



Bridge Academy

Title I School

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From the Principal

Parents,
Thank you for your support and trust in the Bridge Academy. We are confident that all students will be successful if we work together as a team, provide the needed support, hold students accountable, instill a strong work ethic and model a positive attitude. Lastly, all parents are invited to be a guest speaker on a Friday of your choosing to share about your career, a typical day at work and the education required. If interested, please contact Mr. Brown.

Guest Speakers for October 2011:

10/14	Ms. Deidre Edmunds—Miss Magic Valley
10/21	President Barrack Obama—3rd Annual Back to School Speech
10/28	Fundraiser

MISSION: To provide a quality education necessary for all students to be successful in life. Thanks again for all you do as parents. We know the success of our program is directly related to the support and work you do at home.

MOTTO: C2G
Commit to Graduate!

LEVELS:
Level I 95% Attendance
Level II Behavior
Level III Academics
Level IV Outreach 20 hours
Level V Counseling

Jim R. Brown, Ed.S.
Principal

No School Days: October 6th, & 7th.

Registration Fees need to be paid as soon as possible please.

Bridge Academy is committed to providing an environment where students can gain the tools and skills they need to be successful. In doing so, it is our goal to adopt a **Booster Club** to help with a variety of needs and wants in order for our students to excel. If interested please contact Bridge Academy.

BLT: Our first BLT meeting of the year is scheduled for October 13th beginning at 3:00 PM, here at the Bridge Academy. We look forward to this time to work with our parents; their input, suggestions and feedback is invaluable. I also want to recognize Leslie Wills and Kathleen Bourisaw for volunteering to serve on this committee.

Absent/Sick/Tardy from School: If your son/daughter is absent from school, please call the office @ 737-5282 before 8:30 AM. If you call before 7:30 AM please leave a message on Ms. Mingo's voicemail. Thank you.

Bridge Academy Fund Raiser: On October 28th, we are hosting a fund raising event to be held at OLMS track. Students will ask for donations for the number of miles they can walk in 1 hour. Students will be asked to get donations from family, friends, and relatives. The money will go towards: weekly incentives, P.E. equipment, student store and end of year field trips. Parents are encouraged to assist and help with this event. If interested, please contact Mrs. Awtry at Bridge Academy.

Freshman Academy: Each student is pursuing his/her courses online. Each student has signed up for two classes and are moving toward finishing their work and moving on from here to high school. I suggest they use a computer at home to work on these classes so they can finish more quickly. ~ Mr. Brooks

Transition Center: The first month of school went by fast! All of us out here at the TC have been learning how to navigate/work in the IDLA. Yes, that includes me. I am currently enrolled in two classes myself. Remember, we NEVER stop learning! I look forward to continue helping students succeed. ~ Mrs. Walker

Our Motto: "And you don't stop And you don't quit"

From the Counselor: In October we will be finishing up our judging for the Constitution Day Essay and we will be awarding Cash Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Each student will also receive a medal to represent where they finished in the competition. Thank you to all of you that participated in this assignment and I hope that you enjoyed the research and will enjoy the prizes. I continue to be available to all students, I have an open door policy and everyone is welcome to come by and visit with me any time. I look forward to getting to know all of you. What you do today will dictate who you are tomorrow! ~Mrs. Wilkes

From the Teachers

Room 3: We are committed to the success of every student. I have noticed students taking responsibility for completing their assignments, being organized, and getting their agendas signed every night! Progress reports are sent home every Wednesday and require a signature. Thank you for your support!
~ Ms. Robbins

Room 4: Language Arts will consist of reading, writing, and language skills. We spent the first week writing three paragraphs about ourselves; two of them true and one false. Then we presented them in front of our peers, so that they could get to know us and try to guess which information wasn't true. This was a powerful lesson for them. I got to see how well they managed their time within the writing process and assess their narrative-writing skills. We also got to know a lot about our classmates. I can tell that this is going to be an enjoyable year full of learning and new beginnings for us all! Thank you for sending your child to Bridge, and trusting their education to us.
~ Ms. Kober

Room 5: We have made some exciting changes to our grading policy. We believe that these changes will more authentically represent student learning. The majority of students grades will come from assessing their understanding of State Standards. If you have questions, please contact any of the teachers.
~ Mr. Corgatelli