Special April Showers Issue

BRIDGE BUGLE

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Home of the Bulldogs “Bruno”

A CPS “Rising Star” school and “School of Distinction”, a CPS “Exemplary Achievement Award” Winner, an “Autonomous Management Performance School” (AMPS), an Illinois Honor Roll of Schools “Academic Improvement Award” & “Spotlight School Award” winner, a national SPEAK UP 200! School award winner. Named by Chicago magazine as a top 10 “Most Promising Places” school!

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• New Bridge Website!
• Tons of other great stuff!

LSC Elections
Wednesday, April 18th
From 6:00 AM - 7:00 PM
@ Bridge Elementary School Auditorium

Parent Representatives (six slots)
Daniel Aviles
Jim Ignatowski
Terri Ignatowski
Rebecca Jamroz
Lynda Jurewicz
Susan Szajna

Community Representatives (two slots)
Yvonne Majewski
Pat Walenga

Teacher Representatives (two slots)
Kelly Naughton
Wioletta Sak

Non-Teacher Representative (one slot)
Maria Crespo

LSC ELECTIONS
When: April 18th Voting from 6:00 AM– 7:00 PM
Where: Bridge Elementary School Auditorium
Who: Parents/Community Members/CPS Staff
(Please bring ID listing current address)
What: Elect 2012-2014 LSC Members

Check out the new Bridge School website at:
http://www.bridge.cps.k12.il.us/
BRAKE’S TAKE

Please vote on April 18th from 6:00 AM - 7:00 PM in the Bridge Auditorium (Report Card Pick-Up Day*) to select the 2012-2014 Bridge LSC members. The candidates are listed below by category in alphabetical order. Only Bridge CPS personnel may vote for Teacher/Non-Teacher Representatives. Please bring current ID to vote.

*Please Note: Teachers are available for Report Card Pick-Up from 12:00-3:00 & 4:00-6:15

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Thanks for your participation,

Dr. Christopher Brake

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April Non-Attendance Days for Students

- CPS Professional Development Day
- Third Quarter Ends
  - Friday, April 13th
  - No school for students

Report Card Pick-Up Day

- Wednesday, April 18th
- 12:00-3:00 & 4:00-6:15 PM
- No school for students on this day

Spring Vacation is April 2-6
- No School
- School Resumes 4/9/12
### April 2012

**Spring Vacation**

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**Professional Development Day**

**No School For Students**

**Community CIWP Meeting**

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**Indicates day of non-attendance for students**
April - Students of the Month

Obayda Mohammed  Jayden Lopez  Victoria Lipski

Jane Uremovich  Alessandra Barrios  Mollie Warren

Alex Kwiatkowski  Ailin Corona  Victoria Bobro

Ivan Ramos  Kylie Bertacchi  Mikolaj Dykiel

Alba Mertiraj  Krystian Wojtylo  Yasmeen Peralta
April - Students of the Month

Bridge Elementary School Students of the Month are selected for their outstanding attendance, academic performance, and conduct.
Every step counts.

HAPPY FEET TWO

DATE:  Friday, April 20th  TIME:  6:00 PM

LOCATION:  Bridge Auditorium Theater
3rd Quarter Report Card Pick-Up Day
Is Wed., April 18th from 12-3:00 pm & 4-6:15 pm
Elementary K-4th & Jr. High 5th-8th
Parent Teacher Conferences will all be held at the Elementary School building (3800 N. New England)

K-4th grade Parent/Teacher conferences will be held in their classrooms.
7th/8th grade conferences will be held in the Gym
6th grade conferences will be held in the Lunchroom.
5th grade conferences will be held in the Auditorium.

Please Note:
All conferences are being held at the Elementary School building (3800 N. New England) as a convenience for parents who have children in both facilities. Thank you!

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**COMMUNITY CIWP* MEETINGS**

*C*ontinuous *I*mprovement *W*ork *P*lan *(F*ormerly *SIPAAA)*

When: Friday, April 13th, 12:00 PM
Where: Bridge Elementary School Room 106
Who: Parents/Community Members
What: Develop 2012-2014 CIWP
&
When: Wednesday, April 18th
Following the LSC Meeting at 6:30 PM
Where: Bridge School Room 106
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Discuss/Approve 2013 Budget

*Great People Make Great Schools*
Literature in Math?
There are many books out there that incorporate Math into the story. Below are some Folk Tales that you can add to your home library and they come in many versions.

- The Three Bears: Use gummy bears or teddy bear counters for sorting, patterning, and counting. Make porridge (or oatmeal) together and incorporate measurement. Find sets of three objects at home and discuss sets of a number.
- The Three Pigs: Use Legos or blocks at home and estimate how many it will take to build a house. Each pig has problems they deal with in the story. Use ordinal numbers (First, Second, and Third) to discuss the story.
- The Three Billy Goats Gruff: Find objects at home that represent the three sizes (small, medium, & large) in the story. Count and build a bridge with popsicle sticks.

Math Lingo
Teach your child the language of math by using words like:
- big/little
- heavy/light
- long/short
- add/subtract
- more/less
- near/far
- empty/full
- same/different,
- first/second
- next/last

Math Skills at Home & Outdoors:
- Help your child learn to identify shapes, colors and numbers by pointing them out in your daily activities.
- Match socks or sort laundry by colors.
- Have your child push the correct elevator button.
- Form shapes out of food, popsicle sticks, or toothpicks.
- Use paint or food coloring to experiment with color.
- Go on a scavenger hunt in your neighborhood to find 1 bug, 2 flowers, 3 rocks, and so on.
- Reinforce the concept of 1 to 1 correspondence by having your child set the table or give each member of the family 1 cookie.
- Hang a wall calendar in an easily accessible location. Help your child count down the days to important events.
- Invest in puzzles and storybooks that emphasize shapes, colors and numbers.

Celebrate the Number 10
1. Crews, Donald, Ten Black Dots
2. Ehlert, Lois, Fish Eyes
3. Falwell, Cathryn, Feast for 10
4. Gerth, Melanie, Ten Little Ladybugs
5. Lyon, George Ella, Counting on the Woods 10
6. Masurel, Claire, Ten Dogs in the Window
7. Reiser, Lynn, Ten Puppies
8. Sabuda, Robert, Cookie Count: A Tasty Pop-Up
9. Tafuri, Nancy, Who’s Counting?
10. Yoon, Salina, One Weighs a Ton
This month our Kindergarten students learned about the parts of a plant, the life cycle of a plant, and how to grow a plant. We planted seeds, and observed and measured what happened next — the growth of a plant of course! We also went on a field trip to the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum. At the museum we participated in a hands-on workshop about plants. Each student got to bring back their very own seed to plant! It was a fun learning experience. We also observed butterflies in a natural habitat and learned about the dependency of bugs on plants.

Room 101 would like to welcome Ms. Katy Laisure to our classroom. Ms. Laisure is a student teacher from National Louis University and will be with us until the end of the school year.

As we have progressed throughout the year, the students have learned the sounds for all of the letters of the alphabet. We practiced the next step of sounding out words, and now we are taking on the role of an author and writing our own stories! Students worked very hard on adding details to their stories and sequencing the events of the story. We then shared our stories with the class during our Author’s Chair event.
While reading the story *My Robot* and learning about recycling and reusing materials, first grade students created their own robots at home. With the help of their families, students used an assortment of items in their constructions. Some interesting items included were: cds, plastic bags, light switches, solar lights, springs, and various car parts. Children presented the robots to their classmates, named the parts they reused, and answered questions. Students did a fantastic job creating their unique robots. Thank you to all family members for your help and support.

First grade students learned what a magnet is and how magnetic fields work. Magnets will not attract all objects, only certain ones. Through a variety of activities, students identified items that were and were not attracted by a magnet.

**Did you know?**
- Magnets are objects that produce an area of magnetic force called a magnetic field.
- Magnetic fields by themselves are invisible to the human eye.
- Magnetism can attract magnetic objects or push them away.
- Magnets have a magnetic north pole and a magnetic south pole.

Try this at home:
Become a magnet detective.
Use a magnet to find items that will be attracted to the magnet. Which items are not? Make predictions and check to see if you are correct. Divide a piece of paper into two columns. Make a list of your findings under the titles *Attracted* and *Not Attracted*. Have fun first grade scientists!
On March 27 all our third-graders were participating in a two-hour hands-on science workshop. Students have been learning about how different types of rocks form, such as igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic. Students observed these rocks with magnifying glasses and identified specific rocks and minerals. As a surprise they were able to select several of the rocks and minerals and take them home to enjoy long after the workshop was over. This workshop is one of Bridge School’s most popular activities among students.

They enjoyed every minute of it.

Margaret Janiszewski
My name is Kevin Barna from room 002. For my president’s day project I did Thomas Jefferson. Jefferson was the 3rd president of the United States. Thomas Jefferson invented many small devices which included the design for a revolving book stand. In 1768, Jefferson made plans to build a big house called Monticello, located in Virginia. The Jefferson Memorial is in Washington, D.C. Thomas Jefferson was the second president to be featured on U.S. postage stamp. His picture is also on the U.S. $2 bill and nickel. That is some stuff I learned about Thomas Jefferson.

My name is Jalyn Olivas. Cleopatra’s father Ptolemy XII had 6 children. Cleopatra had the finest of education. Cleopatra became queen at 18 years old. She had her own coin. Cleopatra was said not to be pretty but she was very smart. Cleopatra knew how to speak seven different languages. The stories and myths surrounding Cleopatra inspired a number of books, movies and plays. And that’s Cleopatra!

My name is Isabella and I researched the queen of Egypt, Nerfertiti. I spent days thinking about it! Then I saw all those great projects that room 001 did and I was inspired. This is my finished product!

My name is Dawid Zieba and my state is Nebraska. It is where you can see Chimney Rock and its trees. Nebraska’s official flag was adapted in 1925. Nebraska is the 16th biggest state in the U.S. Today Omaha is the largest city in Nebraska. Nebraska has the 95 National Parks.

My name is Britney Marin and my state is Kansas. The population is 2,871,238. The state flower is the sunflower. The state bird is Western Madawk. The animal is the buffalo. A landmark is the Wizard of Oz museum. The nickname of Kansas is The Sunflower State. The capital is Topeka. Kansas is the 34th state in the US. It became a state on January 29 1861. Kansas is mostly all planes. The 34th president, Dwight D. Eisenhower was from
The students in Room 214 received a very special delivery in the mail, their first set of letters from their Pen Pals! The students were excited to learn about their Pen Pals and what they do for a living. The students are now in the process of writing their pen pals back.

“My Pen Pal is a doctor who loves dogs. He is funny.” — Elais

“My Pen Pal is cool. We like to talk about basketball.” — Robert

“My Pen Pal has nice handwriting and is sweet. She is a gym teacher.”
— Xiomara

“My Pen Pal is a Chicago Police Officer.” — Joey

“My Pen Pal used to live in Colorado, just like me!” — Joseph

Room 214

Bridge Free Concerts
The Bridge Elementary School family would like to thank the International Music Foundation for providing free concerts to our children. The International Music Foundation is a non-profit organization that provides free music concerts to Chicago Public School students. On Friday, March 23rd our K-4th grade students were treated to a performance by the Bariso Quintet. Thank you to the Bariso Quintet and the International Music Foundation!

Thank You!

Bariso Quintet

Bariso Quintet Pictured L-to-R: Jessica Warren (flute), Amy Barwan (oboe), Dan O’Connell (French horn), Preman Tilson (bassoon), Elizandro Garcia (clarinet).
The Bridge School Journalism Club
Moderated by: Mr. Ambrosio and Ms. Gilana

**Getting to Know….Ms. Bermeo**

When did you start working at Bridge?
6 years ago

What your favorite part of your job?
Learning but like having fun at the same time.

Who was your favorite teacher and why?
Mrs. Lindberg because I was at a new school and, she was welcoming and made learning fun.

Who is someone who inspires you and why?
My grandfather because of how he brought his family to the states.

If you had a chance to go back in time where would you go?
My Nieces Kindergarten Graduations because I had to go somewhere and I missed it.

If you were stranded on a deserted island what’s one thing you would bring? I would bring sunblock and water.

By: Melissa Delgado

**Getting to Know….Ms. Patel**

When did you first start working at Bridge?
I started in January 9, 2012.

What is your favorite part of your job and why?
My favorite part is getting to work with students because I get to know them.

Who was your favorite teacher and why?
Ms. Mimkoff because she was nice, friendly, and made learning fun.

Who is someone that inspires you and why?
My dog because he had an accident and his rear leg was amputated; he didn’t complain and kept strong.

If you were stranded on a desert island, what object would you bring and why? I would bring my iPad because I like music.

If you could go back in time, where would you go and why?
I would go back to high school because they were the best 4 years of my life.

By: Karolina Peza rm. 303, Samantha Alanis rm. 305 and Monika Staszel rm. 303

**Language of the Month**

This month’s language… JAPANESE!!!

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<td>You’re welcome</td>
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If you want to see what your name means in Japanese go to: http://japanesetranslator.co.uk/dictionaries/your-name-in-japanese/

By: Natalia Hernandez

**Crazy Holidays— April**

1 April Fool's Day
2 National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day
3 Don't Go to Work Unless it's Fun Day
4 Tell a Lie Day
5 Go for Broke Day
6 Sorry Charlie Day
7 Caramel Popcorn Day.
8 Draw a Picture of a Bird Day
9 Name Yourself Day
10 National Siblings Day
11 Barbershop Quartet Day
12 Big Wind Day - this day blows me away!
13 Scrabble Day
14 International Moment of Laughter Day
15 Titanic Remembrance Day
16 National Eggs Benedict Day
17 National Cheeseball Day
18 International Juggler's Day
19 National High Five Day
20 Look Alike Day
21 Kindergarten Day
22 National Jelly Bean Day
23 National Zucchini Bread Day.
24 Pig in a Blanket Day
25 East meets West Day
26 Hug an Australian Day
27 Tell a Story Day
28 Great Poetry Reading Day
29 National Shrimp Scampi Day
30 Hairstyle Appreciation Day

By: Fotini Kaim

**Opening day for baseball**

Opening day for baseball is when the baseball leagues began the regular season. It usually begins the first week of April. You get to see new players from different teams that you never knew, sometimes new coaches, and have new hope for your team. It’s an exciting day for baseball fans. It’s fun to see your new baseball team with all different kinds of new players. I hope my favorite team the White Sox do really well this year. I love opening day because I get to see the White Sox in action after many months off. Going to the baseball park, and cheering for my team is a very exciting day for me.

By, Dailah Medellin
Book Review: Beautiful Creatures

Ethan Wate starts having the same dream over and over. Then, one day at school the girl in his dreams is actually real! Ethan begins a friendship with her and learns that she is a caster. A caster is a person who has magical powers and uses them for different reasons. On her sixteenth birthday, she will find out whether she is dark or light. It isn’t that easy because Lena’s mother is coming back for revenge. Ethan learns how difficult his girlfriend’s life is, but there’s one small problem and that is they can never be together unless Ethan dies.

By: Kayla B. 203

Earth Day

Earth day is celebrated in April which happens to be this month and it is celebrated on April 22nd. On Earth day, people mostly plant trees and other plants. Also, they take good care of our environment. Many people also believe that Earth Day should be celebrated every day. I also, believe that it should be celebrated every day. Earth is the planet we live on and Earth is our home, so everyone should take good care of it…everyday!

By : Monika Zawislak 204

Top 10 Most Common Dreams

Flying dreams
Chasing Dreams
Clothing Dreams
Falling Dreams
Forest Dreams
Lost/Maze Dreams
School Dream
Slow-Motion Dreams
Stranger/Monster Dreams
Teeth Dreams

By: Nicole Lesniak 204

Top 10 Albums of All Time

10. The Beatles- The Beatles (White Album)
9. Queen- A Night at the Opera
8. Led Zeppelin- Led Zeppelin IV
7. Marvin Gaye- What’s Going On
6. The Beach Boys- Pet Sounds
5. The Beatles- Sgt. Peppers Lonely Hearts Club Band
4. The Beatles- Abbey Road
3. AC/DC- Back in Black
2. Pink Floyd- Dark Side of the Moon
1. Michael Jackson- Thriller

By: Eric Platt  204

Top 10 Songs

10. I’m Glad you came
9. More Than This
8. Gotta Be You
7. Turn Me On
6. Part of Me
5. Everything About You
4. Another World
3. Up All Night
2. What Makes You Beautiful
1. One Thing
(One Direction is mostly listed in the top ten songs)

By: Karolina Peza Rm: 303, Monika Staszel Rm: 303, Sam Alanis Rm: 305

Have a Great Spring!

From, The Bridge School Journalism Club
**IMPORTANT CPS DATES 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR**

**Holidays**
May 28, 2012 - Memorial Day*

**Vacations**
Spring Vacation: April 2 - 6 2012*
Summer Vacation: Schools close for students on Friday, June 15, 2012

**Report Card Pick-Up Parent-Teacher Conference Days**
Wednesday, April 18, 2012*

**Report Card Distribution Days**
Friday, June 15, 2012

**Professional Development Days**
Friday, April 13, 2012*

**Local School Council (LSC) Elections**
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**Teacher Institute Day**
Thursday, June 14, 2012*

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**COMMUNITY CIWP* MEETINGS**

*Continuous Improvement Work Plan (Formerly SIPAAA*

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**Great People Make Great Schools**

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NCLB PAC = No Child Left Behind Parent Advisory Committee  
PTA = Parent Teacher Association  
BAC = Bilingual Advisory Committee