

# Bridlemile Friday Flyer

March 15, 2024

This is the place for all current news from Bridlemile school. Please make sure to read your Friday Flyer every week!

## Important Dates to Remember:

3/20: School safety "locks, lights, out of sight" drill, 8:30 AM

3/20: Fifth Grade Family Information Night, 6-7 PM at WSMS (a repeat of the 3/14 presentation)

3/25 - 29: Spring Break!

4/5: Teacher Professional Development and Planning Day, No students at school

4/11: STEAM Night, 5:30 - 7PM, dinner provided

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## We Welcome Woshishijee to Bridlemile!



Next week, Alex Addy & Michael Akoto of Woshishijee will be introducing our students to the traditional drumming and dancing of Ghana, West Africa.

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## Math Single Subject Acceleration

### Update from Patrick Stenger, TAG Coordinator

As we approach Spring Break, I wanted to share some important upcoming deadlines for TAG and some updated information about this year and next.

The deadline for new TAG referrals for this year is **March 22nd**. All referrals after that date will be assessed in the fall of next year.

The application window for Single Subject Acceleration in Math is now open and will remain open until **April 15th**. SSA means that a student skips a year of math instruction and is enrolled in a class a year ahead. It is an option for students starting in 3rd grade and requires rigorous assessments during April and May. More information about SSA-M can be found in this document: [SSA-M Family Guidance](#).

I want to apologize for the extended timeline for those families who have already referred their

ODE, the district has radically changed the referral process. This has (in combination with all the other disruptions this year has brought) caused significant delays as teachers and staff learn to navigate the new process. The good news is that final decisions have started to go out this week, and I hope the remaining in-process referrals will be completed quite soon.

#### **Information for 5th-grade families:**

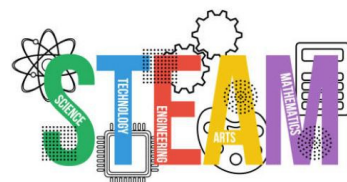
We have received updated information about the options for math in 6th-8th grade that I wanted to share. The new plan includes revisions to the Compacted Math pathway, as well as providing many more opportunities for students to enter or exit accelerated courses. More information about the available options can be found here: [Updated MS Math Information](#)

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## **Save the Date: Thursday, April 11th at 5:30pm-7pm STEAM Night!**

### **Drop in Any Time!**

Come to Bridlemile open house night and have your Beagle show you around! We are excited for this opportunity for students to walk their families through a student-guided tour of the classroom and current STEAM work.



Classrooms will display current S(cience)T(echnology)E(nGINEERING) A(rts) M(ath) projects. Visit throughout the school, meet staff, catch up with friends, enjoy a pizza dinner generously provided by PTA.

Ida B. Wells High School Physics students (some Bridlemile alums!) will host science exhibits at this event as well!

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## **Summer Acceleration Academy 2024**



PPS plans to offer Summer Acceleration Academy, a supplemental summer academic program, once again this summer. By invitation only, Summer Acceleration Academy (SAA) supports current K-5 students who meet criteria for support in reading.

This year's SAA will take place July 1st - August 1st, 7:45am-1:00pm, with additional optional programming until 5:00pm. Identified Bridlemile students will attend SAA location at Capitol Hill Elementary location at 8401 SW 17th Ave, Portland, OR 97219

Information will be posted on the PPS Summer Acceleration [website](#).  
Enrollment invitations will be sent prior to Spring Break.

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## From the Bridlemile PTA

### Ready, Tech, Go! Thursday, April 18th

Parenting in the digital age can be challenging, and families are faced with many important decisions surrounding technology use and digital safety. Determining when their children may be ready for a device and establishing healthy digital habits are chief among them. The PTA Connected: Ready, Tech, Go! program, a collaboration between National PTA and AT&T, will help families, parents and caregivers navigate these challenges through meaningful peer-to-peer discussions about screen readiness and ways to promote healthy and responsible device use for all members of the family.

### Garden Work Party, Saturday, April 27th

Please join us on Saturday, April 27th for a garden work party day. Time TBD. Volunteers will clean up the garden and prepare beds for spring/summer planting. This work helps support Teacher Max's garden lessons.



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## From the Bridlemile Foundation

Bridlemile Community,

A huge, massive thank you to our community for coming together on Saturday to help us raise over \$100,000 that will go toward helping with staffing at our school and other local schools. The work to produce the event is daunting, but the results make it so worth it.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Speaking of the event, the turnout was up significantly from the year before and everyone looked AMAZING in their costumes. You all understood the assignment!

As we look to the future, our Board has numerous positions to fill, and we welcome those who wish to join our mission of raising money for the kids.



Take a look at these fabulous photos from the event, taken by community volunteer Bruce Christensen:

[https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipODgmN\\_AP6vHspsmGuml5CDI6z7AlAvXxCHY-pfYE\\_6ZWvsNqUCtfawqJtxJ-GuQ?key=d3g0STJtQ2ZEUFJ4WFUtZmRjV3FTc0NxUnpQZjRB](https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipODgmN_AP6vHspsmGuml5CDI6z7AlAvXxCHY-pfYE_6ZWvsNqUCtfawqJtxJ-GuQ?key=d3g0STJtQ2ZEUFJ4WFUtZmRjV3FTc0NxUnpQZjRB)

Thank you!

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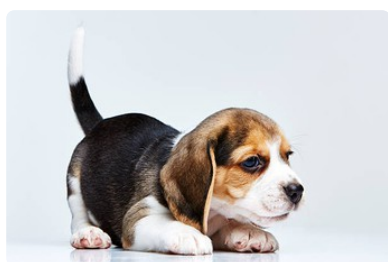
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