



BRIDGE BUGLE

A CPS "Rising Star" school, a "School of Distinction", an

"Autonomous Management Performance School" (AMPS) and

An Illinois Honor Roll of Schools "Academic Improvement Award" & "Spotlight School Award" Winner



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*The true perfection
of man lies not in
what man has, but
in what man is.*

-Oscar Wilde

NORTH CENTRAL DIVISION CHAMPS!



Front Row (L-to-R): Robert Anderson, Taran Bradley, Marcin Szczapa, Bart Grolle, David Rosado.
Back Row (L-to-R): Coach Ethaniel Presley, Ladrell Brown, Michael Szczara, Robert Frackiel, Stan Kolanko, Lavonte Hargrove, Danny Munoz, Coach Andre Golden.

The Bridge Bulldogs ended their successful 2005-2006 basketball season as the North Central Division Champions. Congratulations Bulldogs on a great season!



LSC ELECTIONS

When: April 19th from 6:00 AM– 7:00 PM

Where: Bridge School Auditorium

Who: Parents/Community Members/CPS Staff

What: Elect 2006-2008 LSC Members

-See Brake's Take on page 2 for LSC candidate info-



**Students/Teachers
Staff/Parents**

Would you like to have a poem, article, short story, event, or other item of interest published in the Bridge Bugle?

Submit your item to Dr. Brake

on computer disk (Microsoft Word format preferred) no later than the third week of the month for publication in the next month's school newspaper.



Do you have any ideas, suggestions, or comments on ways to improve our school and the services that our children receive? If so, please call, write a letter, or see me to share your ideas. Your input is greatly appreciated. Thank You!
Dr. Brake

BRAKE'S TAKE

Please vote on April 19th (Report Card Pick-Up Day) to select the 2006-2008 Bridge LSC members. The candidates are listed below by category in randomly selected balloting order. Only CPS personnel may vote for Teacher Representatives.



Parent Representatives (six slots)

- Wioletta Rakoczy
- Martha Kulach
- Paul Henmueller
- William Doyle
- Carolina Perez
- Debra Almgren-Horwitz
- Pamela Sparks
- Renata Zabiega
- Robert Walsh
- Mitchell Figueroa

Community Representatives (two slots)

- Pat Walenga
- Yvonne Majewski

Teacher Representatives (two slots)

- Laurie Green
- Catherine McGuire
- Maxine Jackson
- Joan Miarecki

Thanks for your participation,

Dr. Christopher Brake

April Non-Attendance Days for Students



Professional Development Day
Third Quarter Ends
Friday, April 7th
No school for students

Spring Vacation

April 10-14
No School






Report Card Pick-Up Day
Wednesday, April 19th
12:00-3:00 & 4:00-6:00 PM
No school for students on this day



April 2006

April Showers Bring May Flowers...



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7 <i>Professional Development Day</i> No School For students	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Spring Vacation - No School						
16	17 <i>PTA/LSC Meetings 6:00 PM</i>	18 <small>Kindergarten Registration 8:00-2:00 This Week</small>	19 <i>Report Card Pick-Up Day</i> No School For Students	20	21  <i>Family Movie Night</i>	22
23	24  <i>Breakfast Of Champions</i>	25	26	27	28 School Play: Hospital	29
30					<i>Annual Spring Fling Coming!</i>	<i>May 18th-21st</i>



Indicates day of non-attendance for students



Bridge School
Proudly Presents a
Student Production of the
Comedy:



HOSPITAL

K-4th: Thursday, April 27th @ 8:30 AM

5th-8th: Friday, April 28th @ 8:30 AM

Parents & Families*: Friday, April 28th @ 6:30 PM

**First come, first serve tickets due to limited seating*

KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

There will be an Open House for children starting Kindergarten in September, 2006. The Open House will be held on **Monday, May 15th at 5:00 PM**. A tour of the school will be given, and a meeting will be held in Room 107. Children must be five years old by September 1st to attend Kindergarten.



**Kindergarten
Enrollment
For 2006-2007
Is April 17th-21st
From 8:00 AM-2:00 PM**

April Students of the Month



Rebecca Krupa



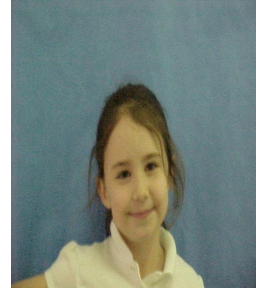
Kayla Jurewicz



Joshua Bonelli



Samantha Alanis



Shannon McGuire



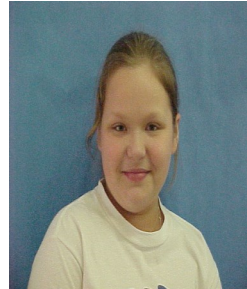
Daniel Michniowski



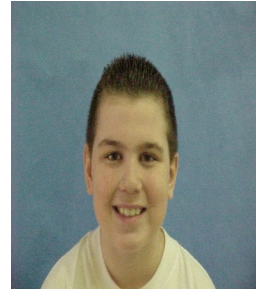
Raye Legarda



Julia Troszczynska



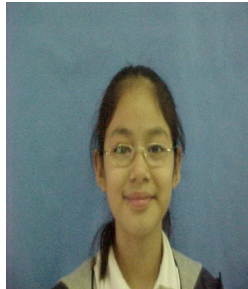
Patrycja Kania



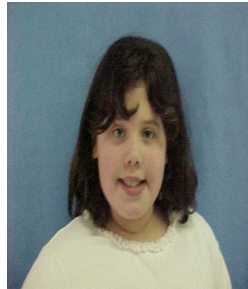
Anthony Jarvis



Nathan Ortiz



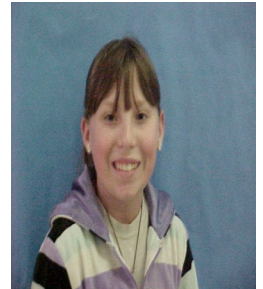
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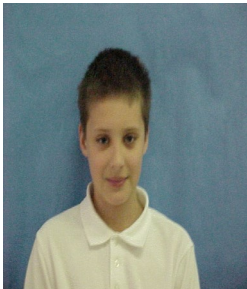
Briana Green



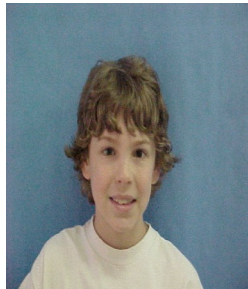
Jovane Mejia



Kara Douglas



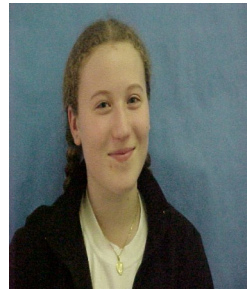
Maciej Kalwajtys



John Lozeau



Kenneth Watkins



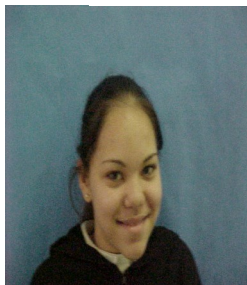
Elizabeth Molek



Cassandra Rodriguez



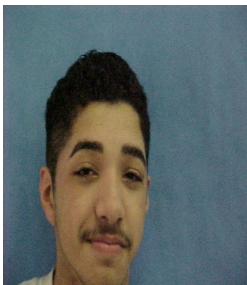
Melissa Koenig



Analiss Diaz



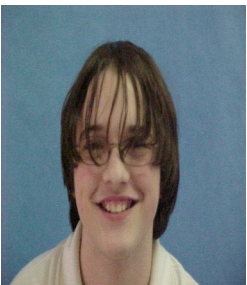
Joanna Jasinska



Danny Munoz



Patrycja Kalwajtys



Dean Meyers

Bridge Elementary School Students of the Month are selected for their outstanding citizenship, academic performance, and conduct.

PTA Membership at All-Time High!

The Bridge School PTA would like to thank all the parents and educators listed below that help make Bridge School such a great school. PTA membership has nearly doubled in one year. Let's keep it up and continue supporting our children by being members of the Bridge School PTA. Membership is only \$5. Funds go to support programs and activities for our children. Thank you!

Parents/Guardians

Aida Jibawi
Shelby Gotter
Maureen Rizzo
Barbara Weglarz
Tammy Dickey
Tammy and Michael Guerin
Sharon Margetic
Bozena Pisanko
Eugene Ruse
Munkhuu Shagijau
Danuta Rakoczy
Wioletta Rakoczy
Marek Rakoczy
Rocio Armijo
Ewa Kwasnik
Maribel Molina
Agnieszka Pasierbek
Tucla Wincenciuk
Jolanta Waga
Maigorzata Staszal
Anna Mieczkowski
Paul and Meg Galiardo
Veronica Estrada
Natasha Brown Umar
Jan Sobus
Dorota Obrochta
Renata Nickson
Jennifer Kornatowski
Tamara Golubeva
Cathy Tarasiewicz
Alina Zawislak
Robin L. Meyers
Anna Zepeda
Paul Henmueller
Lori Henmueller
Debra Almgren-Horwitz
Andy Horwitz
Paula Guy
Bob Walsh
Nicole Burg
Gerald and Carol Ottolino
Lynne and Wayne Sobotka
Cassandra A. Bock
Juliet Barrera
Maryann Troche
Susan Szajna
Adam and Karen Dubicki
Shirley Swisher
Walter J. Dworak
Susan M. Dworak
Denise Gillespie
Tammy Berrier

Esmeralda Pineda Ramirez
Evie Miceli
Terri Ignatowski
Lori Krupa
Samatha Hinkie
Christine Allegretti
Michele Link
Munkheuu Shajjao
Shari Pesole
Mae N. Santiago
Linda Klasek
Wieslawa Zajac
Alicia Alfaro
Jennifer Tollakson
Ewa Kwiatkowska
Ewa Pasierbek
Maegorzata Naruszewicz
Jolanta Smith
Jolanta Jaje
Zofie Peza
Brian Stevens
Omar Lexva
Meuraci Correa
Wanda Kielich
Barbara Koenig
Yuridia Bueno
Aneta Kowalczyk
Leila Barbara Akbar
Maria Ficek
Aferdita Sherifi
Ewa Kalwajtys
Jeanie Doyle
Melinda Figueroa
Raquel Delgado
Dawid Kiebala
Touria Slaitane
Gloria Chirings
Roy Domantay
Kim Lackage
Katherine Corpuz
Florin Ivan
Samuel Martinez
Sabah Z. Hussien
Haider Haidari
Virginia Anguiano
Pam Sparks
Yvonne Majewski
B. Miguel Vazquez
Maciej Bujan
Sylvester Brown
Lora Niewinski



Faculty and Staff

Christopher Brake
Margaret Moore-Taylor
Linda Barshop
Kathleen Newport
Nicole Argiris
Kelly Naughton
Tracey Immartino
Angela Banaszek
Christina Aguilera
Peggy Bowen
Aida Quintana
Catherine McGuire
Mary Gregory
Maria Gilana
Tracy Cutler
Jane Harrison
Kathryn Kelly
Eileen Schmeisser
Mary Loise
Maxine Jackson
Geraldine Lewis
Elaine Dotson
Arlene Natale
Margaret Janiszewski
Jolanta Baron
Ideria Page
Joan Miarecki
Jolanta Banaszak
Thomas Friend
Warren Metzдорff
Laurie Block-Kaplan
Donna Evans
Jolanta Dabrowski
Iwona Dudek
Natalie Talbot
Kamila Bonnert
Vicki Rocco
Margaret Smiles
Joan Pappas
Pamela Urquhart
Larry Moore
Annyvette Castro
Lydia Johnson
Stacey Selim
Rosemary Enriquez
Harry Vera
Barbara Comito
Anne Lally
Sandra Guziec
Stephanie Anderson

Note: All Bridge Staff are members!



The Ducati Piano Trio

By Melissa Koenig

At Bridge School we had a very special performance on March 8th. We had three talented musicians at our school, the Ducati Piano Trio. The trio consisted of one person playing the piano, the other playing the violin and the third person playing the cello. My favorite instrument was the piano. It was a great concert at our school. I thought it was very interesting and funny when the band played the Simpson's tune. I thought it was interesting how real they made it sound. At first I thought I fell asleep and dreamed about watching the Simpson's. I found out that it can be frustrating at times to learn how to play an instrument. I also know that it takes many years to be as good at playing an instrument as they are. I learned the different ways of playing an instrument. I enjoyed the concert and learning about the different tunes they played. The concert has inspired me to want to learn how to play the piano.



Women's History Assembly

By Joey Rocco

Wednesday, March 1st we had a visitor at our school named Marie Curie. No, not the real Marie Curie but an actor portraying the famous scientist and informing us about her life. It was very interesting and I learned a lot from the assembly. I never knew Warsaw was ruled once by Russia. I also did not know that Marie Curie was married. My favorite part was when she was mixing the chemicals onstage; they had cool effects like foaming all over the table. I will always remember that she made the world a better place by her discoveries.



President Theodore Roosevelt Visits Bridge

by Mary Belsan

On February 7th, the 26th president of the United States came to visit Bridge School and talked to the 8th graders. Theodore Roosevelt taught the 8th graders many facts about his life. Starting from when he was a child and very ill and fragile, to when he was older and healthier, like becoming a war hero in the Spanish American War that would lead to his big time job later on in life. Roosevelt was also a man who loved to read. He always read a book a day and never found one book that wasn't interesting in some way.

Theodore Roosevelt then discussed what he accomplished as president, including: building the Panama Canal; getting the Pure Food and Drug Act passed by Congress; and becoming the first American to win the Nobel Peace Prize for negotiating the end of the Russo-Japanese War.

At the end of Roosevelt's presentation, he left the 8th graders with one of his most famous quotes: "Do what you can with what you have, where you are." That is one of the best presidential quotes I've ever heard because it is so true.

(President Roosevelt was portrayed by living historian Derek Evans.)



Bridge Parent Teaches Fire Safety to Students!

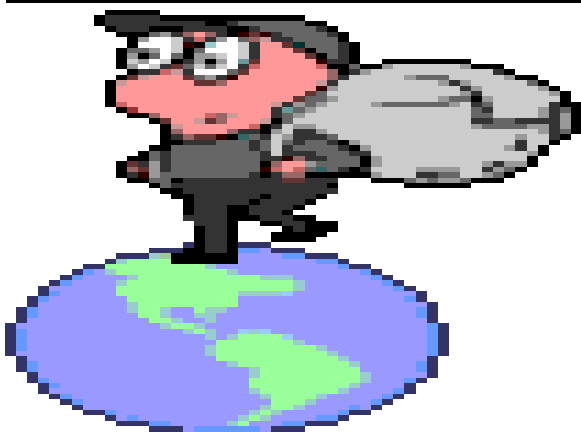


On March 28th Chicago Fire Department Lieutenant (and Bridge School parent) Robert Jurewicz donated his time to teach fire safety tips to our students. CFD Lieutenant Jurewicz brought fireman clothing and equipment to show students the tools of the trade. Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Dotson (pictured at left) assists Lieutenant Jurewicz in modeling firefighter gear. Lieutenant Jurewicz also instructed students in fire safety by teaching the children what to do in an actual fire. He also asked the students to remind their families to change the batteries regularly in smoke detectors. Lieutenant Jurewicz is our very own hero at Bridge School. His efforts have increased the chances of our children surviving in the event of a fire. Lieutenant Jurewicz has two daughters and a son that attend Bridge School.

Macbeth Astonishing! By Mary Belsan

On March 27th the 7th and 8th grade went to the Chicago Shakespeare Theatre on Navy Pier to see one of Shakespeare's many tragedies, Macbeth. This story is about a man who wants to be king, and ends up in ruin. This was an extremely huge success in the students' eyes, as the play was absolutely astonishing! The director, David H. Bell, couldn't have made the play any better! He used costumes, weapons and settings of various eras, to show that the situations in the play could happen to anyone, in any time period, at any time.

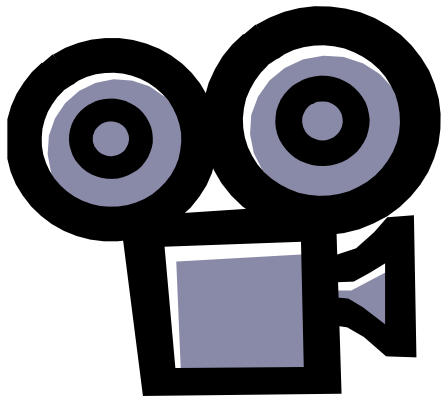
The characters in the play were marvelous actors as well! Their gothic-style costumes were delightful and it really added to the setting of this story! The acting and battle scenes were pretty amazing, and overall the play was just magnificent! I, and I am sure many other students as well, would love to go back to the Chicago Shakespeare Theatre and see another one of Shakespeare's interesting plays that still teach people even 390 years after this bard's (master of words) death!



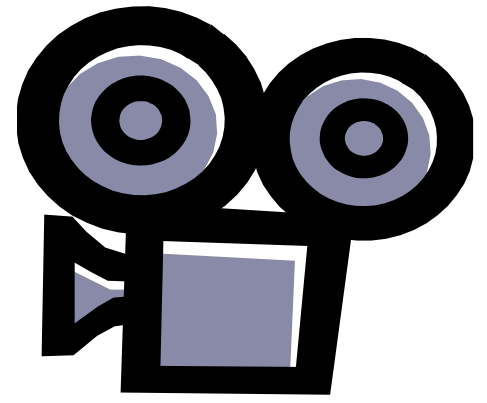
Globe Days Are coming! May 8th-10th

Family Read Night





Bridge Family Movie Night



What: Yours, Mine, and Ours

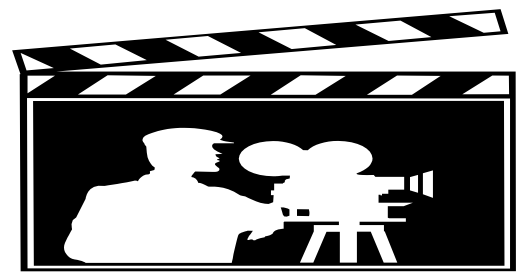
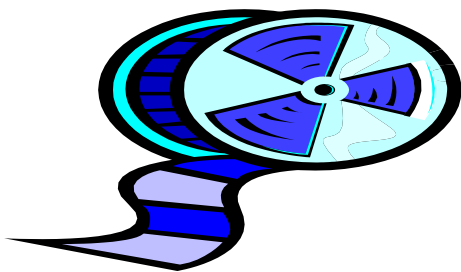
When: Friday, April 21st

From 6:00 PM—

**Who: Bridge School Students
and Families only!** Students must
be accompanied by an adult par-
ent or guardian.

Where: Bridge Auditorium

How Much: Free!



Women Wall of Fame

In March, the Student Council proudly sponsored the "Wall of Fame". Students from all grades were asked to select an important woman from history or personal life, write a sentence or short paragraph about their significance and decorate their index card with pictures or drawings. Cards were displayed in the auditorium on our "Wall of Fame" throughout March. The students did a wonderful job! Thank you to all of the classrooms that participated and thank you to all of the special women in our lives who inspired this activity.

The Student Council
Natalie Ficek, President



Field Museum Field Trip

Rooms 108 and 109 went on a wonderful field trip to the Field Museum on Wednesday, March 29. A great time was had by all. Sue the dinosaur was a highlight. Also the Nature Walk, Evolving Planet, Underground Adventure, and so much more. We're studying Chicago in Social Studies, and on the way to the museum we noticed the Sears Tower, Hancock Building and other downtown sights. Remember, families can get free admission to the Field Museum and other Chicago museums by asking for a family pass at the public library.

Bridge Students Meet Tim Samaras By Natalie Ficek

If you happen to see a tornado I bet that you would run away from it. Not Tim Samaras, he actually follows tornados and studies them. The seventh and eighth graders were able to meet Tim Samaras on March 28th at the Field Museum. Mr. Samaras travels state to state just to see tornados. He talked about how he studies tornadoes and showed us amazing footage of tornadoes; even video of a tornado as it went over one of Mr. Samara's data probes! We experienced the excitement of the tornado as if we were actually there!

I will always remember how amazing the video footage was and how passionate he is talking about his work. Studying tornadoes is not his job; he is an engineer during the rest of the year! I don't think I could work with him, I would be too scared.



The 8th Graders Go Back In Time to 1917 by Alex Kulahin, Room 212

On February 27, Mr. Naughton came in and talked to the 8th graders about World War I. He brought in many artifacts from the First Division Museum at Cantigny, located in Wheaton, IL. These included the clothes that the soldiers used to wear, the backpack they carried and the supplies that were used to make their food. He showed us books discussing the many battles that went on during the war, some were even fought in Africa! We also got to see many pictures showing the trenches, the weapons and the troops. He was very entertaining, which made the presentation enjoyable. For instance, he dressed up some of the students in an original uniform and made them march around the room like a real soldier.

I thought this presentation was great and I'd give it a 10 out of 10.

(pictured with Mr. Naughton is Steven Fiumefreddo from Room 212)





Welcome To The United Nations!

Hall of Nations

Visitors to Bridge School will be treated to an international experience as they move through the hallways. The first floor hallway, now known as the “Hall of Nations”, displays flags from the various countries our student and staff families and ancestors have emigrated. Flags are hung in alphabetical order of country from south to north. If you do not see a flag representing the homeland country of your family, please notify the office so that our school can purchase flags of countries not represented. The following countries are currently represented: Canada; China; Cuba; Germany; Greece; India; Ireland; Israel; Italy; Japan; Mexico; Palestine; Pakistan; Phillipines; Poland; Puerto Rico; Russia; Saudia Arabia; South Africa; Ukraine; United Kingdom; and the United States.

Visitors on the second floor can take a stroll down the new “Hall of States”. All 50 states are displayed alphabetically from south to north on the second floor hallway. Bridge students and staff are very proud of the new national and international feel our proudly displayed flags create. We hope you enjoy the experience as much as we do.

A Walk Across America



Hall of States

High School Boundary Line Change 2006

Dear Eighth Grade Parent,

Please be advised that the boundary line for Taft High School has shifted North of Montrose Avenue. Taft is no longer one of our neighborhood high schools; families living within the Bridge School Community may only enroll their student at Steinmetz High School.

This information is for students living within the Bridge boundaries and have not been accepted at another high school.

Please reserve Monday, April 24, 2006 for early registration at Steinmetz High School.

Their counselors will be here to assist you and your son/daughter with class selection for the Fall of 2006. More detailed information will be provided later.

If you have any questions please call me at 534-3533.

Thank You!

Mr. Metzdorff, Counselor

Bridge LSC, PTA, and Administration Seek Options

Bridge Elementary School

3800 N. New England Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60634

(773) 534-3718 Fax:(773) 534-3612

Dr. Christopher Brake, Principal

Mrs. Margaret Moore-Taylor, Assistant Principal

March 28, 2006

Re: Support for development of Northside Agricultural High School

Alderman Thomas Allen

38th Ward Office

5817 W. Irving Park Road

Chicago, Illinois 60634

Dear Alderman Allen:

We are writing this letter on behalf of the Bridge School community to elicit your support in developing a Northside Agricultural High School on the underutilized Dunning property. Graduating 8th grade Bridge students currently have only Steinmetz High School as their neighborhood school choice. A new options high school in the area would afford our children more choice in their high school selection. High quality educational opportunities greatly enhance the desirability of Chicago residents to reside in our wonderful area. Our children deserve no less.

Apparently a very small group of vocal activists have perpetrated the misconception that area residents are not in favor of the development of this high school. Having surveyed the hundreds of parents who have children attending Bridge School has shown otherwise. There is a great desire among hundreds of neighborhood residents to develop an attractive high school option for their children. We feel fairly comfortable in stating that other community residents who have children attending neighboring elementary schools feel the same.

We appreciate the support you have shown in the past in securing much needed services for your constituents. The speed bumps installed to slow down local traffic and the recently installed street lighting have greatly improved the safety and quality of life in our school's community. The long list of other improvements you have initiated in our ward have also been greatly appreciated by the community. Please help us increase the educational opportunities for our children by supporting the development of an options high school in our area.

Once again, on behalf of the Bridge School community, we would like to thank you for looking out for the welfare of the Bridge School children and the residents of the 38th Ward community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Christopher Brake
Principal, Bridge Elementary

Mr. William Doyle
President, Local School Council

Mrs. Lora Niewinski
President, Parent/Teacher Association



Home
of the
Bulldogs

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Special April Showers

Bridge Elementary School
 3800 N. New England
 Chicago, Illinois 60634
 773-534-3718
Principal:
Dr. Christopher Brake
Assistant Principal:
Mrs. Margaret Taylor

LSC

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- Dr. Christopher Brake

PTA

President:

- Mrs. Lora Niewinski

Vice-President:

- Mrs. Karen Dubicki

Secretary:

- Mr. Bob Walsh

Treasurer:

- Mrs. Jeannie Doyle

Riddle of the Month

What is it that when you take away the whole, you still have some left?

Answer:

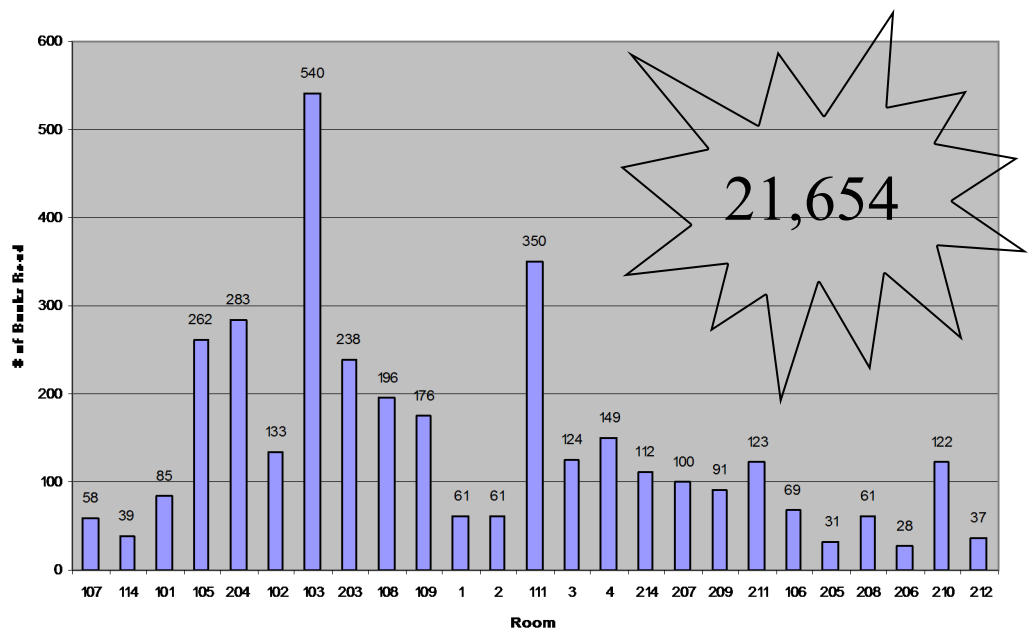
Wholesome?

Where's Bruno?

Look on page 6



27,500 Book Challenge



Room 107 Kindergarten 58 Year-to-Date 740	Room 114 Pri. Sp. Ed. 39 Year-to-Date 215	Room 101 1st Grade 85 Year-to-Date 400	Room 105 1st Grade 1,148 Year-to-Date 886	Room 204 1st Grade 283 Year-to-Date 1,342
Room 102 2nd Grade 133 Year-to-Date 1,980	Room 103 2nd Grade 540 Year-to-Date 2,216	Room 203 2nd/3rd Grade 238 Year-to-Date 1,437	Room 108 3rd Grade 196 Year-to-Date 1,109	Room 109 3rd Grade 176 Year-to-Date 964
Room 001 4th Grade 61 Year-to-Date 494	Room 002 4th Grade 61 Year-to-Date 561	Room 111 4th Grade 350 Year-to-Date 1,676	Room 003 5th Grade 124 Year-to-Date 891	Room 004 5th Grade 149 Year-to-Date 993
Room 214 5th Grade 112 Year-to-Date 714	Room 207 6th Grade 100 Year-to-Date 757	Room 209 6th Grade 91 Year-to-Date 1,188	Room 211 6th Grade 123 Year-to-Date 743	Room 106 7th Grade 69 Year-to-Date 350
Room 205 7th Grade 31 Year-to-Date 278	Room 208 7th Grade 61 Year-to-Date 408	Room 206 8th Grade 28 Year-to-Date 273	Room 210 8th Grade 122 Year-to-Date 484	Room 212 8th Grade 37 Year-to-Date 235