



# Bridge Elementary

Back to School Open House  
August 2025



# Who to Contact

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# Mission & Vision

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**MISSION**: Provide students with a personalized learning experience and EMPOWER them to take **ownership and accountability** for their own academic performance.

**VISION**: Implement systems and processes that deepen and accelerate student learning.

- Small group instruction
- Differentiated stations
- Personalized Learning Plans (1 -6)
- Computer assisted instruction
- Visible Learning program
- Specials

Website

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TONS of information on our website!

Please visit it and get familiar!

[BridgeCharter.org](https://BridgeCharter.org)

# Family Handbook Overview

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- Available on website - Policies & Procedures or printed copies at school
- Birthdays - no treats or prizes brought to school.
- No treats or candy provided in class unless the teacher completes paperwork and gets parent permission
- Toys - bring toys to play at recess at their own risk.
  - If they are a distraction teachers will confiscate them.
  - Bridge will not use any resources to find lost or stolen toys or help fix or replace broken toys.
- Scooter Path - manual scooters only WITH helmet
- Recess will be outside unless it is less than 20F or really wet or really windy
- Medication can only be given at school with appropriate paperwork
- Grading is based on MASTERY - PLEASE READ in handbook!

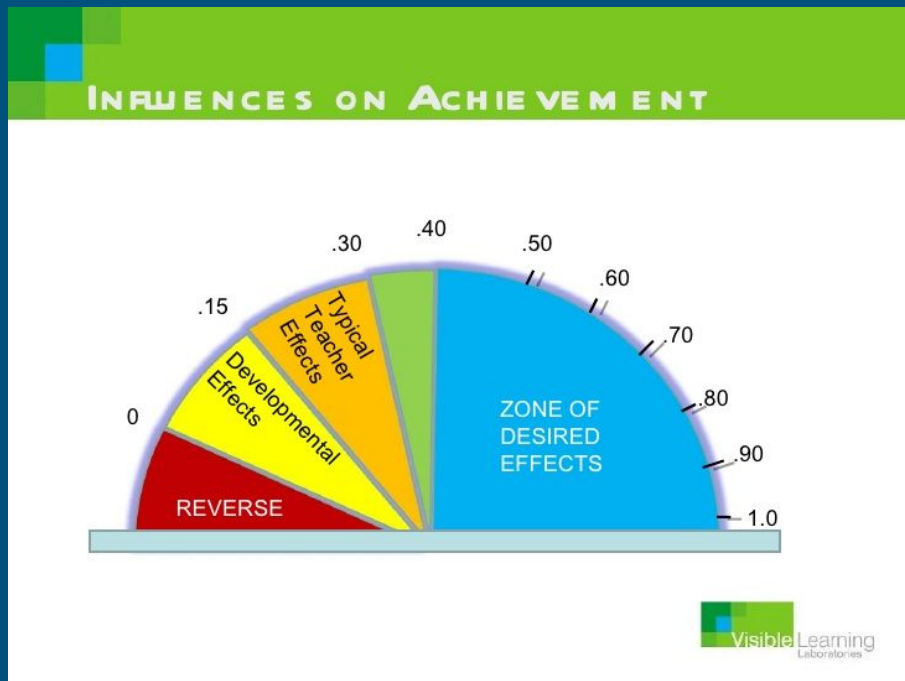
# Visible Learning Traits - John Hattie et al

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Weekly lessons with our Visible Learning specialist help students embrace these six traits. Emphasized trait also discussed in weekly newsletter for parents to use same verbiage at home. John Hattie and others have identified these traits as having a significant impact on student achievement.

- Reflection
- Flexibility
- Determination
- Thoroughness
- Enthusiasm
- Initiative

# Visible Learning & Impact on Achievement



TRAIT	EFFECT SIZE
Reflection	0.75
Initiative	0.72
Determined	0.56
Enthusiastic	0.92
Thorough	0.77
Flexibility	0.99

# Security

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- All exterior doors except front door always locked
- All gates locked and entire playground fenced
- Many security cameras with live feed in the front office on large monitor
- Classroom cameras in learning pods, kivas and library



# Weekly Newsletter - Social Media

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- Bridge Bulletin sent weekly (probably Friday evening)
- PLEASE read - provides announcements of upcoming events
- We post frequently to Facebook and Instagram - please follow us to stay abreast of what is going on
- Frequent emails from teachers and occasionally administration - PLEASE read them so your student doesn't miss out on an event or activity
- Some teachers use ClassTag or other apps to correspond with parents - PLEASE read what they send

# New Facebook Page!!

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Our new Facebook page!! Please sign up and get all kinds of additional information about the goings on at Bridge! Thanks!



# Volunteers

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- Charter suggests that families volunteer 30 hours yearly (this is NOT a requirement or a condition of enrollment)
- Teachers will communicate volunteer needs
- Optional Monetary Donation
  - \$3 for each hour (\$90 for all 30 hours)
  - In-kind items such as extra school supplies, Field Day supplies, donation to Lunch for Safety (more about this)
  - Cash or check at front office or online on our website
- Enter hours online on our website
- Families that reach 30 hours get frog in the “Volunteer Pond” in the foyer



# Lunch for Safety

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## Free Lunch for Uniformed First Responders & Military

- This is our opportunity to thank those who serve and for our students to develop positive relationships with those who serve.
- Call the office before 9:00 am to let them know you are coming for lunch
- Check in at the office and get a lunch coupon
- Enjoy lunch in the lunchroom with our kiddos!
- PARENTS CAN DONATE TO THIS PROGRAM - each adult lunch is \$3.50

# Fundraisers

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- We WILL NOT ever have your kiddos sell anything!
- Our only fundraiser is \$2 Dress Down Donation Day on the last Friday of each month. Option to donate \$15 at beginning of year for all dress down days.
- Donation icon on our website.
- Funds raised pay for Watch Me Learn prizes, Field Day activities, and Zero Ribbits parties. (More about these later).

# Attendance

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It is SUPER important to let the school know if your child will be absent:

- Call (801)499-5180 and follow the prompts for attendance
- ONLINE via our website STUDENT DATA > Excuse Absence button at bottom of page

# ASPIRE - Student Information System

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- Use to check grades and attendance
  - Grades - Semester System - posted in January and June
  - Attendance taken daily PRIOR to 8:45 am and phone calls made to missing students
- Apply for FREE / REDUCED lunch status
  - This is SUPER IMPORTANT in the event we have to begin charging for meals and also...
  - The school is provided **TITLE I FUNDS** based on our free/reduced status
    - Funds used for At-Risk Coordinator for before and after school programs
    - Funds used to support intervention efforts for struggling students
    - Parent/Student/School compact

# Check Out

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- ASPIRE tells us WHO has permission to check your child out of school
- Visit the front office if you want to ensure accuracy
- Individuals **MUST** show picture ID to check out a student
  - We will NOT release a student without picture ID or if the individual is NOT listed in ASPIRE as being able to check out the student.



# Parking Lot and Pick Up

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- Traffic flow is on our website (Our School)
- Drop off is not too bad since it is an hour long
- Pick up is ROUGH on short day - PLEASE BE PATIENT - COURTEOUS - STAY OFF YOUR PHONE
- Pick up at 3:40 takes about 15 minutes - PLEASE BE PATIENT - COURTEOUS - STAY OFF YOUR PHONE
- Pick up at 4:30 takes about 10 minutes
- DO NOT PARK AT PHARMACY - they are angry and call it trespassing
- DO NOT EVER park across the street and motion your kiddos across! The curb is red!
- PLEASE help us keep everyone safe!

# First Day of School for ALL Students

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Wednesday - August 17

Drop off 8:00 am - 9:00 am

allows time for picture taking, smooches and tears -

parents can come into the school

# Schedules

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- Morning drop off 7:30 - 8:30 am
- School STARTS at 8:30 am - students in their seats and ready to learn so PLEASE drop students off by 8:25 am
- Breakfast served 7:45 - 8:15
- School is out M T W TH at 3:40 pm
- After-school program on M T W TH ends at 4:30 pm
- Short Day is Friday - 1:30 pm
- Daily schedules and calendar on our website

# FREE Before School Program

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## MORNING SUPERVISION - DAILY

- 7:30 - 8:25 am students are in their assign location based on grade level (if they eat breakfast then they go to their location after they have eaten)
  - Kindergarten (North Kiva)
  - 1st (Middle kiva)
  - 2nd grade (Library)
  - 3rd - 6th grades (gym)
- Students do NOT play outside, run around, horseplay, etc. They simply sit quietly and watch a movie until 8:25 am

# FREE Bridge After School Enrichment (BASE)

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- 3:40 - 4:30 M T W TH
- Dinner served 4:10 - 4:30 pm
- Students MUST be signed up to attend (link to sign up sent in email and on our website)
  - If you need to make permanent or temporary changes you MUST notify Sara Tucker or call the office
- Students remain in their grade level classroom - kindergarten is in North Kiva
- Each day has a different focus
- Students MUST be picked up by 4:30 pm
- If you come earlier you must check your child out from the office

# Watch Me Learn & Zero Ribbits

## WATCH ME LEARN

- Students rewarded with tickets for exhibiting Visible Learning Traits
- 10 Tickets = one of the following
  - Token for Treasure Tower
  - FREE Dress Down Coupon
  - Book from the Bridger Hop Shop
- Students may also choose to put tickets in for twice monthly prize drawing

## ZERO RIBBITS

- Classes rewarded with PURPLE TICKET for quiet transitions
- Weekly winning class gets FREE Dress Down Day (Wednesday)
- Monthly winners get Purple Ticket Party

# Dress Code

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- PLAIN Black or tan (khaki) bottoms
  - Includes shorts, pants, skorts, skirts
- PLAIN colored polo shirt
- Bullfrog Spirit Shirt (next order in November)
- Shoes must be closed toe (no flip flops, sandals, etc.)
  - Lights are okay
  - Wheels are not okay

# Assessments

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First two weeks students are assessed to determine reading and math levels.

- Acadience (DIBELS) reading and math
- Imagine Learning literacy and math
- ESGI (kindergarten)
- Galileo (1st - 6th grades)
- Information shared with parents via a progress report
- Students formally re-assessed in using these same programs in January and May
- RISE (grades 3+) given at end of school year



# Advisors and PLP for Grades 1 - 6

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- Students in grades 1 - 6 assigned advisor (assigned teacher in Aspire)
- Advisory period on Friday 8:45 - 10:45
- Students meet with advisor twice monthly to create reading and math goals, action steps to achieve the goal including things they can do at home to help and then review progress and discuss next steps
- PLP shared digitally with parents via email
- Advisory begins September 10
- Once quarterly parents invited to attend PLP meeting during advisory time

THANK YOU  
for entrusting BRIDGE  
with your child's education!

# Questions?

Please email Sara Tucker  
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