

THE BOLT

WEEKLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Closing Out Our Founding School Year

In the final month of our founding school year, we reflect on our first year with humble gratitude for your ongoing support and collaboration. We continue to be a student-centered learning community that prioritizes our students' individuality and potential. We will continue to utilize standards-based grading to provide you with feedback on Bridge Builders' progress in Trimester 3.

We hope to answer many of your questions about plans for next year during our upcoming End of Year Family Meetings. If you have a question about if your student is being promoted to the next grade, please note that if you have not heard directly from the school indicating your student would not be promoted to the next grade, there is no plan for that to occur.

To Our Bridge Prep Community,

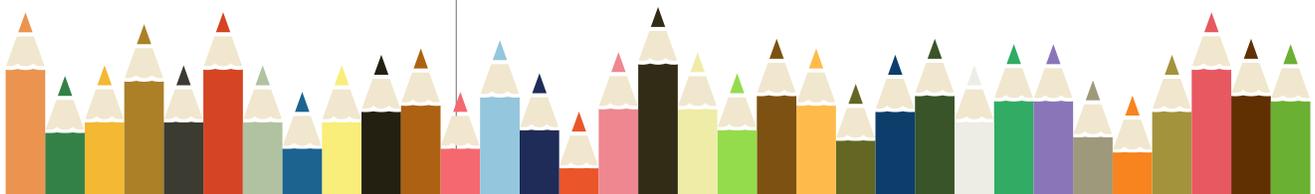
As we continue on our shared path forward together, we think it's important that you know what we stand for at Bridge Prep. There is no place in our school community for hate, intolerance, divisiveness, or racism. We are anti-racist, we believe that black lives matter, and we celebrate the diversity of our growing community. Full Stop.

Our school was founded to address systemic inequities being experienced by many young people in our community. Every single day we embrace a culture that commits to re-writing the equation of opportunity for all of our students. Our Bridge Builders' voices, lives, dreams and aspirations matter and as they grow and develop, it is our responsibility to support and foster them. In order to do that, we must acknowledge that race, privilege, bias, and prejudice are a part of their lives.

To our students, families, staff and friends that are experiencing pain, frustration, and sadness - we care about you and want you to know we are committed to supporting each other through these difficult times. We understand there is work to be done. As we strive to create a community that is truly **Bold, Bright, and Unique**, we must do so in a way that models respect, inclusion, and compassion and cultivates positive identity formation for our students. Let's get to work.

Onward,

Mr. Castanza, Ms. Pirraglia, Ms. Ebanks and Mrs. Illuzzi



Family Self-Care Corner

Tomorrow at 10 a.m. CNN will be partnering with Sesame Street for a virtual town hall meeting addressing racism for children and families. We will be tuning in. Here are ways you can watch:

[Coming Together: Standing Up to Racism - How to Watch.](#)

Virtual Spirit Days

Please keep the virtual spirit day pictures coming! Take a look at next week's themes:

June 8 - Pattern Day

Wear your favorite patterns. All stripes, polka dots, zig zags, squiggles, and plaid welcome!

June 10 - Dress Like a Teacher Day

Dress up as your favorite teacher!

June 12 - Pay it Forward Friday

Send us a picture of you doing something to help another person.

June Dates to Remember

June 8th - Family Association Meeting

Please join us at 6 p.m. on Zoom using the link: [BPFA Meeting](#). We hope to see you there. All families are welcome, old and new!

June 13 - Connect Saturday

Our culminating Connect Saturday will begin at 10 a.m. Classroom teachers will be sharing Google Hangout links throughout the week. We look forward to a Saturday morning of celebration. You have earned it!

Other Dates:

- June 16 - Incoming Family Meeting
- June 17 - Virtual Field Day
- June 17 - End of Year First Grade Family Meetings
- June 18 - End of Year Second Grade Family Meetings
- June 19 - Report Cards Emailed Home
- June 22 - Last Day of School - Family Teacher Conferences

Flashback Friday Fun

Today we are throwing it back to World Read Aloud Day in February. Ms. Pirraglia and Mr. Castanza popped into our classrooms to read some of our favorite books. Look at that moose!

