

# The High Bridge Highlights

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## Principal's Greetings.....



Greetings Parent/Guardians,

Well it has come to the final days of the 2021-2022 school year! I want to thank you all for your continued support of High Bridge Elementary. It has been a great year despite the combination of pandemic, virtual, hybrid, and in-person learning.

I want to wish the Promotional class of 2022 the very best as they transition to Middle School. New adventures await them!

To the returning families, have a safe, restful, enjoyable summer break! Please keep your child's mind stimulated throughout the summer.

We will see you August 29, 2022 to begin a brand new school year!

**William J. Kelly**

## The Class of 2022....Congratulations!!!

# High Bridge Elementary 5th Grade Promotion

**Date: Thursday, June 16, 2022**

**Time: Choose a timeslot between 10:00 – 11:30 am**

**Location: High Bridge Elementary School  
(side parking lot)**





### Kindergarten Highlights!!!!

We have officially completed our Kindergarten school year! Congratulations to all of the Kindergarteners for their growth and hard work over the past 10 months. We held our Virtual Kindergarten Promotion on Tuesday, June 14th at 9:00 am on Zoom. All supporters of our Kindergarteners were welcomed to attend! We had our Drive-By Celebration on Tuesday, June 14th immediately following the promotion between 10:00 am and 11:00 am. Please arrive anytime within this time window. Students received their printed Promotion Certificates, Summer Packets, and a gift from Mrs. Paige & Ms. Williams. We will also have our Kindergarten Picnic on Wednesday, June 15th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. We limited it to 2 adult guests per child, and siblings will not be allowed to attend. Lastly, on Friday, June 17th, we will have Field Day! Please send your little one in an outfit that dries quickly, and a change of clothes, just in case of an accident. The Kindergarten team would like to send a sincere thank you for all of the support that you provided this school year! We certainly could not have done it without you! Enjoy your summer!

### Fabulous First Grade!

It's so hard to believe that we're at the end of the 2021-22 school year! The students have come so far this year with their reading and math, and we're so proud of all the first grader's hard work and accomplishments! We covered many different genres for writing integrated with the writing process, learned many grammar and spelling rules, learned how to read fluently, add and subtract tens and ones fluently, and many scientific concepts, such as our solar system, how engineers make our lives easier, parts of our Earth, saving our environment and heredity with living things! We certainly stayed focused on these and many more academic ideas, so please prepare for second grade by completing the summer packet (it will be placed in Google Classroom the last week of school) and returning it to your child's teacher in September. Also, there will be a summer reading log sent home for suggested books to keep your child's mind active and learning all summer. Many of these books can be checked out at the public library or read online. Our class bagged lunch picnic was held June 14<sup>th</sup>, followed by informal awards in our classroom after the picnic. Thanks you all so much for your support and help this year with your child's learning! You helped to make the difference!

The First Grade Team

### Second Grade News!!!

#### Happy Father's Day from 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade!

As we are counting down the days until summer break, we are still working hard in our classrooms to become college and career-ready. During the summer, we encourage students to continue to read for at least 20 minutes and write daily in a journal or diary. They should also practice their addition and subtraction facts. We strongly recommend that students continue to use their different skill practice apps in Clever, such as Dreambox, Prodigy, and iReady for at least 20 minutes 3 times a week. In **Reading**, we are closing out **Module 9: Home Sweet Habitat**. The Essential Question for this module is: **How do living things in a habitat depend on each other?** We are continuing to practice our reading strategies and apply them to various texts. We are also completing research projects on habitats.

Our **Science** also focuses on habitats this month. We are learning about different types of habitats and how the plants and animals that live there adapt to their environment. In **Health**, we are studying about our muscles and how important they are to our body. During the month of June, we are continuing our study of making good choices and using money wisely in **Social Studies** class. For **Math** this month, we are reading different kinds of graphs and using the data from these to understand the information presented. We are also continuing to review the important math skills that we have learned this year, especially in addition and subtraction.

Of course, our last day as **Second Graders** will be **June 23rd**. It will be both a very happy and sad day. Thank you parents for all of your wonderful help and support this year!



**Reading-** Welcome to June Celebrations and Successes! Please continue to have your child read every day for 30 minutes over the summer. Your child will be bringing home a Ziploc bag with a variety of books meeting your child's specific reading level. Both fictional and informational text provide rich vocabulary and help students to maintain skills learned during the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade year. In 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, students are expected maintain an agenda book and to complete a reading log each week for homework. I-Ready will be available over the summer as well. Stay safe, healthy and enjoy the special time family with fun filled camps and vacations. For **SCIENCE** 3rd grade will focus on the following lessons:

Constructing an argument with supporting evidence about the survival of organisms in their habitat. Making a claim to a solution for problem solving environmental changes and types of plants and animals that live there. Developing a model to identify the common stages between organisms (birth, growth, reproduction, death). Analyzing and Interpreting Data from fossils that lived long ago.

In **Social Studies** students will learn and discuss different types of jobs and how these specialized jobs are needed to complete world projects. Students will learn how a division of labor is used in the workforce. The national holiday Juneteenth discussions will take place through amazing interactive slides. **Mathematics** 3rd Graders are wrapping up the year attacking multi-step word problems with the "Three Read Protocol" approach. We are also building fact fluency with repeated multiplication exercises.

## Fourth Grade Happenings!!!!

**ELA HELLO, FAMILY!** We are going to finish the year strong! Our class will build their knowledge about protecting the planet, with a focus on the persuasive text genre. We will read texts and view videos about what people can do to take care of our planet. Our student will finish the year by writing a speech to an imaginary school council meeting. **Summer Reading** Have your child keep a growing list of the fiction books that he or she has read. Next to each title, have your child note the book's genre features.

**MATH** Welcome to the final Unit of 4th grade mathematics. Within this unit students will learn that patterns can be made up of numbers or shapes. In fourth grade, students extend patterns and describe them with words, tables, and numbers. Many of the lessons and tasks in this unit will feel like engaging puzzles. Mathematics emerges as students see and describe the patterns. As students progress into middle school and high school, the growth patterns they work with get far more complex. In 4<sup>th</sup> grade, what matters is that students can recognize the growth, describe it with everyday words, and show the patterns in a table. In later years, students will describe these patterns with equations using algebraic notation, meaning they will write equations with numbers they know and letters for the numbers they don't know or that change. This summer, keep working in preparation for 5th grade.

**Science-** We are finishing this year by exploring life cycles, adaptations, and the survival behaviors and structures of plants and animals. We have come full circle in Science, with these young scientists exploring, questioning, and discovering their world all year long and now ready to take their knowledge to the Fifth Grade and beyond!

**Social Studies-**We will finish this year by examining Economics and how the principles of needs and wants can be applied to our community. Students will examine how this applies to both an individual and a larger society.

**Health-** Health will focus on Exercise! We will get excited to put the computer away and move around this summer through exploring the benefits of exercise and movement for the body and mind.

## The Fourth Grade Team

## Fifth Grade News Flash!!!!!!

With the 2021-2022 school year coming to an end, the 5th grade team would like to extend our sincerest thanks to all of the parents and supporters who have helped to make this year go smoothly from home with virtual and hybrid instruction and supporting our classroom needs. The group of young students that we have had the pleasure of working with this year will undoubtedly move on to great things as they transition to middle school and take the next step in their educational endeavors. We have enjoyed having each and every one of them as students and we wish them all the best next year. Have a wonderful summer!



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– A great place to find the school calendar, frequently asked questions, current events, and websites for enrichment and intervention!

## MIND YOUR MINDSET

Social Emotional Learning doesn't end during the summer months. This is a great time to create mindful themes for the family. Take a look at some ideas to kick off your summer.

- Fishing for Feelings-Turn the classic game Go Fish into Feelings Matching Game.
- Happiness Box-decorate a box or bag with positive affirmations/place your favorite treasures that make you happy.
- Scribble Fun-create art challenges using a timer, your favorite color and blindfold.
- Mindful Yoga-randomly select daily yoga exercise & practice together
- Mindful Playlist-create a family playlist with your favorite songs of encouragement.



## Summer Vision BOARD

Vision boards are a great way to focus on what you dream to be. Encourage the entire family to design an interactive dream board. Use family pictures or old magazines aide in your designs. Here are some prompts to get you started:

- ☐ Books I want to read
- ☐ I would love to visit
- ☐ This color makes me feel happy ☐ Some of my dream goals are ☐ I would love to be this.

**National Candy Month Hug Your Cat National Cheese Day**  
**National Egg Day Child Safety Week**

## Important Dates

**June 20, 2022**  
**Juneteenth Holiday**  
**(Schools and Offices Closed)**

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**June 22, 2022**

**2 Hour**  
**Early Dismissal**  
**(Last Day of School)**

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**June 23, 2022**

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**Early Dismissal**  
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**July 5, 2022**  
**4th Quarter Report**  
**Cards mailed out**

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**August 29, 2022**  
**First Day of School**  
**Happy Summer!!!**