

**BRIDGEWATER
ELEMENTARY****March 2017
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Dear Bridgewater Families-

Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held this month on March 13 and 16. Please make sure to connect with your child's teacher if you are unable to attend at your scheduled time. You will receive a conference report at this time and a report card at the end of the school year. Your involvement is critical to the success of your child and this conference. I look forward to seeing you when you are in the building.

Spring Break

Spring Break for students will be on March 20-27. Information on the Spring Break Read-a-thon will be sent home later this month encouraging students to read over the break.

Recognition

March 5-11, 2017, is National School Social Worker Week. We appreciate all the work that Jamie Wiebe does for Bridgewater students and families. Thank you Mrs. Wiebe!

Read Across America Day

Along with other schools and libraries across the nation, we celebrated Read Across America Day on Thursday, March 2nd. NEA's (National Education Association) national reading celebration takes place each year on or near March 2nd, which is the birthday of Dr. Suess. We were joined by many high school students who volunteered to read with our students. We are so fortunate to have close guests who are willing to walk over and read with us. It was difficult to tell which group of students enjoyed the experience more!

Celebration

March is Women's History Month, and our students will be learning about famous women and how they opened doors that many of us now take for granted. The theme for 2017 is *Honoring Trailblazing Women in Labor and Business*. "This theme honors women who have successfully challenged the role of women in both business and the paid labor force. Women have always worked, but often their work has been undervalued and unpaid." (www.nwhp.org) Not long ago, women did not even have the right to vote much less speak one's mind in public. We have come a long way in our country with a significant journey ahead. It is 2017, and yet women continue to experience first time events that should have happened decades ago. Title IX played a crucial role in providing equal opportunity for all women to learn and receive an education. The concept that educating women meant educating mothers endured in America for many years, at all levels of education. Our own children can look for a future in which they have the opportunity to be successful in any field of their choosing. All people can lead!



First Grade Options

A letter will be sent home with current kindergarten students about choice options for first grade. Please look for this letter and don't forget to return it by Friday, March 17. A video will be sent home for parents wanting the Compañeros option for next year.

I Love to Read Month

Thank you to everyone who made I Love to Read Month a success! It was disappointing having to cancel Apple & a Book Day due to the weather; we will look to bring it back next year. Thank you also to Just Foods Coop for donating all the apples! The apples were shared with Bridgewater and High School students on March 2nd.

Health Concerns

We have been hit hard by colds, flu, strep throat, and other illnesses this winter. It is important to remember that students need to be fever-free for 24-hours before returning to school, and the same goes for treated strep throat. Rest and plenty of liquids is needed for a speedy recovery. As usual, please make sure to call the attendance line, 507-664-3306, when your child will be absent.

Thank you!
Mrs. Antoine

Physical Education Update....

Paul Bernhard & Tony Mathison

March brings our annual American Heart Association Jump Rope for Heart event. This will be the 19th consecutive year Bridgewater Elementary has participated in this heart healthy event that brings awareness to heart related illness and disease. Our school has raised over \$134,000 for cardiovascular research participating in this event. Your child will bring information home for this voluntary activity in the near future. You are encouraged to go on-line and look at the simple way of collecting donations with the click of the mouse. All students will participate in jumping rope, which will take place the week of March 13th in physical education classes. Take a moment to look at the information at www.heart.org/jump to check out facts and information about the heart.



Spring fitness testing will begin once students return from spring break. We have been encouraging students to begin preparing for the tests by exercising at home before bed time, during television commercials, or as a family. We also have encouraged spending 30 minutes less with computer, video games, or other technology and turn that into activity time instead. It is always exciting for us to see the improvement in scores from the fall to the spring. We hope to be outside shortly after spring break. Continue to encourage your child to eat right and exercise regularly.

As always. "Fit Kids Are Healthy Kids!"

Art Update....

Kate Woodstrup

CONFERENCES

If you would like to check in during spring conferences next week please come to the Art room in the purple hallway on Tuesday night. I will not be available during Thursday night conferences. If you would like to meet with me at another time please contact me at kwoodstrup@northfieldschools.org. Artwork by all of our young artists is displayed around school including the media center, art gallery, purple hall, pink hall, and pink wing kiva.

NAG ALL SCHOOL ART SHOW

It's that time of year again! Students selected for our Northfield Arts Guild All School Art show will be bringing home yellow letters with postcards next week. The show will open on Wednesday, Mar. 15th through Saturday, April 8th at the Northfield Arts Guild on Division Street. The Arts Guild is located across the street from the Northfield Public Library. More information can be located on their website:

<http://northfieldartsguild.org/event/northfield-area-all-school-show-opens/>

Everyone is invited to a public reception called the "Imagination Celebration" that will be held **Saturday April 1st**, 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. Artists, families, guardians, and friends are invited to enjoy the art and events planned during this special day of recognizing the wonderful work these artists have created. I will be present at the Imagination Celebration from 12:40 -2 p.m. I hope that you can attend this event to see the outstanding display of talent by Northfield's young artists. If you are unable to attend the "Imagination Celebration" you may view the show during regular gallery hours: Sundays and Mondays: Closed Tuesdays – Fridays: 12 pm to 6 pm (Office, Shop, Gallery) Saturdays: 11 am to 3 pm (Shop/Gallery)



Spring Break

No School

March 20—March 24, 2017

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March 27—Teacher Preparation
Day



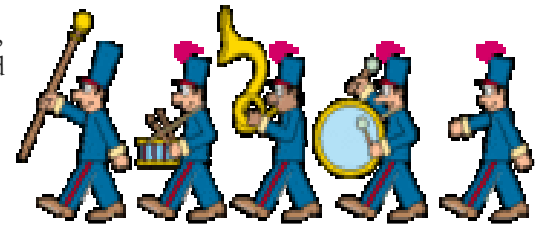
Band Update....

Stephanie Bothun

Hello from the band room!

Tuesday morning rehearsals will continue in the month of March on these dates: March 7, 14, and 28. Rehearsals begin at 7:15, so students should be ready to go with their instruments at the beginning of rehearsal. We will begin preparing for our **next concert on May 4 at 7 pm**, which will be held at Bridgewater with the 4th and 5th grade choirs. More details about this performance will be sent out closer to the date.

Attention 4th grade students interested in band: Band recruitment for current 4th graders interested in joining band as a 5th grader will begin in April. A band handbook will be sent home with students after spring break and any interested student who wants to try their top three instrument choices will have that opportunity during April. This is an exciting time for the 4th graders to try something new, so if your student is interested in trying band, make sure to watch for the band handbook coming home with your child after spring break with all the information about band at Bridgewater!



Orchestra Update....

Natalie Kruger

The All-District Orchestra Concert on Thursday, March 16 is approaching quickly! This should be a fantastic experience for your child. This performance will consist of each group playing separately (4th grade, 5th grade, 6th grade, 7th grade, 8th grade, Philharmonic Orchestra & Symphony Orchestra) as well as a combined piece to finish out the evening. We hope you are looking forward to hearing approximately almost 400 Northfield orchestra members playing together!



4th Graders need to arrive at the High School by 5:15 pm to unpack and be tuned. We have a special practice at 5:30 pm to run through their pieces with 4th Graders from the other two elementary schools before being joined by students in grades 5-12 for the grand finale rehearsal.

5th Graders need to arrive at the High School by 5:25 pm to unpack and be tuned. 5th graders will participate in the grand finale rehearsal at 5:40 pm.

After the combined rehearsal, we will have pizza & cookies available for dinner in the upper cafeteria. The cost for this meal is \$3 per student. Students should bring their own beverage. An information sheet with pizza sign-up and a schedule for the evening was sent home with students two weeks ago. This year there is also an option to pay and give permission online.

The concert will begin at 7:00 pm. We anticipate a very full audience again this year. The concert will last about 75 minutes.

Please contact Mrs. Kruger with any questions. nkruger@northfieldschools.org

Community Services March/April 2017....

Northfield Public Schools Community Services Division has openings in many great programs that start in **March and early April**. For more information or to register for these great programs visit us online at 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

Hello Cupcake! Spring Edition

\$29, grades 1 - 6, Bridgewater Art Room,
F, March 31, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Class #:4331-W17A

Watch Me Draw: Animal Art Studio

\$75, grades k-5, Bridgewater Classroom 103,
M, April 3 – May 1, 3:25 – 4:25 p.m., Class #:4377-W17B

Grandmasters of Chess: Spring Season

\$94, grades k-5, Bridgewater Media Center,
Th, April 6 – May 25, 3:25 – 4:25 p.m., Class #:4342-W17B

LEGO WeDo Robotics – Spring Session

\$74, grades 1-5, Bridgewater Media Center,
Tu, April 11 – May 16, 3:25 – 4:25 p.m., Class #:4439-W17B

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, April 15, Class #:4351-W17B

Home Alone Safety Workshop for Children

\$34, grades 3-7, Northfield Community Resources Center (NCRC) Youth Wing Rm. 108,
Sa, April 15, 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Class #:4354-W17B

Recreation Classes

Youth Floor Hockey

\$25, grades k - 5; Middle School Gym, 9 – 9:45 a.m.
Sa, April 1 - 22; Class #:1054-W17A

Tae Kwon Do for Kids

\$74, grades 2 - 12; Sibley Cafeteria
Beginner: 6:15 – 7 p.m., Tu & Th, April 18 – May 25; Class #:4165-W17E
Advanced: 6:45 – 7:45 p.m., Tu & Th, April 18 – May 25; Class #:4165-W17F

Gumdo – Youth Korean Sword

\$49, ages 10+; Sibley Gym, 7:45 – 8:45 p.m.
Tu & Th, April 18 – May 25; Class #:4108-W17F-Youth

Horseback Riding

\$139, ages 8 and older; Winterhaven Stables, 4 - 5 p.m.
W, April 19 – May 24; Class #:1276-W17A

Soccer Skills Now

\$29, grades 1 - 5; Bridgewater Gym & Athletic Fields, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
M – Th, May 8 - 11; Class #:1250-W17B

MARCH 2017



Scheduled Events for March 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 (10:30, grade 1)

March 17—First Grade Choice Program Due

March 17—Riverbend Field Trip (Grade 5)

March 27—School Board Meeting (7:00 p.m., HS Media Center)

March 31—Life Touch Spring Photos

Upcoming Events for 2016-2017

April 10—School Board Meeting (7:00 p.m., HS Media Center)

April 11—Holden's Class to Sr. Center @9:00 a.m.

April 14—Mill City Field Trip (Grade 2)

April 24—School Board Meeting (7:00 p.m., HS Media Center)

April 28—MN Zoo Field Trip (Grade 1)

May 1—Staff Appreciation Week

May 1—Gibbs Farm Field Trip (Grade 3)

May 4—Choir /Band Concert (2:00 & 7:00 p.m.)

May 9-19—Boosterthon

May 12—Children's Theater Field Trip (Grade 1)

May 16—Espectaculos Dress Rehearsal (12-2:30, MS Auditorium)

May 26—Espectaculos Performance (9:30, MS Auditorium)

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