be Kindergarten through 5th grades and Vocal Project (Honor Choir—5th to 8th grades). Parents/Adults who would like to help, please give Ms. Lindee a call at Bridger, 503-916-6336.



WINTER BREAK

December 22-January 2

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

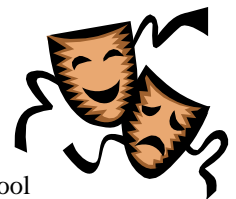
School starts again January 5th

New After School Classes Slated!



A number of new After School classes are scheduled to start in January 2009. Watch for more information coming to you in December concerning sign-ups for the following new and returning:

1. Winter Drama with Young Players starts January 26th for grades 1/5
2. Mad Science starts January 13th for grades K-6
3. Yoga for Adults and middle school students starts January 13th.
4. Art Classes continue on a drop in basis starting January 14th.
5. Chess Club continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays for grades K-8.



Te Invitamos A Una Junta de Padres!!

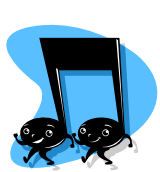
Dónde: Bridger School
Cuándo: jueves, 4 de Diciembre
Hora: 9:00 de la mañana

Vengan a aprender acerca de cómo ayudarles a sus hijos con su lectura y escritura. Café Y Pastelillos. Cuidado de Niños.

New Immunization Requirements for 7th Graders

Oregon Law has added a new immunization requirement for school year 2008-09. All 7th grade children will now be required to have an additional dose of Tdap vaccine. Tdap offers adolescents and adults protection against three serious diseases: Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis (whooping cough). Through a special project with the Oregon Department of Human Services Immunization Program, and the MESD Dept. of Health and Social Services Immunization Program, any 6th or 7th grade student and school personnel are eligible to receive a Tdap vaccination at no charge for this school year only. School Nurses in Portland Public Schools will be organizing special Tdap clinics for students and/or staff in the near future. The following school clinics have been scheduled to date: Clarendon/Portsmouth 11/21; Beaumont MS 12/3; Creston 12/4; Mt. Tabor 1/12; Lane MS 1/14; Ockley Green 1/29; James John 2/5.

Seventh grade students must be immunized for Tdap by February 18th or they will be excluded from school. For more information contact your School Nurse or Jan Sanderson, RN at 503-257-1769.



Notes from the Music Room

Well, Thanksgiving is behind us and we had a wonderful assembly to mark the occasion and kick-off the holiday season. Our honor choir, Vocal Project, sang the lovely Shaker song "Simple Gifts," and our Grade Four class performed the song "We Give Thanks." Both groups worked hard during rehearsals to learn the melodies and words, and their effort really showed. We also had a beautiful reading put together by our Reader's Theatre group, reminding us of all the different aspects of our lives that we can be truly thankful for.

Next up is our *Winter Concert, Thursday, December 18th*. This concert will celebrate all of the holidays we share in December, and our students from kindergarten through Grade Five will perform a variety of pieces honoring the traditions of Chanukah, Christmas and Kwanzaa. Please mark your calendars and plan on returning to school Thursday, December 18th for the 6:30 pm performance.

Performance is a very important part of our children's musical education, and we work hard to provide formal concert opportunities for them. They get such a thrill to hear the applause for their hard work. I look forward to seeing everyone there!

Erica Lindgren
Music Specialist

Thank you for helping make a great Book Fair!

Our Scholastic Book Fair was a resounding success! Due to your efforts, we'll soon have lots of new books on our library shelves for everyone to check out! Mr. Pioli's 5th grade class was especially generous. They donated over \$80 and got to help choose our new library books on December 2nd. In all, we took in over \$300 in Book Change.

Thanks to Everyone who Shopped and Donated!



Andrea Woodward
Librarian



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!

We Still Need Pants!

It seems we can never have enough pants for Bridger School's clothing closet. We still need your donations of pants, sizes 6-12, that your students have outgrown. Youngsters who need a change of clothing during the day will make good use of your donations. Thanks so much for helping us provide a change of clothing for those children who need dry or clean clothes.

