



July 2016 Newsletter
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Mark Your Calendar:

June

- 30 Fourth of July Celebration and Parade
2:15pm—music on the lawn
2:35—Parade

July

- 28 Last day of Camp Bridgeway
Watch for Summer Olympics closing ceremony details!

August

- 12 Meet the Teacher! (details coming soon)
- 16 1st day of classes (1/2 day—details coming soon)
- 17 PTA Meeting, 1pm, conference room

September

- 1 Parent Orientation Night, 6pm
- 5 Labor Day—NO SCHOOL OR THERAPIES
- 14 PTA Meeting, 1pm, conference room
- 18 Walk Now for Autism Speaks, Columbus Commons
- 20 Arts & Autism Conference, Columbus Museum of Art
- 30 Staff Work Day—NO SCHOOL OR THERAPIES

October

- 4 & 7 Picture Day (watch book bags for more info!)
- 12 PTA Meeting, 1pm, conference room
- 27 Practice Trick-or-Treat, 4:30
- 28 Bridgeway Academy CLOSED—NO SCHOOL OR THERAPIES



From the Executive Directors:

Dear Parents,

Our campers are having a blast during Camp Bridgeway 2016 and we want to recognize some Bridgeway Academy **Summer Camp Superstars!!** Ms. Lynn Perucki, a long-time teacher at Bridgeway Academy has served as the “Student Activities Coordinator” for the last several years! She works hard to coordinate many of the exciting activities our students participate in all summer long as well as the special guest visitors who grace our hallways each week. Our Director of Facilities, Mr. Mike Ryan wears too many hats to count! Along with many other duties, Mr. Mike takes on the enormous task of “Water Master” facilitating the preparation and clean-up of the water slides and water activities every day, all summer long. He works so hard to keep the building in tip-top shape. If you see Mr. Mike or Ms. Lynn around, please be sure to thank them for their dedication to creating an amazing summer camp experience for our kids!

August 2016 Announcement

Every year, we re-evaluate the school schedule, traffic patterns and student safety to ensure that drop-off and pick-up is as efficient as possible. The 2016-17 academic year will see schedule changes that will accomplish two goals. First, these changes will alleviate heavy traffic areas and wait times during drop-off and pick-up. Second, this schedule will align with the State of Ohio’s education standards of required education time for middle and high school students as we look toward having Bridgeway Academy’s first graduating class.

Students in 4th grade classrooms and higher:

	<u>Drop-Off</u>	<u>Pick-Up</u>
Monday - Thursday	8:50-9:00	3:20-3:30
Friday	8:50-9:00	2:00-2:10

Students in Early Intervention/Preschool through 3rd grade:

	<u>Drop-Off</u>	<u>Pick-Up</u>
Monday - Thursday	8:40-8:50	3:00-3:10
Friday	8:40-8:50	1:50-2:00

There will be more information to come in the following weeks as we continue to flush out these details. Before- and After-care will remain the same. As always, please let us know if you have any suggestions, questions, or concerns. Our goal will always be to keep our students and staff safe as we strive to find the most efficient and effective way to transition them from their vehicles to the building and back each day. Thank you for your patience!

With gratitude,

Erin and Abby

From the Development Office:



We are pleased to share that Bridgeway Academy's Skills Center has been awarded a \$2,500 grant from Huntington National Bank. Funding will support expenses associated with the internship program piloted last winter and spring with Lucky's Market, a mentorship program for female students in grades 9 & 10, and the development of "banking" curriculum for classrooms. We are grateful for the ongoing support of Huntington National Bank and thank them for their support.

Bridgeway Academy and its co-founders, Abby David and Erin Nealy, have been nominated for the Roslyn S. Jaffe Award, a not-for-profit program that gives financial awards to everyday heroes who are making the world a better place for women and children, specifically in the areas of health, education, social reform and esteem. The whole staff participated in the making of a video in support of the nomination. You can see the video at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E2RWXUKJFD8>.

Psychology Corner:

Did you know? Dr. Fletcher and Dr. Henzel regularly complete psychological evaluations ("evals") for students who attend Bridgeway Academy as well as for families in surrounding communities. They are dually credentialed as school psychologists and licensed psychologists, so their work can meet the needs of school-based evals *and* clinical evals. These evals can be structured for a variety of purposes, including initial diagnostic evals, re-evals, and progress monitoring.



If you are interested, please contact the psychologists at psych@bridgewayohio.org as early as possible in advance of your need as there is sometimes a waitlist for when the eval can begin.



Comings and Goings ...

Please help us welcome six (6) new staff members who have joined the Bridgeway Academy team since March 2016!

Emily Beam joined the Occupational Therapy team as a COTA in April; Brittany Frey in May as a Teacher/Floater; and Tammy Brinser and Jillian Steingraber,

Classroom Teachers who joined our team in June. Finally, help us welcome two new Teacher Aide', Luke Liston and Katlynn Bell, both with us for summer camp only. We are sad to say goodbye to Christina Boesch and Nga Long and thank them for their time with Bridgeway Academy.

Front row, L to R: Brittany Frey, Emily Beam, and Katlynn Bell
Back row, L to R: Luke Liston and Jillian Steingraber
Not pictured, Tammy Brinser

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Bridgeway Academy is a non-profit organization with a mission to *meet the educational and therapeutic needs of children with autism and other developmental disabilities.*

PTO News

Hello fellow Bridgeway Academy Parents!

At our June summer planning meeting your PTA elected officers for the 2016-17 school year. The 2016-17 elected officers are: President, Sarah Smalley; Vice-President, Emily Burt; Treasurer, Rachel Piekarski; and, Secretary, Jen O'Brien. We also had many volunteers for all of our chairperson roles - it is going to be a great year for our PTA and for Bridgeway Academy!

Last year we raised over \$10,000 through the PTA, and our students will begin reaping the benefits on July 11th at summer camp...and for years to come! Mr. Mike and crew will be installing two incredible new pieces on the playground (a merry-go-round and a teeter-totter-bouncer) on July 8-9. If you want to volunteer to help, contact Carol Argiro (cargiro@bridgewayohio.org) - it will be an all *hands on deck* project! We will continue our fundraising efforts in the upcoming school year for playground additions/improvements. Upcoming fundraisers include: a "Christmas in July," direct marketing online sale, Mumkins, Michael's Meats, Bridgeway T-shirt sales, Just Pies certificates, and more!

Your PTA has reserved a Marcus Crosswoods Theatre for a private screening of *Finding Dory* on July 1 and a few tickets still remain so please join us! To purchase your tickets visit our private family Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/helpinghandscenterfamilies> and you will find the EventBrite link. We will have many great family social activities again this upcoming year over Christmas and Spring breaks, so join our Facebook page to learn about some great opportunities for your family!

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 17th at 1pm in Bridgeway Academy's conference room. All meetings after that will be on the second Wednesday of the month at 1pm. Get involved and please join us!

Enjoy your summer!

Bridgeway PTA

