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YEAR END NEWSLETTER

✳ Principal: Ms. Colleen Orzen

✳ Vice-Principal: Ms. Eleanor Lee

Thank you for another wonderful year together at Bridge!

It has been an exciting, busy and memorable year at Bridge, and we are proud of the growth and progress our students have demonstrated. Thank you to our Bridge families for supporting our children and the school community in so many ways.

Message from the Principal

As we head into the summer, I would like to thank the entire Bridge community for an amazing year. I hope everyone enjoys the sunshine and makes many memories. The Bridge staff looks forward to another fun-filled and meaningful 2026-2027 school year.



Welcome to our PAC Executive for the 2026-2027 School Year

Chair - **Mei Shum**

Secretary - **Chrissy Saran**

Treasurer - **Angeline Singh**



Our Hot Lunch Program

Thank you so much to our Hot Lunch Volunteers who, under the direction of **Rob and Sally Mah**, made sure that hot lunches were delivered in an organized, quick and safe manner.



Thank you to our Amazing PAC

Our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) dedicate their time behind the scenes to help make life and learning at Bridge so enjoyable. Our students and Staff have enjoyed Hot Lunch Days, Freezie Fridays, a Halloween Howl, the Spring Fair, a Staff Appreciation Luncheon, and many other special events, fieldtrips and additional resources thanks to our PAC. This includes the purchase of a 3D printer, Bollywood Dance Week, Dufflebag Theatre presentations and Rocks and Rings.



Special thanks to the following PAC Executive Members:

PAC Co-Chairs - Kim Font-Nowitsky, Mei Shum

Secretary - Theresa MacDonald

Treasurer - Angeline Singh

Thank you for your outstanding leadership, unwavering service and volunteer time you gave to the school community throughout the year. In addition to the Executive Members, so many other Bridge parents and family members have volunteered their time this year to help organize many exciting events and activities for students and staff including: the sponsorship of field trips, wonderful Fine Art Performances, a delicious Staff Appreciation Luncheon and much more! We thank you for your time, creativity, effort and selfless leadership and support you have given to our community and our students.

This Year in Pictures



Grade 7 Farewell Celebration

Congratulations to our Grade 7 students who enjoyed a special day organized by parents and staff. We were so thrilled to be able to host a special assembly in the morning accompanied by some of our band students. Thank you to everyone for your creative ideas, time and fundraising efforts to help make this day a special one for all involved.



PAC Spring Fair

We are so very happy that we were able to host our PAC Spring Fair again this year, which was organized by **Theresa MacDonald** with help from **Rob and Sally Mah** and **Angel Bajgoric**. An additional thanks to the amazing efforts of our staff, high school students and parent volunteers, the fair was a great success! The games, food, activities, raffle prizes, 50/50, and silent auction were a hit!

Farewell to Families Leaving Bridge

In addition to the grade 7s students who are moving on to high school, some Bridge families are moving to different schools and/or cities next year. To those students and their families, we will miss you but wish you all the best at your new schools. And remember...

"Once a Bulldog, always a Bulldog!"



Farewell Wishes to Staff



Ms. Chan

Ms. Chan became our Div 2 teacher in January this year and was wonderful teaching and supporting our grades 1 and 2 students in that class. Thank you for being a part of our Bridge family and we hope to see you back

Ms. Sun

Ms. Sun worked with many students at our school once a week and after the winter break joined us full time. Thank you for being a part of our Bridge family and we hope to see you back soon, Ms. Sun!

Mr. Hurst

Mr. Hurst was with us weekly as an administrator. He jumped back in as if he had never left. He is the true meaning of "Once a Bulldog, always a Bulldog". Thank you for everything you did for us this year.

Mme Ronse

After spending two years teaching intermediate French Immersion at Bridge, Mme Ronse is off to explore the rest of the district. She won't be here daily, but we know she will still be around.

Mr. Gideon

Mr. Gideon has moved to Vancouver Island with his family. We will miss him but know that students in his next school district will benefit from his care and creativity.

Ms. Lee

During Ms. Lee's time at Bridge she brought many great experiences and inspired us with her positive attitude. She will be missed but has promised to come back and visit.



Welcome to our New Bridge Staff

We are happy to welcome Ms. Jess Levitt to Bridge as our Vice Principal. Ms. Jess is joining us

from Talmey Elementary School. We also extend a warm welcome to Ms. May Yuen who will be a new primary teacher on our English side and Mme Emilie Henderson who will be an intermediate teacher on the French side. We can't wait to get to know you all in September



Mme Henderson



Ms. Yuen



Ms. Jess



Tuesday, September 8th, 2026

**ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES 1-7
9:00-10:00am**

Please return to your last year's class using the door and classroom guide on the Welcome Bulletin Board in September. New Bridge students will be placed with students at their grade level. We will meet you at the front of the school to guide you to your class for the week.

**KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS
10:30-11:30am**

All English Kindergarten students, please meet Ms. Nguyen and extra support staff at the front of the school.

All EFI (Early French Immersion) Kindergarten students, please meet Madame Yamamoto, and extra support staff at the front of the school.

Kindergarten Families: Please refer to the Gradual Entry Schedule and Letter for more detailed information about the first two weeks of school (sent to you in a separate email). We can't wait to see you in September!



**Wednesday Sept. 9th - Thursday, Sept. 10th
8:45am - 2:45pm**

All students in Grades 1-7 will attend school for full days. Please remember to send a healthy recess snack, a lunch and a water bottle in your child's backpack. Students will be outside rain or shine for recess and lunch breaks so be sure to send your child dressed and prepared for weather changes.



Friday, September 11th - Grades 1-7

We hope to have all students placed in their new class for the year by the end of this first Friday.



Recess Snack Ideas

Ideas for healthy recess snacks:

- apple slices
- oranges
- a banana
- mini carrots
- cucumbers
- celery



- cheese and crackers
- a hard-boiled egg
- a granola bar
- berries
- cheese strings
- snap peas



Cutlery - Forks, Spoons, Chopsticks

Thank you for packing cutlery in your child's lunch box if they need a fork, spoon or chopsticks to eat their meal. We are working hard to help save the environment, so we don't have extra cutlery at the school. Many Dollar Stores have stainless steel forks, spoons and re-usable chopsticks which are easy to clean and re-use every day!

2026-2027 School Hours

8:40 am	Doors Open
8:45 am	Classes Begin
10:10-10:25 am	Recess Break
11:50-12:39 pm	Lunch Break
2:45pm	Dismissal



On behalf of all of us at Bridge, we wish you a summer full of fun and lasting memories. Be safe and enjoy the break. See you in September!