

Press Release

BRIDGEPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS KICKS OFF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR AT THE ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL YOUTH SUMMIT

Bridgeport, CT - August 16, 2010 - One hundred elementary students with perfect attendance will be honored in a special event to commemorate a new school year. These students were asked to bring a friend who does not have perfect attendance in an effort to increase the number of students who attend school every day.

The *Back to School Youth Summit*, sponsored by **Bridgeport Public Schools, Community Health Network, Fairfield University, McCloud Construction Company, Optimus Health Care, Universal Distributors, and Xerox**, will be a new school year celebration for the entire family featuring workshops focused on health and hygiene, arts and crafts, storytelling, and an educational puppet show presented by *Lady Bug Melodies*. During the youth summit, students will enjoy a cookout, free school supplies, and a book bag. And, courtesy of our event sponsors, every child will go home with a free book from the Bookmobile.

The event will take place on **Friday, August 20**, at the **Jettie Tisdale School, 250 Hollister Avenue**, from **8:30 am-1pm**.

The mission of the Bridgeport Public Schools and its supporting community is to graduate all students "college ready" and prepared to succeed in life. For more information about Bridgeport Public Schools visit our website at www.bridgeportedu.com.