



# BridgePrep Academy of Orange

“Pursuing Excellence- Whatever it takes!”

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Dear Bulldog Parents and Families:

Welcome back to another exciting year at BridgePrep Academy of Orange. A warm welcome to those of you who are new to our school community! I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful summer vacation. I am honored to have the opportunity to continue to serve your children here at BridgePrep Academy as your school principal. I am looking forward to a year of successful accomplishments.

BridgePrep Academy of Orange is one of the schools participating in Extended Reading Hour this school year as recommended by the Florida Department of Education. This additional time will allow our students to participate in high-quality reading opportunities designed specifically to help close the achievement gaps.

Research shows that there is a strong positive connection between a longer school day and increased academic growth. An Extended Reading Hour program benefits our students by providing more time for small group interventions to address individual student learning needs. We could not have done this without a vital agreement with our dedicated teachers.

In the 2017-18 school year, we will add 30 minutes to the school day, extending it to 7 hours and 30 minutes and adding the equivalent of 12 extra schools days in instructional time. Start times for BridgePrep Academy of Orange will change but dismissal will remain the same except on Wednesdays. The new schedules will be:

Grade (s)	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday		Wednesday	
	Start	Dismissal	Start	Dismissal
KG – 5th	8:15	3:45	8:15	3:00
Middle School	8:45	4:00	8:45	3:00

Thank you for your partnership as we embark on this important adjustment of our school schedules. I encourage you to become actively involved in your child’s education. Please come to the school regularly, attend our fabulous community activities, and sign up as a volunteer. Your presence and dedication to our school community is what makes BridgePrep Academy a high quality charter school program for all our students.

Sincerely

*Dr. Joy Gordon Fernandez*

Proud Principal – BridgePrep Academy of Orange