



Bridges Prep News & Notes: Oct. 20, 2017

From Dr. I's desk ...

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our *Meet the Candidates* forum last night, and for everyone who has reviewed the candidate bios online. You should have received your ballot already to select new members for the Board of Trustees – those are due by Oct. 30 at 4 p.m. We have locked ballot boxes at each campus for your convenience, but late ballots won't be counted. We'll unlock the ballot boxes in public at our November meeting and count them, one by one, in open session. Please take a few moments to read up on the wonderful people willing to help Bridges Prep move forward, and cast your votes!

Greece travel is fast approaching! Our students, staff and chaperones will spend three days in the historic ancient city of Athens, seeing history come alive. We'll also travel to other areas of this wonderful country. We see international travel as an important part of a young person's education, and we do all we can to keep these trips affordable for all – in part by partnering with schools in China and Greece. Next up: Another trip to China in second semester!

'We Love Our Community a Ton' Food Drive underway: We will continue our food drive all next week and hope you'll help your children contribute. We have joined Ameris Bank's 8th Annual "Helping Fight Hunger" 2017 Drive. This year, the money and food raised will go to two very deserving organizations -- Our Lady's Pantry (affiliated with St. Peters Catholic Church) and Gray's Hill Baptist Church. Our goal is to donate **a TON** (yep, 2,000 pounds!) of non-perishable food items that will help fight hunger in our community. Our very own "Helping Hands" from the Bridges' PTO will be preparing holiday food baskets that will be donated to Bridges families. Classes that bring in the most items win an ice cream social! This food drive is for all grade levels at Bridges Prep.

From the Board... We continue to have great news to share with our Bridges Prep community. If we continue on our current pace to get permits and approvals, we hope to bring out the "golden shovels" in late January/February for the ceremonial groundbreaking for our new K-12 school in Port Royal! We'll keep you posted, but it's important to know that a lot of administrative paperwork has been going on behind the scenes to make this new campus possible. We cannot wait to get everyone under one (big) roof!

Board of Director elections: Please take a moment to fill out your ballot, vote for 5 candidates, and get the ballot back to one of our secure ballot boxes at each campus. The deadline is 4 p.m. Monday, Oct. 30. Make your vote count! We are so happy to have eight highly-qualified candidates who want to join our Board and keep Bridges on the fast track to excellence.