



THE BOLT



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Monthly Newsletter

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Congrats to our Bucket Fillers of the Month for the month of April. All of our students are working hard to fill others' buckets with love and kindness. Keep up the good work!



WHAT'S IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE:

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- Classroom News
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Bridge Prep is Un"BEE"lievable!! Spring is in the air and our students are buzzing with excitement! There are lots of fun things in store for our Bridge Preppers as we head into the final months of the year!

What's New?

On April 1st, NYC DOE Chancellor, David Banks, members of his cabinet and various elected officials and dignitaries visited Bridge Prep! They were joined by members of our Board, and BPCS Family Association association, as well as parents. The visit was a huge success. Check out what some of our guests had to say about the great work we are doing at Bridge Prep!



Assemblyman Michael Tannousis is at Bridge Preparatory Charter School.

Yesterday I had the pleasure of visiting [Bridge Preparatory Charter School](#) with the NYC Schools Chancellor, and other elected officials, where we observed the tremendous work being done teaching children with dyslexia and other related learning disorders. Keep up the great work!



Assemblymember Jo Anne Simon

Thoroughly enjoyed visit to @BridgePrepSI with NYC DOE Chancellor David Banks and his team this morning. Thanks, [Tim Castanza](#) and team for the warm welcome!

I was excited to see the work they are doing & how much it's developed since first opening these doors to children w/dyslexia and related learning disorders only a few short years ago.

They have successfully built a school centered on children's needs using an Orton-Gillingham approach embedded in everything they do. It's success proves what we have been saying along: a structured literacy model rooted in reading science works. We need more such schools and we need to incorporate the model into more schools period.

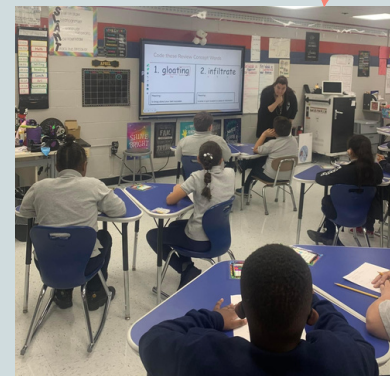


Robert Carroll

Great morning at [Bridge Preparatory Charter School](#) with NYC DOE Chancellor [David C. Banks](#).

Bridge Prep Executive Director - [Tim Castanza](#) and his team have built a public charter, centered around an Orton-Gillingham literacy curriculum that is helping dyslexic and other students excel.

It should be a model we repeat.





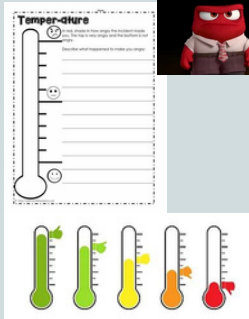
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*We're
GROWING!*



On Saturday, April 20th, we were thrilled to welcome our families and students back on campus for our first Connect Saturday in-person in over 2 years! Our theme was centered around Earth Day. Students and families made "seed bombs." Seeds were rolled in clay and soil and then cut and rolled into balls. The protected seeds will germinate in the clay balls and then take root on our campus. Children were also able to take the seed bombs home to beautify their yards or neighborhood. Following Connect Saturday, our amazing Bridge Prep Family Association hosted our Annual Plant Sale. We cannot think of a better way to celebrate the beginning of spring than by reminding our students beautiful things bloom from the tiniest of seeds!

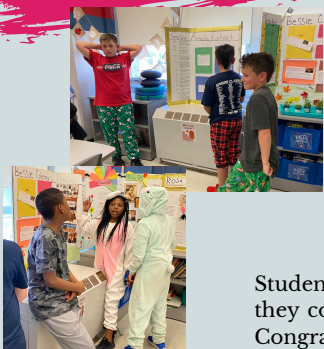


*We're
CALM*

This month in SEL, students are continuing to learn about emotion recognition. Students learned that they can identify and measure their emotions using different levels- ranging from mild to severe. Our social workers have focused on anger specifically and calming strategies to reduce the frequency and intensity of anger outbursts.



*We're
COMFY*



Students really enjoyed our Popcorn & PJ Day! They embraced their competitive spirit as they competed to see which classes in Building A & Building E would fundraise the most! Congrats to classes 202 & 403!!! They were treated to a sweet treat to celebrate their BIG WIN!!! Stay tuned for other fun challenges planned for May....



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Classroom News



1ST GRADE

During April, 1st graders have been working on their narrative accounts in ELA. They're continuing to review central idea, making connections and problem and solution. Students have been learning about national holidays, parts of a plant and how nature mimics things that help us solve problems in everyday life. In Math, Class 102 is continuing to sharpen addition and subtraction skills, learning about place value and practicing telling time in everyday life. In Class 101, they are learning about measurement and how to tell time on an analog and digital clock. Our first graders enjoyed Popcorn and PJ day and their in-class Makerspace trips making flowers that light up and rubber band cars.



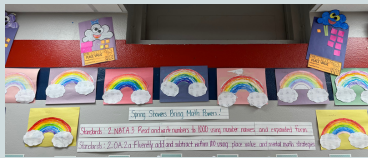
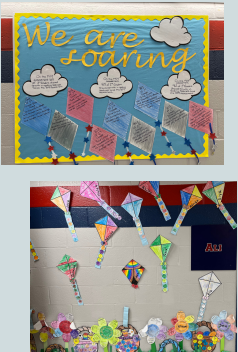
3RD GRADE

3rd graders have been busy this month! On Connect Saturday they highlighted the importance of taking care of our Earth and enjoyed a family activity of making wildflower seed bombs. Students read Earth Day for Kids, learned when, who and why Earth Day started and how to help the Earth. 3rd grade is wrapping up Multiplication Tables 0-12, learning how to multiply using skip counting, repeated addition, and the Properties of Multiplication such as Multiplication Property of Zero and the Commutative, Associative and Distributive Properties of Multiplication. In ELA, 3rd graders are wrapping up Module 3 - Let Freedom Ring. This was a non-fiction Module where students learned about Text Features, Graphic Features, Text Structure, and answering short response questions by finding evidence.



2ND GRADE

2nd grade has been learning about the life cycle of a plant in Science. They have learned about the parts of a plant, as well as what plants need to live. In social studies, they are beginning to explore map skills and are starting to learn about multiplication.



4TH GRADE

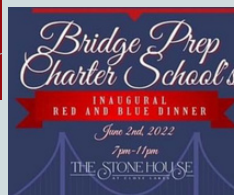
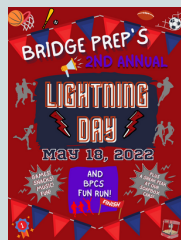
This month 4th grade is looking forward to working on a Socratic seminar during ELA. In Social Studies they are learning about the Holocaust. The students are also working with their knowledge of fractions and applying it to adding and subtracting fractions, finding equivalent fractions, and comparing and ordering fractions. They've been working in their math centers and learning how to apply math skills to the real world. 4th graders are also preparing for the science state test in June.



Upcoming Events

MAY

- MAY 2: EID AL-FITR (NO SCHOOL)
- MAY 4: FA EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTIONS
- MAY 3-16: COIN WARS
- MAY 18: BRIDGE PREP LIGHTNING DAY FA FUN RUN
- MAY 21: SOAPBOX DERBY
- MAY 30: MEMORIAL DAY (NO SCHOOL)



JUNE



- JUNE 1ST: 4TH GRADE NYS SCIENCE EXAM (PART 1)
- JUNE 2ND: INAUGURAL RED + BLUE DINNER
- JUNE 6TH: 4TH GRADE NYS SCIENCE EXAM (PART 2)
- JUNE 12TH: FAMILY DAY @WILLOWBROOK PARK
- JUNE 18TH: CONNECT SATURDAY
- JUNE 20TH: JUNETEENTH OBSERVED (NO SCHOOL)
- JUNE 24TH: THIRD TRIMESTER ENDS
- JUNE 24TH: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL (HALF DAY)



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