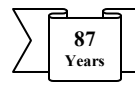




Bridge Bugle



Home
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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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Special points of interest:

- Happy New Year!



From the Bridge School
Family to your family
we wish you all a
Happy New Year!



Partner School

Check out the Bridge School website at:

<http://www.bridge.cps.k12.il.us/>

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**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 a Flash Drive
(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



Dear Bridge Family,
I wish all the Bridge Family a Happy New Year! I hope that 2013 will be a better year for all of us!

Dr. Christopher Brake

-January Parent Notices-

Positive Parenting Workshop: "Healthy Relationships"

When: Wednesday, January 9th from 6:00-6:45 PM.

Where: Bridge Elementary School Auditorium.

Who: Parents/Families/Community Members of the Bridge School Community.

What: Learn how exposure to violence can effect children and how to prevent it in your family and community.

Family Movie Night

When: Friday, January 18th @ 6:00 PM

Where: Bridge Auditorium Theater

What: ?

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

When: Monday, January 21st.

What: There will be **no school** for students/staff on this day.

LSC & NCLB PAC Meetings

When: Wednesday, January 23rd @ 5:30 PM.

Where: Bridge Elementary School (3800 N. New England) Room 106.

Who: Parents/Families/Community Members of the Bridge School Community.

-This activity funded by Title I funds-

January Non-Attendance Days for Students

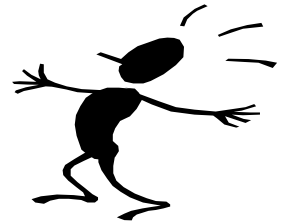
Monday, January 21st
School Holiday

Rev. Dr.
Martin Luther King Jr.
No School





January 2013



Happy New Year!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8 ★	9	10 ★	11	12
13	14	15 ★	16	17 ★	18 Family Movie Night	19
20	21 <i>Dr. M.L. King Holiday No School</i>	22 ★	23 LSC NCLB PAC Meetings 5:30 PM	24 ★	25	26
27	28	29 ★	30	31 ★ Second Quarter Ends	 FYI.	2nd Quarter Report Card Distribution To Students On 2/6/13

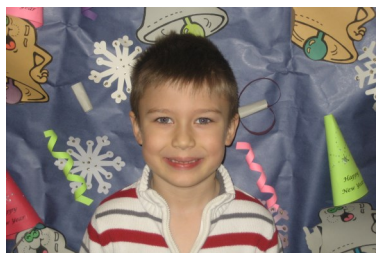


Indicates day of non-attendance for students



Indicates After-School Program day

January - Students of the Month



B. Litwinski



S. Beecham



N. Marcha



S. Roszko



J. Crespo



N. Hawkins



J. Smialowska



J. Sosa



N. Mydlak



A. Corona



J. Zurawski



J. King



A. Meyers



J. Peralta



A. Ghunaim

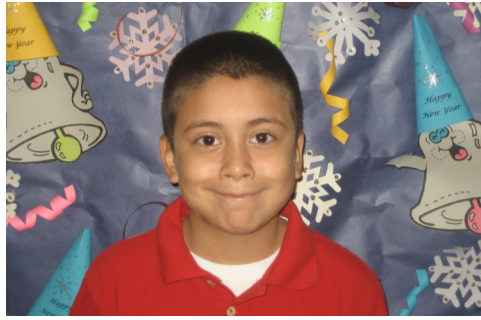


K. Corona

January - Students of the Month



A. Cisneros



A. Maldonado



J. Rodriguez



M. Skura



S. Miekisz



P. Majtyka



S. Villegas



R. Szajna



O. Harcarik



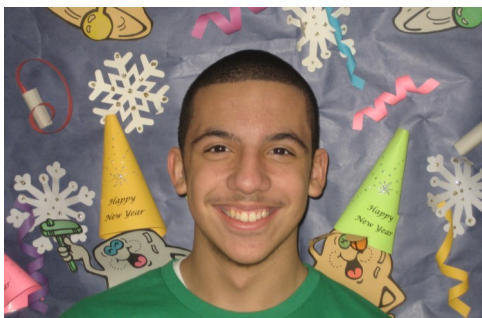
V. Kurc



J. Castaneda



F. Salacup



J. Martinez



T. Wojtyga

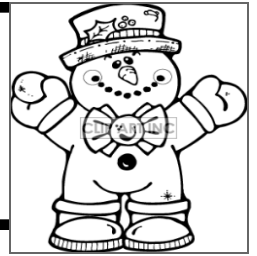
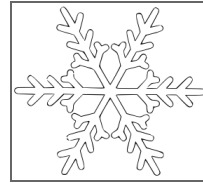


S. Mieczkowski

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

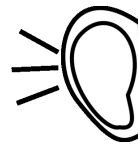
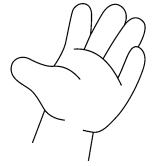


KINDERGARTEN



The month of December was a very busy month for our Kindergartens!

We studied the five senses . Our students had fun exploring the different things they are able to: see, smell, touch, taste and hear.



Our students were surprised with a visit from Santa! They enjoyed being able to talk to Santa and tell him what they wanted for Christmas.



The kindergarten students spent the month working vigorously to learn their songs for the winter show. The classes worked very hard everyday to learn the lyrics, moves and make necessary show props. The students really enjoyed performing for their families and friends!



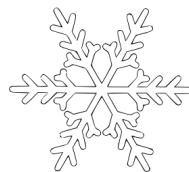
Room 103



Room 108



Room 101



Room 102



FIRST GRADE NEWS

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!

December was a festive month! First graders went on a field trip to see a musical called "Mrs. Claus" at the Stahl Family Theater. The show was great and put us in a mood for more holiday festivities. Throughout the month of December, we created many projects for the holiday season. Some of our favorites were writing letters to Santa and filling out elf applications. We also visited the Santa Shop, where our students were able to shop for gifts for their family and friends.



Our Little Performers

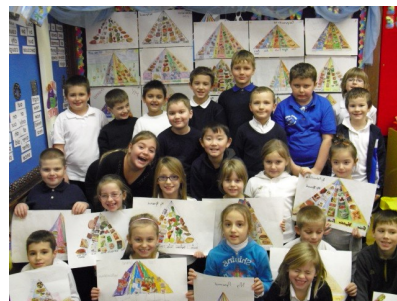
Our performances in the Holiday Show were wonderful. The students did an amazing job singing and dancing on the stage. Thank you to all who helped to make it such a success.



Second Grade News

It's The Holiday Season!!

December was a great month!! Second grade has had so many fun and exciting things going on all month such as creating our Food Pyramid Project and our Crops Research Project. We were also able to shop for gifts for our loved ones in the Santa Shop all week! Practicing our songs for the Winter Assembly has been a blast and the songs we sang were a great success for the assembly! We ended the month of December by having our Holiday party and enjoyed doing winter activities. Throughout the month we created the most beautiful art projects for the Holiday Season that we were able to display in the hallway, and to take home for all to see!! Have a happy and safe Holiday everyone!! See you next year!!



Technology for the Holidays

Need something to do to keep busy during Winter Break?
Check out the following fun and educational websites.



ST Math

<http://stmath.com>

You will need to enter the following activation code in order to play at home. The activation codes are:

Activation code for computer/ laptop: BRI4OG-HZE-2H-HW6	Activation code for iPad/tablet: ID: BRI4OG Password: HZE2HHW6
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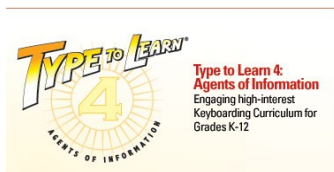
Compass Learning



<http://www.compasslearningodyssey.com>.

After going to the Compass website, students need to log in to access the grade appropriate activities. To log in, students need to enter

1. User Name: **They received this at school**
2. Password: **bridge**
3. School: **bridge**



Type to Learn 4

A new interactive keyboarding program that will help your child develop important 21st century skills.

The program must be downloaded and installed in order to use. You can download it at the following link: <http://ttl4.sunburst.com/downloads>. Follow on-screen directions.

Make sure to confirm that your computer meets the Technical Requirement in the User Guide (downloadable at the above site) before installing Type to Learn 4.

Once installed, students can log-in with their User Name, Password, and Account Code.

User Name: Same as Compass Learning (Grades 2-8), Letters sent home with information for K-1

Password: bridge

Account Code: 146526



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Mrs. Susan Szajna

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Mrs. Kelly Naughton

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Holidays

Monday, January 21, 2013 - M.L. King's Birthday*
Tuesday, February 12, 2013 - Lincoln's Birthday*
Monday, May 27, 2013 - Memorial Day*

Vacations

Spring Vacation: March 25-29 2013*
Summer Vacation: June 25 - September 3, 2013*

Report Card Pick-Up Parent-Teacher Conference Days

Third Quarter - Wednesday, April 17, 2013*

Report Card Distribution Days

Second Quarter - Wednesday, February 6, 2013
Fourth Quarter - Monday, June 24, 2013

Mid-Quarter Progress Report Distribution Days

Third Quarter - Wednesday, March 6, 2013
Fourth Quarter - Wednesday, May 15, 2013

School Improvement Days

Friday, February 1, 2013*

School Improvement Half-Days

Wednesday, February 27, 2013
Friday, April 12, 2013
Wednesday, May 8, 2013

Important Note: Students will attend school for three and one-half hours on School Improvement Half-Days and will receive breakfast and lunch.

5th-8th grade Jr. High students dismissed at 11:15

K-4th grade Elementary students dismissed at 11:30

Last day of school for students is Monday, June 24, 2013

This is a full school day for students

***Indicates days of non-attendance for students**

Note from the Bilingual Department:

ACCESS TESTING

January and February are the months of testing English Language Learners with ACCESS tests. ACCESS determines the students' English progress and proficiency. If the student has acquired the necessary level of proficiency in English for academic success, he or she will transition to the general program of instruction by meeting the following criteria:

- Achieve an overall composite proficiency score of 4.8
- Achieve a literacy (reading and writing) composite proficiency score of 4.2
- Have participated in the bilingual education program for a minimum of three years.

The results of ACCESS test will be sent to school in the summer of 2013.