

## BRIDGEWATER ELEMENTARY

February 2017  
Newsletter

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### Dear Bridgewater Families-

February is “*I Love to Read Month.*” Students will be participating in a variety of activities that support reading. Teachers engage students in many reading activities during the day. It is important for students to practice at home every night by reading independently, reading to a sibling or parent, listening to a parent or sibling read to them, or reading with someone. The more a student reads, the better reader he/she will become. It is also very important that students are reading books at their reading and developmental level. Books that are too easy or too difficult will not increase student achievement; students need to read Just Right books. If shoes are too small or too big, they will be uncomfortable. The same holds true for good-fit books. Books that come home in the Book-in-a Bag are books that the students can read independently while working on fluency.

February is also Black History Month, which is an annual celebration of achievements by black Americans and a time for recognizing the role of African Americans in U.S. history. This is also a good time for us to remember that we all have more commonalities than differences. We all have unique characteristics, capabilities, strengths, and weaknesses. We must work together and respect each other for who we are, and not judge others by the color of our skin, size, or shape. I truly hope that we can get beyond merely tolerating others and grow toward acceptance and taking the time to understand/appreciate others who are different from us.

This is a great month to focus on the heart and making heart healthy choices. Good nutrition is important for brain development and body development. Water, sleep, and adequate activity are also crucial for heart health.

National Random Acts of Kindness Week is scheduled for the week of February 13<sup>th</sup>. It is a good time to think about performing random acts of kindness toward others you know or for complete strangers. You will feel good when you are able to do something kind for another person even if it is as simple as holding the door for someone, paying someone a compliment, sharing a smile, or allowing a person to go ahead of you in the line at the grocery store. Kindness does not need to cost any money, but it pays huge dividends. Remember that kindness starts with one; that one could be you. Have you done something nice for someone today?

The Kindergarten Information Meeting will be held on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bridgewater Media Center. We sent out an initial mailing early this month, but please don't hesitate to share this information with your friends, family, and neighbors. This meeting is designed to provide pertinent information for incoming kindergarten families. Kindergarten teachers and staff will be present to describe a typical day in the life of a kindergartner and to answer questions. Incoming kindergarten students will have an activity planned just for them; please let this be for just this group of students without siblings since it is a special time.

The cold and flu season has claimed many victims this winter. It is important that children get enough sleep every night so they can fight off these viruses and be at their best in class. It is also important that students not be sent to school when they are truly sick so they recover quickly and so they don't share their bug with everyone else.

Sincerely,  
Nancy Antoine



## Queridas familias de Bridgewater-

Febrero es el mes de **“Me encanta leer”** (**“I Love to Read Month”**). Los estudiantes van a participar en diferentes actividades que apoyan y fomentan la lectura. Aunque los maestros hacen muchas actividades de lectura con los niños en la escuela, es importante que los estudiantes también practiquen en casa cada noche leyendo de forma independiente, leyendo a un hermano o hermana, a su padre o madre, escuchando al padre, madre o hermanos leyéndoles a ellos, o leyendo con alguien. Cuanto más lean los estudiantes, mejor lectores serán. También es importante que los estudiantes lean libros para su nivel de lectura y desarrollo. Los libros que son demasiado fáciles o demasiado difíciles no ayudan, los estudiantes tienen que leer libros que sean los adecuados para ellos. Si los zapatos son demasiado pequeños o demasiado grandes, serían incómodos. Lo mismo ocurre con los libros. Los libros que los estudiantes llevan a casa en el libro en la bolsa (Book-in-a-Bag) son libros que los estudiantes pueden leer ellos solos al tiempo que mejoran en la fluidez en la lectura.

Febrero es también el mes de la historia de los africanos americanos que es una celebración anual que celebra los logros de los africanos americanos y un tiempo para reconocer su papel en la historia de Estados Unidos. Esta también es una época para recordar que tenemos más cosas en común que diferencias. Todos tenemos características únicas, capacidades, talentos y debilidades. Tenemos que trabajar todos juntos y respetarnos los unos a los otros por lo que somos y no juzgar a los otros por el color de su piel, nuestro tamaño o forma. Realmente espero que podamos a un punto en que más que simplemente nos toleremos los unos a los otros podamos alcanzar el aceptar a todos y dedicarle tiempo a entender/apreciar a aquellos que son diferentes de nosotros.

Este es un buen mes para centrarnos en el corazón y tomar decisiones saludables que beneficien a nuestros corazones. Una buena nutrición es importante para el desarrollo del cerebro y el desarrollo del cuerpo. Beber agua, dormir y estar activos también es crucial para que el corazón esté saludable.

La semana nacional de actos bondadosos hechos al azar es durante la semana del 14 de febrero. Esa semana es un buen momento para realizar actos bondadosos al azar a personas que conocen o personas que no conocen. Uno se siente bien por dentro cuando se hace algo bueno para otra persona aunque sea algo tan sencillo como aguantar la puerta para alguien o dejar que otra persona vaya delante de usted en la cola de la compra en el supermercado. Un acto de bondad no cuesta dinero pero realmente paga con muchos beneficios. Recuerden que la bondad empieza con uno y que esa primera persona puede ser usted mismo/a. ¿Ha hecho algo bueno para alguien hoy?

La sesión informativa sobre Kindergarten (Jardín de infancia) será el lunes 6 de marzo de 2017 a las 5:30 pm en el Media Center de Bridgewater. Vamos a enviarles los primeros documentos a primeros de mes pero por favor, no duden en compartir esta información con sus amigos, familiares y vecinos. Esta reunión está diseñada para ofrecer información sobre el programa a las familias cuyos hijos van a empezar en kindergarten. Los maestros de Kindergarten y otros trabajadores de la escuela estarán en la reunión para explicarles cómo es un típico día para un estudiante de kindergarten y contestar a sus preguntas. Los estudiantes que estarán en kindergarten podrán disfrutar de actividades creadas para ellos. Por favor, no traigan también a sus hermanos porque es un tiempo especial sólo para los que van a entrar en kindergarten.

La temporada de los catarros y la gripe ya se ha cobrado varias víctimas este invierno. Es importante que los niños duerman suficiente cada noche para que puedan luchar contra estos virus y estar bien en clase. Es importante que los estudiantes no vayan a la escuela cuando están realmente enfermos para que se recuperen más rápidamente y para que no contagien a todos los demás.

Atentamente,  
Nancy Antoine

## Bear Tracks...From your BW PTO/Booster Club

**February Meeting** Our next BBC meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 21st, at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Center. Superintendent Hillmann will be joining us to discuss the district's strategic and master facilities plan. Adult led STEAM activities will be available for students! We hope you can join us.

**BW Family Movie Night** Join us on Friday, February 17th, for Family Movie Night and the movie *The Secret Life of Pets!* The gym will open at 6:30 p.m. with the movie starting at 7:00 p.m. Free popcorn and water will be served, and one lucky winner will take the movie home! We'll also be collecting non-perishable food items for the Northfield Food Bank at the gym entrance if you'd like to bring some along! A reminder that students must be accompanied by an adult. See you at the movie!

**2nd Grade Families – We Need YOU!** Our 2nd grade families make movie night possible by volunteering to set-up, greet, pop and bag popcorn, and/or clean-up. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Lianne at [lianne.kleiner@gmail.com](mailto:lianne.kleiner@gmail.com). Thanks for your support!

**Trash for Cash SAVE YOUR TRASH!** February 1st marked the beginning of our "Trash for Cash" contest. Each classroom will have bags for collecting "trash" items. Please have your child bring in Box Tops, Milk Moola caps and bag tops from Kwik Trip, and entire empty Malt-O-Meal Bags. BBC volunteers will collect these items each week and tally the totals. The grade level with the most "Trash" by Tuesday, February 28th will get STEAM time! Thanks for your support!

**Hat & Pajama Day:** Friday, February 24th. \$1 to wear a hat or pajamas or \$2 to wear both!

How to find out more about your BBC? Check out our website: [www.bbc.ourschoolpages.com](http://www.bbc.ourschoolpages.com) and follow us on our 2 Facebook sites [www.facebook.com/BWBoosterClub](http://www.facebook.com/BWBoosterClub) and [www.facebook.com/BWBoosterthon](http://www.facebook.com/BWBoosterthon) or on Twitter @bridgewaterbc1. As always, feel free to reach out to any of the BBC Team contacts for more information.



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Secretary: Erin Hall ([EHall@northfieldschools.org](mailto:EHall@northfieldschools.org))

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## Physical Education Update....

Paul Bernhard & Tony Mathison

February activities include floor hockey, racket activities, bowling, and team building. 5th grade classes will take a morning trip to Jesse James Lanes for the conclusion of the bowling unit. This will be the seventh year we have done this and it has been a very positive experience for the students. There will be a field trip cost of \$5 to cover bus and shoe rental. An information letter will be sent home with kids as the trip nears.

Jump Rope For heart is approaching early in March. If your child is interested, you can go online at the American Heart Association and sign up to collect at that site. It involves no leg work. Even if you choose not to raise funds, the site has valuable and interesting information on heart related activities and healthy lifestyle options. The ducks or dogs are also returning for another year! Ask your child about them. They have been a hit the past few years! Bridgewater students have raised over \$120,000 for cardiovascular research in our 18 years of existence! It is optional for each student.

Have a great month and remember..."Fit Kids Are Healthy Kids!"

# I LOVE TO READ MONTH!



The month of February is filled with activities to celebrate and promote a love for reading! The following activities have been scheduled for students:

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

### February 6-24: Mystery Passages

- **Students** will listen to Mrs. Antoine read passages from a book. They will attempt to guess which book she is reading from. Random names will be drawn from the correct guesses for a \$5 gift certificate to the spring book fair.

### Every Tuesday and Thursday: Book Talks!

- **Third grade** students will give book talks to the entire school highlighting their favorite book picks and recommend them to the school body.

### Friday Feb 16: Teacher Swap

- **Students** will have a mystery teacher read aloud to them today! Today is National Read Aloud Day!

### Friday Feb 17: All School Camp Read In

- **Students** can bring in flashlights to use during our read in

## PARENT ACTIVITIES

**Friday Feb 17: PTO FAMILY Movie Night** (movie begins at 7, doors open at 6:30)

**Friday Feb 24: Apple and a Book Event**

K-9:15    1<sup>st</sup> grade- 2:30    2<sup>nd</sup> grade-10:45    3<sup>rd</sup> grade-1:45    4<sup>th</sup> grade-8:30    5<sup>th</sup> grade-10:00

## Community Services February/March 2017....

Northfield Public Schools Community Services Division has openings in many great programs that start in **February and March**. For more information or to register for these great programs visit us online at [www.northfieldschools.org](http://www.northfieldschools.org) (follow the Community Services link), call 507-664-3649, or visit our office on the first floor of the Northfield Community Resource Center at 1651 Jefferson Parkway, Northfield. Scholarships are available for all programs.

### Enrichment Classes

#### **Super Science Saturdays Club for Girls**

\$39, grades 3 - 6; Middle School Art Room 250, 10:45 a.m. – noon

Sa, Feb. 25 – April 22 (no class March 18, 25 & April 15) Class #:4372-W17A

(2/25-Chemistry, 3/4 – Biology & Physiology, 3/11 – Environmental Science, 4/1 Psychology & Neuroscience, 4/8 – Physics, 4/22 – Math)

#### **Child & Babysitting Safety Class (CABS)**

\$54, boys and girls in grades 4 - 8; Northfield Community Resources Center (NCRC) Youth Wing Rm. 108, 9 a.m. – noon

Sa, Feb. 18, Class #:4351-W17A

#### **Home Alone Safety Workshop for Children**

\$34, grades 3-7, Northfield Community Resources Center (NCRC) Youth Wing Rm. 108,

Sa, March 4, 10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Class #:4354-W17A

#### **Watch Me Draw: Canvas Art Studio – Emoji Craze!**

\$29, grades k-5, Bridgewater Classroom 103,

M, March Feb. 27 & March 6, 3:25 – 4:25 p.m., Class #:4382-W17B

### Recreation Classes

#### **Boys Basketball**

\$39, Grades k -5, Sa, Feb. 4 – March 11 (Times vary by age from 8:15 a.m. – 11 a.m.) Sibley Gymnasium

#### **Open Gym Basketball**

Grades 5 – 8; \$3/single or \$10 max/family payable at the door, ages k-8; Bridgewater Gym, 3 - 4:30 p.m.

Su, Jan. 8 – March 12 (no open gym Feb. 5)

#### **Northfield Skating School**

\$99 - \$129, all ages and levels; Northfield Ice Arena, times vary according to level

Su, Jan. 8 – Feb. 19

#### **Boys & Girls Bowling**

\$89/new participant; \$85/former participant, grades k - 12; Jesse James Lanes, 4-5:30 p.m.

Th, Feb. 16 – April 20 (no class March 23), Class #:1057-W17A

or F, Feb. 17 – April 21 (no class March 24), Class #:1057-W17A

#### **Tae Kwon Do for Kids**

\$74, grades 2 - 12; Sibley Cafeteria (class held in Sibley Gym on March 9)

Beginner: 6:15 – 7 p.m., Tu & Th, Feb. 21 – April 6 (no class March 21 & 23); Class #:4165-W17C

Advanced: 6:45 – 7:45 p.m., Tu & Th, Feb. 21 – April 6 (no class March 21 & 23); Class #:4165-W17D

#### **Lightsaber Dueling**

\$18, ages 8 and older; Longfellow Gym, 6:30-8 p.m.

F, Feb. 17; Class #:1281-W17A

or F, Feb. 24; Class #:1281-W17B

#### **Lightsaber Dueling Episode II**

\$20, ages 8 and older; Longfellow Gym, 6:30-8 p.m.

F, March 3; Class #:1282-W17A









#### **Horseback Riding**

\$139, ages 8 and older; Winterhaven Stables, 4 - 5 p.m.

W, April 19 – May 24; Class #:1276-W17A

## February Library Events and News



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Saturday, February 4th is <b>Take your Child to the Library Day!</b> Magic Show 11 am		1	2 3:15-5 pm Lego Duplo Day	3 Noon Concert Greg Smith - Guitar	4  <b>MAGIC SHOW</b> 11 am
5 2-4 pm Coloring! 	6	7	8	9 3:15-5 pm Lego Duplo Day	10 Noon Concert Elinor Niemisto - Harp	11
12 2-4 pm Coloring! 	13	14 	15	16 3:15-5 pm Lego Duplo Day	17 Noon Concert Randy Ferguson - Guitar	18
19 2-4 pm Coloring! 	20 <b>LIBRARY is Closed TODAY</b> 6:30 pm - 7:45 Mystery Book Group at All Saint's	21 7 pm Contemporary Women Writers Book Group	22	23 3:15-5 pm Lego Duplo Day	24 Noon Concert TBD	25 10 am to 2 pm <b>Preserve Your Memories- Scanning Event</b>
26 2-4 pm Coloring! 	27 7 pm Sci-Fi Book Group Pye Conference Room	28				 <b>Preserve Your Memories- Scanning Event</b> Sat., Feb 25 10 am to 2 pm Bring items you would like to preserve and leave with a digital copy. You can consider donating them to the digital collection of the Northfield History Collaborative. This event is made possible by the library, Northfield Historical Society and the Northfield History Collaborative. Of particular interest: Area Businesses, Northfield History, Northfield & WW II.



Our winter reading program for adults continues through March 4th, pick up a reading log at the upstairs help desk and start recording what you read!



[www.takeyourchildtothelibrary.org](http://www.takeyourchildtothelibrary.org)

**MAGIC SHOW!**  
Saturday, Feb. 4th  
At 11 am in the library's



210 Washington St.  
507.645.6606  
[www.mynpl.org](http://www.mynpl.org)

**HOURS**  
Monday—Thursday  
9 am to 8 pm  
Friday 9 am - 6 pm  
Saturday 9 am - 5 pm  
Sunday 1-5 pm

More detailed program information is on the back of this sheet.

For up to date info check [northfieldpubliclibrary.blogspot.com](http://northfieldpubliclibrary.blogspot.com)



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## Scheduled Events for February 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<b>I</b> 	<b>Love</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>1</b> Door Decorating	2	3	4
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Incoming Kindergarten Mailings	<b>7</b> Fifth Grade Band Concert (6:45 p.m.)	8	9	<b>10</b> <b>Camp Read In</b>  Choral Festival (4 & 5 Choir Students)	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 100th Day Celebration-K Spring Conferences  School Board Meeting (7:00 p.m., HS Media Center)	<b>14</b> Holden's Class to Sr. Center @9:00 a.m.	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Teacher Swap</b>  Spring Conferences	<b>17</b> PTO Family Movie Night	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> River Bend Nature Center Field Trip (Grade 5)	<b>24</b> <b>Apple and a Book Day</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> First Grade Choice Program Mailing  School Board Meeting (7:00 p.m., HS Media Center)	<b>28</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

- February 1-10—Door Decorating
- February 6—Incoming Kindergarten Mailings
- February 7—Fifth Grade Band Concert (6:45 p.m.)
- February 10—Choral Festival (4 & 5 Choir Students, 11:30-2:30, MS)
- February 13—100th Day Celebration (Kindergarten)
- February 13—School Board Meeting (7:00 p.m., HS Media Center)
- February 14—Holden's Class to Sr. Center @ 9:00 a.m.
- February 16—Teacher Swap
- February 17—Camp Read In
- February 17—PTO Family Movie Night (7-9:00 p.m.)
- February 23—River Bend Nature Center Field Trip (Grade 5)
- February 24—Apple and a Book Day
- February 27—First Grade Choice Program Mailing

## Upcoming Events for 2016-2017

- March 6—Incoming Kindergarten Open House (5:30, Media Center)
- MUSIC PROGRAMS:**
- March 8—9:35-5th Grade/2:15-Kindergarten
- March 9—8:35-3rd Grade/2:15-2nd Grade
- March 10—8:35-4th Grade/2:15-1st Grade
- March 13—Incoming Kindergarten Mailings Due
- March 13—School Board Meeting (7:00 p.m., HS Media Center)
- March 14—Holden's Class to Sr. Center @9:00 a.m.
- March 13—Spring Conferences
- March 16—Spring Conferences
- March 17—Dad's and STEAM (grade 1)
- March 20—First Grade Choice Program Due
- March 27—School Board Meeting (7:00 p.m., HS Media Center)
- April 10—School Board Meeting (7:00 p.m., HS Media Center)