

Dear High Bridge Elementary Parents/Guardians,

We are happy to share with you three positive ways in which students can be recognized this year for being good helpers, “filling up buckets” with their kind words, and doing friendly actions for others. Below are the details of how each positive reinforcement will work for the 2015-2016 school year!

### **Being a Bucket Filler**



High Bridge Elementary is a bucket filling school! Each year we review what it means to be a bucket filler. The Guidance Counselor visits classrooms to read the story, “Have you Filled a Bucket Today?” and go over how to be a bucket filler in school and out of school! When a faculty member sees a student being a bucket filler they fill out a postcard thanking the student for what they did. The school then mails it home for you and your child to see!

### **Earning Links**



This year our school theme is “Link for Success” and the overall theme is about the importance of working together. On the first day of school students received a mini carabiner (courtesy of High Bridge PTA) to hang on their backpacks as a reminder of the importance of working together. Each grade level was assigned a color (which matches their carabiners). When a student gets caught doing something helpful for another student or to benefit their class or a school as a whole the faculty member will write their name and what they did to earn a link. From there we are creating a High Bridge Elementary link for success in the multi-purpose room. At our monthly all school meetings the students will be handed out beads for each link they earn which they will add to their carabiners to see how many they can earn by June. We will also keep track of which grade can earn the most links!

## **Friendly Action Cards**

*your actions  
speak  
louder than  
words*  
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This year students will also be able to earn “Friendly Action Cards” when they are caught doing something friendly. The faculty member will hand the student a Friendly Action Card and when the student earns 3 they can trade them in to the Guidance Counselor for a free snack coupon! How cool is that?!

We are looking forward to implementing these positive reinforcements for our students and a great school year!!