



## Bridges Prep News & Notes: Feb. 9, 2018



### **Congratulations Diana Price, Teacher of the Year!**

Board Chair Dee Matthews and Board member Tom Angelo joined us in surprising Ms. Price during lunch this week with balloons, flowers, a certificate and gift card. Voted by her teaching peers, she is the Bridges Prep Teacher of the Year and will compete against other state charter school teachers.

She is a wonderful asset to Bridges! You can read all about her in our news release on the homepage of our website.

**Jump Rope for Heart!** Parents and guardians, you should have received information from your child about this fundraiser for the American Heart Association. It involves our Physical Education classes and performing a jump rope exercise, then collecting donations. Participation is strictly voluntary, but it is a great way for kids to learn about community service.

We have instructed students who plan to participate in the fundraising to get parental permission first, not to go door to door without an adult, and to convert cash collected into checks made payable to the American Heart Association. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher or call Joan Drury at our Main Campus Front Desk.

**From the Board ...**As a state charter school, our funding is mostly controlled by the state legislature. You can help! Our own State Rep. Shannon Erickson is on the powerful House Ways & Means Committee, and we'd like you to reach out to her and others to advocate for our transportation and per pupil increase requests! You can do that by letting them know you **support** SCPCSD Proviso 1.93 (transportation) and SCPCSD Proviso 1A.50 (per pupil increase). This can bring much-needed additional state funding to help Bridges Prep.

### **House Ways & Means**

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*Thank you for your help!*