

Bridgman Elementary School

March 2026

- BES is holding our annual Hoops for Heart event. We have raised over \$12,000 in online pledges. All proceeds go to the American Heart Association. This year the students learned about mindfulness and CPR. The event is organized and promoted by Justin Hahaj.
- Under the leadership of Scott Caudell, it is with great excitement that we are launching a new school-wide recycling program at BES. Every Friday afternoon, students will collect the paper recyclables from containers placed in each hallway. They will transfer the materials to the recycling bins that Reliable has generously donated. Although we are starting with paper recycling, Scott's goal is to expand the program to include cardboard and other recyclable containers during the 2026–2027 school year.
- PTO held a Book BINGO Family Night. Students were able to win many books and enjoy snacks. The books were donated by BES families, staff and community members.
- Third and fourth graders are preparing to take the M-Step in May. They will be assessed in English Language Arts and math. Each test takes approximately two hours to complete.

Counseling News by Abby Doig

This month, Allie, from the Child Advocacy Center, came and presented safety lessons to all grades at BES. This included topics such as body safety, online safety, and cyberbullying. I also completed WIDA (English Language Learners) testing with the few students who were scheduled to take it.

I was able to sit in and help answer questions regarding the human growth and development lessons with the 4th grade girls taught by Mrs. Shingledecker.

This week and next week's guidance lesson topic is on Honesty.

Lastly, I have been in contact with Bridgman Cares a few times to help support a few of our students with new shoes/gym shoes.

Boys & Girls Club News by Sarah Worsham

The Boys & Girls Club at Bridgman Elementary continues to focus on building a strong community and creating a positive Club experience for our students. Our Mini Clubs will run through Spring Break, giving members the chance to explore different interests and connect with one another. Our Torch Club, the student leadership group, has also been working together to share ideas about how they would like the Club to be structured when we return from the break and the types of activities they would like to see offered. At the same time, we are hard at work preparing for our summer programming. We are excited to share that we reached half of our enrollment goal in less than a week! It's shaping up to be a wonderful end to the school year and a fun-filled summer at the Club.

Thank you for your continued support of the Boys & Girls Club at Bridgman Elementary!

MARCH READING MONTH CELEBRATIONS



