

# THE BOLT

## SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

### Key Dates

- **September 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Back to School Night**

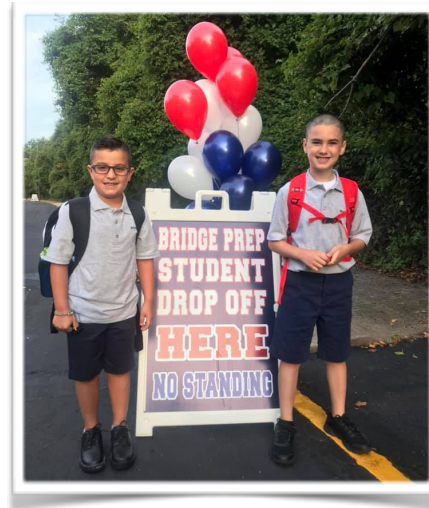
We welcome all of our families for a fun and interactive evening to kick off the 2020-2021 school year! This virtual event will give you the opportunity to hear from various members of our team and meet your Bridge Builder’s teachers. An invite will be shared with all families this week.

- **September 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Virtual Day of School**

All students will log on from 8:15am - 12:45pm for live virtual instruction Monday - Friday.

- **September 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**In-Person Instruction Begins**

We are planning to begin blended learning on Tuesday, September 22, 2020. Bridge Builders assigned to the **BOLD** schedule will attend school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Bridge Builders assigned to the **BRIGHT** schedule will attend school on Thursdays and Fridays.



## Ten Days Until School!

The “**Back to School 2020-2021**” tab on our [website](#) is your one-stop-shop for all updates and information:

- Read our Back to School Framework and a handy FAQ that breaks down the most need-to-know information for families.
- Access all forms to be completed by the first day of school.
- Find information about purchasing supplies.

**Additionally, all Bridge Builders have been assigned their instructional schedule!** You should have received a call or message from a member of our team to discuss your schedule. Schedule assignments will also be mailed to your home. All families have the ability to go fully virtual at any time. Please reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns.



## Remind App

Please join our official school Remind account using the code **@bpcschool**. Remind allows you to quickly communicate with your Bridge Builder's teacher and the larger school community. You will receive urgent real-time updates, announcements, and newsletters. Download the app to stay connected through texts, calls, emails, and/or push notifications. For more information, visit [remind.com/families](https://remind.com/families).

## FREE Childcare Program Learning Bridges

New York City is offering a new program that will provide **free child care options** for all children from 3-K through 8th grade **on days when they are scheduled for remote learning**. All Bridge Prep students qualify for this program, and you can complete [this survey](#) to express your interest. Please note, this survey is not a formal application and information about placement will be shared by the Department of Youth & Community Development in the coming weeks. We strongly urge families to complete this survey.

## Technology Distribution & Forms Submission

Sign up for your [Technology Appointment](#) now! **All Bridge Builders will be receiving a brand new Chromebook**. Any Bridge Builder with an iPad or older Chromebook **must** return it in exchange for a new Chromebook during their scheduled appointment. While onsite, you will be asked to turn in all completed beginning-of-year forms. All incoming families must fill out a Home Language Survey in person. Visit our website for a full list of all required forms for this school year. We recommend printing, filling out, and making copies of as many forms as possible ahead of your appointment. Face coverings and social distancing are required.

## Introductory Orton-Gillingham Google Classroom

Incoming Bridge Builders have been invited to an introductory Google Classroom to jumpstart their OG knowledge before the school year begins. Watch videos and practice the vowel cheer! You can access this Google Classroom page through your student email account. As a reminder for all returning Bridge Builders, you still have access to your previous OG Google Classroom.

## Special Education Services

Be on the lookout for message from Ms. Q regarding special education services for the upcoming school year. To date, we have not yet been told of the final decision from the DOE on administration of related services and are planning for the possibility of services being offered, in-person, virtually or a combination of both. Should services be offered in person, we are prepared with various safety precautions for students and staff.

## September Building Tours - TBD

We recognize that many families and students are anxious to visit our school building and that we have not been able to have folks in the building as a result of COVID. Our team is working on the coordination of possible small group tours for new families to come and visit the building. It is our hope to have a decision on this prior to the beginning of in-person instruction. Should in person tours not be allowed, a virtual tour will be held and shared with families.

