



**New Bridges Elementary is looking for passionate, hardworking teachers
to join our team in the 2017-2018 school year!**

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Email a cover letter and resume to team@ps532newbridges.org.

Heading into our fifth year, New Bridges works with over 450 students in grades Pre-K - 5 and continues to grow every year. As a faculty member, teachers have the distinct opportunity to contribute to the development of our curriculum and school culture.

You'll be supported by committed leaders and colleagues through a rich culture of professional learning, collaborative planning, and instructional coaching.

Our Vision

New Bridges Elementary empowers every child to learn and to grow into his or her best self--intellectually, creatively, socially, and emotionally. New Bridges is both an achievement-centered, academically rigorous environment driven by high expectations for scholars and their families, and a holistic community school, focused on the whole development of each child through the active engagement of our families; the integration of the arts into curriculum; and the social and emotional education of our students.

What Makes New Bridges Unique

PHILOSOPHY

Our philosophy is that children learn best when instruction is thoroughly and purposefully planned; thoughtfully and responsibly delivered; individually differentiated; accountable to and adaptable based on data; engaging; joyful; and empowering. As a Teachers College Reading and Writing Project school, we deemphasize worksheets and textbooks and prioritize authentic reading and writing experiences in daily workshop lessons. The workshop model allows teachers to meet students where they are, across a range of strengths and needs. In order to set a high bar for every student in every classroom, teachers plan together - sharing the workload, building off of one another's strengths, and providing consistently strong instruction in every classroom.

DRIVE

At New Bridges, we believe that who a student is is as important as what they know. With that in mind, we live and breathe our DRIVE values (Determination, Respect, Integrity, Voice and Engagement) daily to encourage students to be their best selves. We come together as an entire school each morning before heading to classrooms to celebrate these values through songs and cheers at our "Bright Start" community gathering each day, and follow that with classroom instruction around what it means to live these values through a Morning Meeting in every classroom. On the First Friday of each month, we also invite families in to participate in this celebration. We memorialize these celebrations on a DRIVE bulletin board that showcases photographs of students who have been living out the DRIVE values.

CREATIVITY AND JOY

New Bridges Elementary teachers and staff intentionally work to integrate creativity and joy into all aspects of the instructional day. With high behavioral expectations paired with a rigorous academic schedule, a joyous culture and a high level of energy is critical in keeping students engaged and happy. Joy is established through a calm, consistently positive tone from teachers, and is maintained through careful planning that integrates the arts, movement, cheers and music throughout the academic schedule.

THE ARTS

We prioritize the empowerment of each child's creative self through academically rigorous and arts-integrated instruction. All students participate in Visual Arts, Music, Movement, and Drama. Biannual Arts Festivals feature performances and displays of visual arts projects by all members of the school community. As an Arts school, performances are an opportunity to celebrate the creative spirit of our children and to share their light with our parents, families, and community. Teacher and staff participation in these Festivals is voluntary but strongly encouraged, and is a key part of participating in our professional community. Additionally, from over 75 applicant schools, New Bridges was selected as one of only five New York City schools to participate in Disney Musicals in Schools Program. Students in the cast will produce and perform Disney's Aladdin for families and friends in the Spring of 2015.



Professional Development Opportunities

- *We plan ahead:* five days of summer planning in late August/early September offers staff an opportunity to be deeply involved in developing our school culture, school-wide goals, and instructional program. We plan to offer the same in August 2017 for returning staff members, with additional days for new teachers.
- *We learn from one another:* throughout the year, we have study groups that lead professional development for the entire team. Additionally, teachers meet multiple times a week to plan collaboratively, visit one another's classrooms, and share best practices.
- *We learn from experts in the field:* our teachers get professional development throughout the school year with the following organizations: Teachers College Reading and Writing Project, Move This World, Ramapo for Children: Behavior Specialists, and Goldmansour and Rutherford: Inclusion Specialists.

Who we're looking for:

You Dream Big: You believe in the unlimited potential of each child and seek to recognize what makes each child unique and special. You aim to constantly empower and nurture the creative spirit and imagination of our individual learners and our collective community. You have high expectations for both student achievement and your own professional growth. You have a reflective mindset, continually asking yourself how to improve your practice, curriculum, and classroom culture.

You Live and Learn with Drive: You model and work to empower each of our children to live and learn with focus, passion, and direction. You are a reflective life-long learner and a collaborative team-player, ready to take on the challenges of growing our school.

You Work Together: With families as our partners, all members of the New Bridges community--from teachers and administrators to school safety officers and custodial workers--share responsibility for nurturing and pushing all of our students to success. Teachers in particular collaborate closely, sharing lesson plans and working in one another's classrooms.

You Do Whatever it Takes: You make no excuses when it comes to the success of our children. You set and maintain the highest expectations for all members of our inclusive school community. You go above and beyond to be and do your best every day. You are a determined problem solver and organized multi-tasker: proactive, intellectually curious, and optimistic.



Location and Transportation

The Parkway Campus, 1025 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11213
Subway: 3, 4 train to Utica Avenue Bus: B12, B14, B15, B17, B43, B45, B46, B65