

# Bridge Week-at-a-Glance

September 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023



<b>Monday</b> 18	Safety Drill <b>DARE Program</b> begins for Divisions 5 and 17
<b>Tuesday</b> 19	PAC Meeting at 6:45pm (Teams Link will be emailed)
<b>Wednesday</b> 20	<b>Deadline for PAC Hot Lunch Orders!</b> <b>This is the deadline to order for the whole term.</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 21	<b>Bottle Drive Fundraiser for Grade 7 Outdoor Ed</b> <b>Please drop off any cans/bottles at 8:45am at the front of the school</b>
<b>Friday</b> 22	<b>Non-Instructional Day – no school for students</b> Staff will be learning together at Bridge

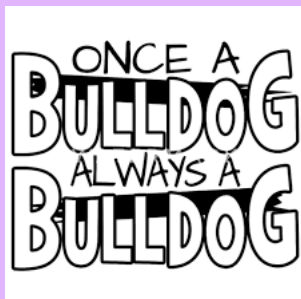
## Terry Fox Run

Our annual school Terry Fox Run to support cancer research and find a cure took place today, Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> and our students had a great time walking, running, rolling and moving together in our school field and at South Arm Park. We have raised **\$595** so far. **Amazing!!!** Thank you so much for your support. We are still accepting donations to help reach our school goal of \$1000. Donations can be made at the school office (cash) or online at: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/WilliamBridgeElementary>



## Staff Farewells:

It is with a heavy heart that we say farewell to our amazing Senior Administrative Assistant, **Mrs. Michelle Batkin**, whose last day at Bridge will be next Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mrs. Batkin has been the face of our front office and the school for the last seven years and she will be greatly missed. She has accepted a part-time position at Cook Elementary School and we wish her all the best as she begins this new chapter of her life. Please be sure to stop by the office during the next week to join us in thanking her for all that she does for our students and staff.



We would also like to wish our Educational Assistant, **Ms. Stevenson**, all the best as she joins the staff at McKay Elementary beginning next week.

Ms. Stevenson has been supporting students at Bridge for the last six years and we know that she will continue to provide care and compassion at her new school.

**Remember...Once a Bulldog, Always a Bulldog!**

## Grade 7 Outdoor Ed Bottle Drive

**The Grade 7 Bulldogs need your support!** They are going to the Cheakamus Centre in October for an Outdoor Education experience during their last year at Bridge. To help support the students' endeavours, the Grade 7 parent fundraising committee is planning a monthly bottle drive for the third Thursday of every month.



If you have any bottles, cans or cartons, please put them in a white or clear plastic bag (NOT BLACK). **Bring them to the front of the school on [Thursday, September 21st](#) at 8:45 am and place them in the bins.** Our wonderful volunteers will take them to the depot later that morning.

**Let's help our Grade 7's out! Collect, collect, collect!**

## Parking Lot Safety:

Our school parking lot is for **staff parking only** due to our limited capacity. If you drive your children to school, please use the **drop-off lane** or park in the neighbourhood and walk your child to their designated entrance door.



**We have noticed several families parking or circling through the staff parking lot – please use the drop off lane for the safety of all children!**

Our district painters will be visiting the school soon to re-paint the safety lines, crosswalks and parking stalls.

**Thank you for recognizing that we have several families who require the use of our accessible parking spaces to bring their children to school and pick them up, so we ask that you respect this need and not block these, or any, designated parking spaces.**

Thank you for following the school and city's traffic rules to help to keep our students and everyone safe!

## Student Absence Line: 604-668-6294

If your child will be absent from school, please call the Student Absence Line at **604-668-6294** before 8:40am and leave a message so that we can ensure that all students have arrived at school safely.

Thank you for keeping your message brief and for including the following information:

**Student's Name**  
**Teacher's Name or Division/Grade**  
**Date of absence** – am/pm or all day  
**Reason for Absence**



Remember to stay at home if you are not feeling well and if your child's absence is due to a communicable disease, such as chicken pox, measles, mumps, etc., please report this additional information to the school. Thank you!

## Health and Safety News: Food in the Classroom

Each year all school staff in the Richmond School District are required to engage in training for emergency medical management.

During the first week of school, all staff at Bridge watched the online training modules created by Vancouver Coastal Health. This training focussed on **anaphylaxis, seizure disorders, asthma and diabetes**.

We understand that from time to time, parents and caregivers like to bring **food or treats to the classroom**.

In order to keep our students and staff safe and to respect all of our family's nutritional values and preferences, we ask everyone to follow these guidelines:

1. **Teachers** will always let parents and caregivers know, in advance, if there is a plan to have any food distributed in class (ex. baking activity, class celebration at the end of a learning unit, etc.)
2. **Parents and Caregivers:** Please **pre-arrange** with the classroom teacher any plans to bring food into the classroom (beyond your student's own recess snack and lunch) so that the teacher can:
  - a. determine if it is safe for all of the students and staff in the class (based on our health records or parent communication)
  - b. communicate this extra food with all parents and caregivers in the class
  - c. decide **when** it should be distributed to the class to avoid disruption to student learning and staff breaks. This may mean that food or treats will be distributed at the end of the day.

**Thank you for helping to keep all of our students and staff healthy and safe!**

### Meet the Staff and Open House

Please mark your calendars for our school's **Meet the Staff Evening and Open House** on **Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-6:45pm**.

We are excited that our school will be ready for parents and caregivers to walk through the school and see all of the improvements that were made to help make our school seismically safe. We will send out more information closer to the date but we are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

MEET OUR

Staff

## **Mark Your Calendars:**

Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>

Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>

Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>

**Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>

Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>

**Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**

October 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

Author visit in our Library Learning Commons

**PAC Hot Lunch – Pre-Orders only**

A visit from our new Superintendent – Welcome!

**Orange Shirt Day at school**

**National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**

**Schools closed** in recognition of the National

Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Photo Day – individual and class photos

Meet the Staff and Bridge Open House @6pm

**PAC Hot Lunch – Pre-Orders only**

Indigenous Storyteller Assembly with Kung Jaadee

**Schools closed** – for Thanksgiving

**Outdoor Ed for Grade 7 students**

**PAC Hot Lunch – Pre-Orders only**

