

The Bridgeport Barker



Bridgeport Elementary
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A Message from the Principal...Mr. Nihill

The remodeling of our cafeteria is almost complete! The new paint, stage curtains, and coverings for the acoustic panels have really spruced up the place. The last phase of this project will be to replace the older beige curtains on the stage. Thank you Bridgeport PTA for your generosity in funding this project. I would also like to thank Bridget Hinrichs, Robin Malony, and Karen Hawkinson for their efforts in organizing and planning this great work.

One of our parents, Fernando Navarro, received a community empowerment award from the Pacific Educational Group. PEG is the educational consulting group which our school district has been connecting with to foster our Courageous Conversation work. The ultimate goal of the Courageous Conversation program is to eliminate the racial achievement gap present in our schools and to empower all of our parents to be active partners in their child's education. Fernando has been a valuable member of our Latino parent association. His hard work on behalf of the parents and students of Bridgeport has helped make our school stronger. Fernando coaches four different soccer teams in our community and was instrumental in organizing our Kermes festival last year. Thank you Fernando and Congratulations!

Golden Awards

Week ending: 11/04/11

Golden Tray: K-Rook/2-Russell/5-Crouse

Golden Shoe: K-Christophersen/3-Cordes/4-Tyler

Golden Microphone: 1-Ollerenshaw/2-Bell

Week ending: 11/18/11

Golden Tray: 1-Ollerenshaw/3-Malony/4-Helm

Golden Dust Pan: 3-Cordes

Golden Shoe: 1-Wentzell/Hoffman's group/
3-Malony

Calendar of Events

December 8	1:30pm: 4th Grade Music Rehearsal 6:30pm: 4th Grade Music Program
December 12	2:45pm: Site Council 7pm: PTA Meeting
December 19 - January 3	NO SCHOOL: Winter Break

Attendance Hot Line

If your student is going to be absent from school for any reason, please call our attendance hot line and leave a voicemail message. Please do not call the teachers' voicemail number with this information. Thank you! **503-431-4220**.

Sweet Tomatoes Fundraising Nights

Take a break from the busy season and treat your family and friends to a delicious meal at Sweet Tomatoes in Tigard. Sweet Tomatoes will donate 15% of the proceeds accompanied with the fundraiser flyers from Wednesday, December 7 through December 21! Please remember you need to purchase a drink.

When: Wednesday, December 7 through Wednesday, December 21 (yes you have 14 days to choose from and you can go as many times as you like –just don't forget to bring a flyer)

Where: Sweet Tomatoes – 6600 SW SW Cardinal Lane, Tigard, OR 97224 (503-431-6161)

Why: Sweet Tomatoes will donate 15% of all flyer sales to Bridgeport Elementary! Please remember to bring your flyer and give it to the server at the restaurant (no flyer = no donation). Invite your friends, family, colleagues, and neighbors!

Do The Right Thing

Week ending: 11/04/11

Brandon Achy, Pedro Aleman, Emily Anasis, Alejandro Ayala-Sayago, Julia Barber, Jamirk Becerra-Tovar, Corrine Berg, Savannah Chambers, Ethan Dickerson, Elaine Dominguez-Patricio, Isaac Embree, Silvia Fregoso, Scout Gomm, Brayden Hinrichs, Blake Howarth, Roya Iravani, Jose Jacintos-Diaz, Daniel Jawin, Caleb Kirkland, Nicholas Kirkland, Erik Lambert, Miah Mark, Christopher Nelson, Anahi Organiz, Arden Overton, Garren Overton, Alex Parra-Ortiz, Sarifa Phanchy, Hector Rivera-Rendon, Irvin Rubio, Jonathon Salgado, Naomi Shawcroft, Lisette Ventura-Jimenez, Evan Wagner, Calli Weaving, Bella-Grace Wilson, Sophia Wong, Anneliese Wrahtz

Week ending: 11/18/11

Alexander Alegre-Salinas, Marcos Andrade-Smith, Emma Baertlein, Ramses Ballesteros-Lopez, Yolotti Berber, Britney Coronado-Perez, Jordy Espino-Gerardo, Yanissa Garcia, Mia Garcia-Rumbo, Sebastian Guzman, Ian Hershberger, Emilio Jimenez, Evan Kendig, Natalie Kendig, Jackson Lemons, Ekmar Leviticus, Peter Mark, Uziel Mayares-Rebolledo, Gustavo Mendoza, Mel Mendoza-Ruiz, Rylie Mix, Andrasis Navarrete-Villegas, Drassen Perez-Ruiz, Emilio Pineda-Ruiz, Garrett Plank, Arlette Rendon, Michael Reyna, Katie Reynolds, Emiliano Robles, Elliana Sanebia, Ashley Schreck, Jennifer Solis, Vivian Sotelo, Max Test, Rowan Weaver

Family Advisory Council

Helping Your Child Resist Gang Involvement and Other Harmful Behavior

Tuesday, December 6 - 6pm
Fowler Middle School, 10865 SW Walnut, Tigard

Learn more about how we can work together to support our children. Members of the Tigard and Tualatin Police Departments will share valuable information about how you can help your child resist involvement in gangs and other high-risk behavior. A bilingual presentation in English and Spanish. Pizza and childcare will be provided. For more information, call 503-431-4144.

Sno-Blasters

Interested in skiing or snowboarding? Join the Tigard-Tualatin Snoblasters Ski Bus for fun and fitness on the slopes of Mt. Hood Meadows! The day consists of a round trip on a teacher/parent chaperoned motor coach-style bus and 4 hours of lessons with Mt. Hood Meadows instructors with a lunch break in the middle. All skill levels are welcome. Teachers and parents from the community have been organizing and chaperoning the ski bus since 1995. The four fun-filled Sundays are happening this February! Sign up early for the lowest cost. For more information or to sign up come to an informational meeting on December 7th at 6:30 pm at Bridgeport Elementary or contact Lisa Helm at 503-771-2499 or email ltilney@hotmail.com

Tualatin Youth Softball

Tualatin Youth Softball Announces Registration for 2012 (www.tualatinsoftball.org)

Tualatin Youth Softball is the largest softball association in Tualatin. Over 160 girls played in our recreational and competitive softball programs in 2011 from T-Ball to 18U. Registration is now open for recreational play for Spring 2012. See our website for exciting changes for 2012.

- * T-ball - Best value in Tualatin.
- * High School Winter clinic schedule for all ages
- * New 10u C competitive team formation

For more information or to register please visit www.tualatinsoftball.org.

West Side Story

When: Sunday, January 28 @ 6:30pm
Where: Keller Auditorium

A Benefit for the Foundation for Tigard-Tualatin schools.

To buy tickets, shop online at:

www.portlandopera.org/tigardtualatin (**special code: tigardtualatin**)

Title 1 News

For the parents of students receiving Title 1 services, please look for the green invitation in your student's backpack the first week of December. Title 1 will be hosting a parent visitation. Specific times will be written on your student's invitation. Colleen Willmert, Title 1 Coordinator. 503-431-4229

Love and Logic

Nasty Back Talk

As Mom walked out of the teacher's room after a long discussion about Jake's lack of motivation and failure to do homework, she told Jake to put on his coat.

"I don't have to. It's not cold," he snapped.

"I mean it, young man. You listen to me!"

"Oh, all right, I'll do it, but you're a retard!"

"Don't you talk to me like that. You show a little respect, young man!"

Turning to the teacher, Mom asked, "What do I do with this kid?"

A wise observer would probably think, "Homework is the least of this family's problems. Here is a mother and child who appear to have very little respect for each other. That problem needs to be cured before anything else."

Jake's teacher empathized with Mom and told her about having some of the same problems before learning about Love and Logic. She told her how she was tempted to try to solve all the problems immediately but started to make progress when she tried to use only one skill at a time.

She told Mom how she started dealing with back talk by refusing to react. Every time her son said something nasty she simply said, "Bad decision. I'll have to do something about that after I cool down." That was her mantra.

After cooling down she waited for him to ask for something. When he did, she delivered her other mantra, "I'm happy to do the things you want when I feel respected," and he didn't get what he wanted. He hated the fact that she always said the same thing.

The teacher went on to say that for a while, those were the only changes she made with her parenting. But it got her off to a great start and life changed for the better.

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When Kids Get Defiant

Weekly Tip from the Love and Logic® Experts
"I'm not doing that! You can't make me!"

Have you ever heard this from a student...or your child at home?

Success in this situation rests entirely on resisting the urge to rely on power and coercion to force kids to do what we want. Listed below are some tips:

- Sidestep the power-struggle by delaying the consequence. It's okay to let children think they've gotten away with something in the short-term...if that'll buy you time to handle it well in the long-term.
- Calmly say, "No problem. I love you (or respect you) too much to fight with you about this. I'll take care of it."
- Put together a workable plan. Get some help from other adults if you need their ideas or support.
- Allow empathy and logical consequences to do the teaching.

One mother commented:

My teenager refused to do the simple housework chores I asked her to do. Instead of fighting with her, I simply told her that I loved her too much to fight with her and that I would take care of them. I hired a professional housekeeping service to do it for her. Then I taped the bill to her bedroom door. She refused to pay the bill, so I had another chance to say, "I love you too much to fight with you about this. I'll take care of it." Later that week I calmly said to her, "This is so sad. Do you remember that new outfit you wanted? I had to use that money to pay the housekeeping service."

This mother understood that sometimes we have to allow kids to be upset in the short-term...so they can learn to lead happy and responsible lives in the long-term.

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