



# Crusader Communique

New Bridge Academy Parent Teacher Fellowship

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## PTF President's Address

Wow! What a summer! I hope you enjoyed your summer as much as I enjoyed mine. But I am glad seasons come and go and am looking forward to

autumn. Your PTF board worked diligently over the summer to plan some fun events for this school year. But these events will not be successful without your involvement. This newsletter details some of these events. The PTF wants to make it easier for parents and guardians to participate in their child's educational experience. I am most impressed by the

New Bridge Academy Mission Statement: “. . .service above self,, and participation as a way of life” How can we bless this school and be a blessing to our children and the community? We hope you will prayerfully consider finding a spot or two where you can serve and participate in New Bridge Academy this year.

*Jennifer Javins, PTF President*



*Welcome Back to School!*

## Upcoming Activities:

<i>Get Acquainted Dinner and PTF Meeting</i>	9/20
<i>Uno's Spirit Night</i>	9/23
<i>PTF Meeting</i>	10/11
<i>Fear Factor</i>	10/15
<i>Book Fair</i>	10/25-10/29
<i>Grandparent's Day</i>	10/27
<i>PTF Meeting</i>	11/8

## Get Acquainted Dinner and PTF Meeting—Sept. 20

Please make plans to have dinner with the New Bridge Academy family on Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. A Spaghetti dinner will be served to you by the PTF Board starting at 6:15pm. We hope you will take this opportunity to get acquainted with both your child's teacher and the other families in our community that share your interest in a good solid Christian Education. Following the dinner, the first Parent Teacher Fel-

lowship meeting will take place starting at 7:00pm. If you absolutely cannot make it to the dinner, at least we hope you can make it to this meeting. We will share with you the activities that have been planned for this school year and the exciting things we as PTF members can accomplish for the Academy this year. We want to be sure to have enough food for everyone that does plan to

attend and we don't want to make too much food that might be wasted. Therefore, we ask that you sign up in advance for this dinner. A flyer will be sent home with an attachment that can be returned to your child's teacher that should indicate how many in your family will be attending this get-acquainted dinner. We look forward to seeing you on September 20<sup>th</sup>!

## Daily Fundraising Activities:

- Encourage your child to drop their empty Capri Sun Containers in the Box in the Cafeteria.
- Collect and bring in to your teacher both Box Tops and Campbell Soup Labels.
- Collect and bring in to the stairwell used toner and printer cartridges for recycling.

## School Spirit Nights

Four School Spirit Nights have been scheduled for this school year. School Spirit Nights are opportunities for parents and the community both to help support New Bridge Academy. On these nights neighborhood restaurants agree to donate a portion of their profits to the New Bridge Academy PTF in exchange for the patronage of parents and friends of New Bridge Academy.

The first scheduled School Spirit Night will take place on Thursday, September 23, 2010 at Uno's Restaurant located on Audubon Drive

near Airport Drive in Sandston. Coupons for this event will be distributed to each New Bridge Academy family to use anytime that day (9/24). In exchange, Uno's will donate 15-20% of your total purchase to our organization.

Additional Spirit Nights have been scheduled for November 11th, January 13th, and March 14th. Other restaurants involved include Chick-Fil-A, Roma's, and Carini's.

It's an easy and delicious way to help support your school!



*Practice your table manners at our school spirit nights!*

## Fear Factor—October 15, 2010

As we approach Halloween, we feel the need to discuss the subject of Fear with our children from a Biblical perspective. God's word tells us some definite things to fear and other things that are not to be feared. Fear Factor is a fun family-oriented event. Like the old television show, participants are divided into teams and compete in activities that have been specifically designed to inspire them to overcome their fears.

*"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.  
2 Tim. 1:7*

When: Friday, October 15th, 7:00pm

Where: New Bridge Academy Gym

If you have the gift of grossology, please consider helping the PTF plan and carry out this event.

## Book Fair—October 25-29, 2010

The annual New Bridge Academy Book Fair will be held Monday through Friday, October 25 through October 29. We will be trying a new vendor this year to get our supply of books. Hopefully you will be able to find some good books to add to your library. Also, consider making your Christmas gift list early

and giving books to your loved ones.

Or, the New Bridge Academy Library or even your child's teachers could use some donations of some good reads for our students.

Save up and remember to shop the Book Fair the last week in October!



## Fundraising Activities

Fundraising can be a daily activity for our New Bridge Academy family. New Bridge Academy participates in Box Tops for Education, Campbell Soup Labels, and have begun this year to collect Capri-Sun pouches. Please collect both Box Tops for Education and Campbell Soup labels and turn them in to



*Respect the pouch!*

your child's teacher in a zip-lock bag with your student's and teacher's name on it. Later in the year, there may be competitions between the various classes. The Capri-Sun Pouch Brigade involves the upcycling of empty Capri-Sun pouches into other fun items. The School receives cash for the empty Capri-Sun pouches that are sent in.

If you purchase Capri-Sun for your child, encourage them to upcycle the empty pouch by placing it in the Capri-Sun box in the cafeteria.

We also collect used toner and ink cartridges for recycling. With your help in collecting these items, the PTF can raise quite a few dollars through this program. These items should be brought to the school and placed in the back of the stairwell.

## Uniform Clothes Closet and Spirit Wear

The Uniform Clothes Closet will be available at every PTF meeting during the school year. Each item in the Closet can be purchased for \$1.00 to \$2.00. Or if you bring an item, you can take an item for free. As your child outgrows their uniforms, bring them in. Please be sure the items you bring are in good condition with minimal stains and meet the school uniform guidelines. In addition, the old Spirit Wear

items are now priced for clearance sale. Each item will be sold for \$5.00 until they are gone. New Spirit Wear items will be ordered several times during the school year. Forms to order the new Spirit Wear will be handed out several weeks prior to sending in the orders.

Spirit days at school will be held the last Friday of every month. On these days, students can wear

*Where else can you get a complete quality school outfit for \$2.00?*

Spirit Wear instead of their usual uniform tops.

## Grandparent's Day—October 27, 2010

What children need most are the essentials that grandparents provide in abundance. They give unconditional love, kindness, patience, humor, comfort, lessons in life. And, most importantly, cookies. ~Rudolph Giuliani

October 27th is the date of our Annual Grandparent's Day. Invite your

child's grandparents or other significant older adults to come enjoy a light breakfast and attend worship rally with their grandchildren. We will also take pictures of the grandparent's with their grandchildren.



*Grandparents = Love*

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**Room Parents** needed for all school grades. Is God calling you to assist your child's teacher in this capacity? Contact Robin Wilder at [wilderrv@gmail.com](mailto:wilderrv@gmail.com) to volunteer.

If you are the parent, grandparent, or legal guardian of a child attending New Bridge Academy, or a faculty member, then you are also a member of the Parent Teacher Fellowship (PTF) of New Bridge Academy. The purpose of the PTF is to help bridge the gap between the home and school. It is the desire of the PTF to assist parents in fulfilling their God-given responsibilities in raising their children and to assist the Academy in helping the parents to instruct their children. We meet monthly during the school year to obtain instruction, participate in our children's education, and assist the school with any needs that arise.

## Spring Fling—it's just around the corner

It will be here before you know it. Last year's Spring Fling was a huge success. I hope this year will be even better. It's not too early to start thinking about auction items or ways to help out. *If anyone has any suggestions or wants to help, please email me, Jeremy Trimmer, at [boondocksaint13@msn.com](mailto:boondocksaint13@msn.com).*

