

BRIDGEPREP MONTHLY BULLETIN

September 2015



Welcome BridgePrep Families!

Questions & Answers:

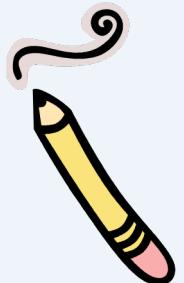
(We will attempt to record great questions from parents and answer them here for your consideration)

1. What time should I drop off my child if I do not choose to enroll in before care? *This is a tough one, so please bare with us...our instructions starts promptly at 8 am and our teachers report to work at 7:30am. Therefore, in order to provide teachers time to prepare for the school day we highly encourage children to be dropped off no earlier than 7:45am, unless they are enrolled in before school care @ 5 dollars a day. These 15 minutes allows us to enhance our learning environments, sign in, and receive messages that impact your child's day, supervision is not available until after 7:45 for those not enrolled in before care, please help us keep our children safe.*

2. Where do I purchase a car tag for the car line? *These were in limited stock from last year, and we are looking into purchasing more. Our school budget is limited so be on the look out for preordering tags. We appreciate your patience.*

3. What happens if I'm running late for pick up? *Our student day concludes at 3pm, unless you have enrolled in our after care program (@ 8 dollars a day). We certainly understand that circumstances arise and prevent for a timely pick up. PLEASE always call our office. We want to help! We try to have our pick up line clear by 3:20 Tues-Friday & 2:20 on Monday's. Our staff's professional learning occurs at 3:30pm, 2:30 on Monday's. This is where our staff engages in studies that explore ways to enhance classroom instruction. Late pick-ups impact our ability to communicate and grow professionally, as teacher's workdays conclude at 4pm. Thank you for your consideration & communication.*

Upcoming Events



September 7th - **Labor Day**

September 4th – 11th - **Scholastic Book Fair**

September 10th - **Family Book Fair Night**

September 17th – **Parent Teacher Committee Meeting (ALL are welcome).**

September 18th - **Grandparents Breakfast**

Principal's Message

Dear BridgePrep Family,

Welcome to the 2015 – 2016 School year! I am so excited to be a part of your child's education and to have the opportunity to help prepare them for the future. Education has always been a passion of mine and I am thankful for the opportunity I have here at BridgePrep Academy to make a difference. As we continue to learn and grow together this school year we need to remember that the children and their education come first and foremost. If you have a concern, issue, compliment, or celebration to share, remember my door is always open! I will do my best to see that your concerns are resolved while taking your child's best interest to heart. I will also celebrate your child's successes and we look forward to cultivating an environment that supports recognition in ways that each child appreciates. Please make time to be a part of the many successes we may share and celebrate together!

Sincerely,

Christine Harris M.Ed.

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Welcome to Kindergarten!!

Let us introduce ourselves

Ms. Kowalewski has lived and taught in Tampa for four years. She graduated from Illinois State University and has taught Pre –K- 1 grade.

Ms. Aska has been teaching for five years. She graduated from A&M University, and has taught Pre-K-6th grade.

We are both very excited to be teaching at BridgePrep Academy again this year!! Kindergarten had a great two weeks of getting to know each other! We played new games, read The Kissing Hand, and went on a scavenger hunt around the school. We are looking forward to learning with your child this year, starting with our letters and numbers.

Welcome to First Grade!!!

We are so excited to start the new school year! We have had an amazing start so far. We are sending home a list of Sight Words that the children need to review every night. Please have them read, write, and say the Sight Words. Make it fun!! They can write the words three times in different colors. The words can also be made into a matching game. Please make sure you are reading to your child and/or they are reading to you daily for 15 -30 minutes. We appreciate your support with your child's learning, and are proud to be a part of your family!

Welcome to Second Grade

Second Grade is excited for a new school year!

I am Ms. Colquitt,

We are already digging deep into our curriculum! We began the new school year learning more about each other's interests' and what we enjoy to read. We are learning how to make predictions while reading. We begin pre-assessments this week that help guide instruction throughout the year. In Social Studies, we are exploring the importance of rules and laws. We are looking forward to a great year together!

Hello, I am Ms. Boeger,

During the first part of September, we will be administering a beginning of the year test to see what the students already know. In math we will be using base ten blocks and place value charts. In Science we will be learning what tools scientist use, the kind of working process they follow, and how we can be like scientist with our own experiments.

Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today.

- Malcolm X



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Welcome Third Grade!

Greetings Parents and Guardians,

I am excited to announce we have kicked the year off successfully! Students are now acclimated to our school and a part of the BridgePrep family. The buzz in third grade is:

In reading we are learning to compare and contrast two different texts.

In math we are learning to explain our thinking when solving problems.

In Science we are studying process skills: observing, Inferring, Predicting, Measuring, and Communicating.

Sincerely, Ms. Deese & Ms. McKinney

Welcome to 5th Grade!

I am so happy and excited for this school year! We are preparing for a year of growing, organizing and learning as a team. Currently, we are preparing ourselves for success by setting up and practicing our routines and organizing our materials. It may seem slow right now, but I feel if we take the time up front our year will go smooth and quick. These students will have a jump start on Middle School!

The class is currently submitting names for nomination for our class mascot. As soon as all the votes are in we will announce his name.

Working together I know we can help your child have a wonderful experience this year.

Go Mrs. Pecoraro's Pirates!!!!

Welcome to 4th grade!!

Hello Parents and Guardians,

Let us introduce ourselves!!

My name is Mr. Wheaton and I am the 4th grade Math, Science, and Social Studies teacher. This is my second year teaching here at BridgePrep Academy. I graduated from USF in 2001 with an elementary education degree. I have been teaching for 11 years. I enjoy all sports and Latin Music. I am sure we will have a great year!

My name is Ms. McCray and I am the 4th Grade ELA teacher this year at BridgePrep Academy. This is my fourth year as a teacher and I am excited about the year ahead. I am originally from Fort Lauderdale, but I moved to Tampa to pursue my degree in elementary education at USF. I enjoy swimming, reading, and writing. I wish you and your child all the best this year.

Welcome 6th and 7th Grader's

Dear Parents,

My name is Miss Carpenter and I am the Math and Science teacher for the 6th and 7th grade students of BridgePrep Academy of Tampa. I'm so happy to be your child's teacher and I would like to take this opportunity to tell you a little bit about myself.

I am a Tampa native. I graduated from Hillsborough in 2008. In the spring of 2012, I graduated from the University of Tampa with a Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Mathematics Education and a minor in cello performance. I love music, I sing in my churches choir, and I play my cello at weddings and various events. I love traveling and I have been on three missionary trips. My most recent missionary trip was to the beautiful country of New Zealand.

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Welcome 6th and 7th Grade (continued)...

I have had a desire to teach students ever since my senior year of high school, when a teacher gave me the opportunity to teach her math classes for a day. I hope to be a blessing to you and your children. I am excited about learning new things from my students. I believe this will be a great school year and please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely Miss Carpenter

I am so excited for this year and to welcome you to the BridgePrep family. In case you are not familiar with me yet my name is Mrs. Peacock. I will be teaching 6th and 7th grade Language Arts and Social Studies. I graduated from Kent State University with a Bachelor's degree in Middle Childhood Education. I am looking forward to a fun, interactive and productive year. I cannot wait to get to know you and your child! Let the Learning begin!!

COMING SOON: *BPA Mentor-Leadership Program*

Welcome to Spanish Class!!

Learning Spanish opens up lots of opportunities. Spanish is a rich language full of culture. We are having fun as we learn more from this fascinating language. We are singing songs about greetings, days of the week, months of the year, and the ABC's. We are looking forward to an exciting year.

Welcome to Art!!

My name is Mr. Bravo. I am the art teacher for the 2015 – 2016 school year. We are going to have loads and loads of fun experiencing different facets in the realm of art.

Welcome to Music!!

Hi, my name is Daniel Vidal, Music teacher at BridgePrep Academy. I am excited to be a part of the BridgePrep team. I graduated from USF in 2011 and have taught for three years. I look forward to teaching your children different music styles such as classical, jazz and music from other cultures and countries.

Welcome to Gym!!

Hi, my name is Michael Vander Woudes, or known as Couch V. I will be your child's Physical Education teacher here at BridgePrep Academy for the year of 2015 – 2016. This is my second year here at BridgePrep Academy and I'm very excited for this coming year. I have been working with kids in sports settings for ten years. I am originally from Sioux Falls South Dakota and have been living in Tampa for three years now. I am looking forward to meeting all of you and your children. If you ever have questions I will be available. GO BRIDGEPREP BEARS!

COMING SOON: *BPA Community Service Team*

Please remember to create a contact school account on our Website to get current notifications and information.

<http://batampa.bridgeprepacademy.com/>.

Just click the link in the upper right hand corner and complete the form. Please remember to include both your current e-mail address and phone number. Don't forget to click register at the end of the form.