



Bridges Prep News & Notes: April 21, 2017

From Dr. I's desk ...

Emma Jansen, a Duke TIP student in Bridges' 7th grade, earned the privilege of attending the state recognition ceremony next month at Furman University. Students selected for this prestigious recognition in the Duke Talent Identification Program have taken the ACT college entrance exam and scored equal to or greater than the 50th percentile nationally for college bound high school seniors – but Emma's just in 7th grade! Congratulations! What an honor to her and her family.

Here comes testing ... We've been keeping you updated about the springtime round of testing. Well, here it is. Starting Monday, most of our students will be encountering some sort of state-required testing into mid-May. A few tips:

- ✓ Make sure your child or children get a good night's sleep the night before
- ✓ Try to feed them a healthy breakfast to start their day
- ✓ Encourage them to do their best, but don't overly stress about these tests
- ✓ Give them hugs and send them on their way!

Our students will do fine – it's the teachers and parents who typically get worked up about these tests!

Shrimp & Grits Block Party was a huge success! I saw many of you as I wandered through the Block Party, enjoying the food, the fellowship, the music and the smiling faces. What an amazing job by our PTO to pull it all together! Thank you for another job well done! The PTO is still closing its books on the project and we'll report to you soon on how much they raised for our new facility's media center. If you'd like to learn about the chef with the winning shrimp and grits recipe, you can read all about Jason Dangerfield on our website under **News Releases**.

Board notes ... We want to welcome former board member Caroline Lovell to our very strong administrative team. Caroline, our Chief Operations Officer, joined Dr. I and his staff this week. We are thrilled to have her and her organizational expertise. Many of you know Caroline from her years of work with United Way of the Lowcountry.

At our next Board meeting, April 27, we plan to enjoy a brief presentation by our students who recently returned from a learning trip to China! We invite you to join us at our Main Campus for the meeting – the agenda will be posted to our website and Facebook early next week.

Thanks to everyone for joining hands to make Bridges Prep so wonderful!