

August/September 2016

Dear Bridgeview Parents/Guardians and Students:

I would like to welcome you to the 2016-2017 school year. I welcome back our current first through sixth grade families and also extend a special welcome to the newest members to Bridgeview, our kindergarten and newly enrolled families. I hope that you have had a pleasant summer.

As parents, stay involved with your son/daughter's education throughout the school year. Communication is an essential component of a truly successful school/parent partnership. I encourage you to establish positive communication with your child's teachers. Please feel free to contact the school at any time should you have any questions or concerns. We appreciate your feedback. All teachers have an email addresses here at school. Please keep it handy, as it is a great way to communicate with the teachers.

Our first bell rings at 8:10AM. No students are allowed in the building before this time, except in cases of inclement weather or a prearranged teacher-led activity. The tardy bells rings at 8:15AM. Any student not in the building by 8:15AM must report to the office and will be issued a tardy pass. It is very important for students to be in school on time so as not to miss instructional time, or disrupt other students when entering the classroom. Please do your part to ensure your child is at school on time. Our school day ends at 2:25 PM. Students are expected to promptly leave the building at dismissal time in order to board their bus or walk home. Students will not be permitted to ride a bus other than the one assigned to them. If your child will not be taking the bus home on a given day, please send a note to school. Without prior notification, all bus riders will be expected to ride the bus home. Students are not permitted to remain after school unless they are involved in an activity supervised by a staff member.

A few other reminders to parents: similar to last year, in order to enhance our school's security, at the beginning of classes each day, all doors to the building will be locked from the outside with the exception of the doors closest to the main office. Upon entering the building, I ask that you stop in the main office, sign in and obtain a visitor's pass. Also, please sign out at the main office prior to your departure. I appreciate your cooperation. Fast food lunches are not permitted at school. Nutritious hot lunches are available for all students to purchase in our lunchroom. Students are allowed to bring food from home, but we ask that no outside food from fast food restaurants be brought to school. Due to allergies and other health concerns, treats brought to school for parties, birthday celebrations, or other class celebrations **MUST** be store-bought and brought to school in the original container. Medications administered at school must be accompanied by a doctor's note, not even aspirin can be administered without a doctor's note. If your child is going to be absent please call the school by 8:30AM on the day of

the absence.

All children have the opportunity to participate in fine arts classes; art, music, and physical education are part of our weekly schedules. Children have recess on a daily basis. Please make sure they are dressed for the weather. All students will be going to the library on a weekly basis to check out a book. While younger grades may wait a month or so before students are allowed to bring books home, all students will have the opportunity to bring books home and share a story with the family. It will be the student's responsibility to bring the book back before the next library day. Any lost books will be the responsibility of the student/family to replace.

Bridgeview Elementary School has a dedicated staff that is committed to providing your child with an outstanding school experience. I am looking forward to an exciting school year!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns you might have. Together, we can do wonderful things to help your child learn and succeed.

Warm Regards,

Crystal Skoczylas
Principal
Bridgeview Elementary School