



Bridgeport Public Schools

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Bridgeport Public Schools Hosts *Principal for a Day* *Business and community leaders serve as "Guest Principals" on Tues., May 15*

Bridgeport, CT – May 11, 2007 – On Tuesday, May 15, business and community leaders will spend the morning in Bridgeport's 35 public schools as *Principals for a Day*. Each participant will shadow a principal and have the opportunity to interact with students and staff, which will give leaders an inside look into both the successes and challenges facing Bridgeport Public Schools.

Principal for a Day will begin with an Education Forum sponsored by the Bridgeport Public Education Fund. The Education Forum, which will begin at 7:45 a.m. at the Bridgeport Holiday Inn, will feature keynote speaker Dr. John J. Ramos, Superintendent of Bridgeport Public Schools. Dr. Ramos will address the Strategic Plan for Academic Achievement.

According to Anne Gribbon of the School Volunteer Association, "The Principal for a Day event is intended to raise awareness of critical issues facing public education in

Bridgeport. Through spending time in Bridgeport schools, participants will gain firsthand knowledge of the varied administrative aspects of leading city schools.”

“Guest Principals” will spend time in the classrooms in order to engage both students and teachers and will also share information about their company and career. As business and community leaders, the “Guest Principals” will be able to examine the students’ work and provide practical classroom strategies for students. They will also be able to address important management issues, such as budgeting and goal setting, with administrators.

The following participants will be Principals for a Day:

Bassick High School

Reverend Bob Knebel, Habitat for Humanity
Dr. Fred McKinney, CT Minority Supplier Dev Council (CMSDC)
Dianne Wildman, Ed. Dir., Cablevision

Central High School

Gus Serra, Mgr. Communications & Community Relations, General Electric

Harding High School

Christine Winn, SV. V.P. Ambulatory Services, Bridgeport Hospital
Linda Lambeck, Connecticut Post

Aquaculture

Virginia Lee Forbes, Recruiter, Derecktor Shipyards
Maria Cruz, Human Resources, Derecktor Shipyards

Barnum School

Anita Gliniecki, President, Housatonic Community College
Reverend William Gonzalez, Iglesia Baptista Emanuel Church
Steven Glinski, Really Good Stuff

Beardsley School

Cynthia Payne, Branch Manager, The Community’s Bank

Blackham School

Sandi Clark, MSC 6101, Pitney Bowes
Diane Rankin, MSC 2C750, Pitney Bowes

Black Rock School

Dawn Edwards, AltruShare Securities, LLC.

Bridgeport Alternative Learning Center

Matt Jones, Matt Jones Foundation

Bryant School

Reverend Jeffrey P. Von Arx, S.J., President, Fairfield University

Cesar A. Batalla School

Robert Alessio, President & COO, Southern CT Gas Company

Classical Studies Academy

Shannon Ruedlinger, E.D., The Watermark at 3030 Park

Columbus School

Mary Jane Foster, CEO, Bridgeport Bluefish
Matt DeCamara, Program Manager, GE Foundation

Cross School

Gail Solis, E.D., Bridgeport Chamber of Commerce
Donisha Altman, Training & Development Specialist, Helicopter Support, Inc.

Curiale School

Susan Ludwig, Junior League of Eastern Fairfield County
Cindy Schersching, V.P., Millward Brown

Dunbar School

Frank Faughnan, Chief Risk Officer, RBS National Bank

Edison School

Peg Perillie, Trumbull rotary Club

Hall School

Susan Schroeder, Bridgeport Sunrise Rotary
Charles Phillips, Bridgeport Sunrise Rotary

Hallen School

Atty. Robert Mitchell, President Elect., Greater Bridgeport Bar Assoc.

High Horizons Magnet School

Mariusz Gladczuk, People's Bank

Thomas Hooker School

Jose Oromi, E.D., Horizons at Greens Farms Academy

Longfellow School

Linda Malkin, Discovery Museum

Luis Munoz Marin School

Steve Nelson, President of Health Net of the Northeast

Madison School

Edward Malin, Ph.D., Chair Education, Sacred Heart University

McKinley School

Elizabeth Szczygiel, First V.P., Washington Mutual Bank
Carol Martin, Washington Mutual Bank

Multi-Cultural Magnet School

Laura Marchi, TD Banknorth

Park City Magnet School

Ken Harrington-Howes, Trust Officer, JP Morgan Chase
Alisandra Rozzolo, Pitney Bowes
Ken Kochiss, Pitney Bowes
Pamela Patterson, Moms Club Fairfield North

Read School

Dr. John Fisher, President/CEO, St. Vincent's College
Anne Flouders, Weekly Reader
Jennifer Magid, Weekley Reader

Roosevelt School

Barbara Durham, E.D. University Relations, University of Bridgeport
Attny. Eroll Skyers, The Barrister Law Group

Skane Center

Theresa Clifford-Addison, Dir. Training & Volunteers, American Red Cross

Waltersville School

Susan Hitchcock, Mgr. Community Relations, Sikorsky Aircraft
David Stone, Rodeph Sholom
Brian Smith, WICC

Webster School

Merle Berke-Schlessel, Esq., President, United Way of Eastern Fairfield County

Winthrop School

Jatin Mehta, President Elect, Rotary Club of Bridgeport

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