



Bridlemile Friday Flyer

February 9, 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:

2/19: Calendar update! School day for students

2/21: Health Exclusion Day

2/26 - 3/2: Missoula Children's Theatre at Bridlemile

3/6: 2024-25 Kinder Connect for Incoming Kindergarteners! 8:15 AM in the Bridlemile Cafeteria

Did you check your Beagle's backpack?

2nd quarter report cards came home in student backpacks this week.

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Kinder Connect!

Families with incoming kindergarteners for fall 2024, you are cordially invited!! Bridlemile's Connect to Kindergarten event will be held on Wednesday March 6th from 8:15am-9:30am in the Cafeteria.

Bring your incoming kinder!!

We will have a presentation about our program, curriculum, and the registration process and your student will take part in a fun activity in a kindergarten classroom. You will also be treated to a wonderful musical performance by our current kindergarteners! Light refreshments provided. If you know of any other families with incoming kinders, please help spread the word!

[Click Here for More Kindergarten Connect Information](#)

Updates from Your School Counselors!

This month your school counselors are supporting students to embrace the Bridlemile Value of Kindness and learn to recognize and interrupt hurtful and harmful behaviors. Our Kindness helps our community grow strong! How are you continuing these conversations at home?

Click on the links below to see some of the books we are reading and the conversations we are having in the classrooms!

[Trouble Talk](#)

[Trouble Talk and other Books by Trudy Ludwig](#)

[Trouble Talk - Read Aloud](#)

[Weird!](#), [Tough!](#), [Dare!](#): Stories About Dealing with Bullying in Schools (Frankel & Heaphy)

Want to read more about Teasing and Bullying? Click here to read about [Teasing Do's and Don'ts](#).

TAG Update

The TAG general referral window is now open and will remain open until near the end of the year. Students can be identified in up to three areas: Reading, Math, and Intellectual. An individual student can be identified in either one, two, or all three areas depending on their areas of strength and needs.

Assessment scores are part of what is used to determine eligibility, however, ODE and district guidance are primarily focused on determining if a student needs specific differentiation to be successful.

As part of this focus, the first step of the district process is for you to have a conversation with the classroom teacher to let them know that you are interested in referring your child for TAG. This conversation is also an opportunity for them to share what they are seeing in the classroom currently, what types of differentiation they may already be providing, and what TAG services typically look like in their specific classroom.

The [district TAG page](#) has a lot of additional information and you are welcome to contact Mr. Stenger, our school TAG coordinator, at pstenger@pps.net if there is specific information that you would like.

From Ms. Arick and Ms. Wick, our School Librarians:

What are students learning in Library/Technology?

Most classes in 2nd-5th have been introduced to Typing Club. This is a free app located on the students PPS homepage that walks them through lessons to become more proficient on the keyboard. Make sure they are logged in each time to Typing Club so their progress is saved!



This week, 3rd-5th grade students learned all about the PPS digital library collection on Sora. This is a free app located on their PPS homepage that gives them access to digital books, audio books and magazines! This increases their reading options by 1,000s!!

Books checkout on Sora are over and above what they can checkout in our Bridlemile library too. This is great news!! If we don't have a book they want or they want to be able to read the same book from home or school- check out Sora! The app is also free to download on personal devices so students can access their account and books from anywhere!

24-25 PPS School Calendar Draft

[At the January 9th school board meeting](#), PPS presented the proposed draft 2024-2025 school year calendar. Our new contract with the Portland Association of Teachers led to several shifts between this year's calendar and next year's calendar. We wanted to make you aware of that and share the proposed calendar. If you have questions or comments regarding our proposed calendar, we invite you to share them with us by visiting <https://www.pps.net/contact> [24-25 School Calendar](#)

Bridlemile Mural Apparel is Back!

Our mural apparel is back! Order yours NOW! The mural apparel is pre-order only and once it is closed we will not be able to add to the order. Orders close Tuesday, February 20th.

If you purchased an All Access you will receive this shirt and do not need to order one.



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Ida B. Wells Participates in Portland Winter Light Festival

Our Ida B. Wells High School Makerspace club, with the support of staff member Caitlin Toohey and the College and Career Center, has completed a beautiful illuminated display for the Portland Winter Light Festival! This is our inaugural participation in the citywide event celebrating winter and togetherness. We will be linking with the Hillsdale Food Carts on Friday February 9th from 6:00-7:30 pm to host a free celebration for our community! We will have music, some activities, and viewing of the display from our main patio. Below is a map of where we welcome all to experience the Portland Winter Light Festival in our little Southwest corner! The green shows the pathway between our displays.

Community members can feel free to park in our main lot. The food carts will offer refreshments for sale and host performers, while our IBW space will host music and activities for families and youth.

This year's theme is "What Glows Under Pressure". This past school year has applied much pressure to our school communities and beyond. We could all use an opportunity to come together and bring a light to a darker year! Our Food Cart Family thrives with our dedicated support, and our students thrive with the recognition of their neighbors and friends.

The displays at the Food Carts and at Ida B. Wells will be on display February 2nd, 3rd, 9th, and 10th. Please enjoy browsing the following [link](#) to see what other Portland Light Festival attractions will be available to visit!



Bridlemile Community News

- [FORM: 2024 Ida B. Wells Baseball Youth Camps](#)
February and March 2024, Saturday night camps
LOCATION: Ida B. Wells Gym
- City of Portland / Rose City Self-Defense Workshop Series:
 - [Foster / Powell](#) neighborhood, April 10 & 17
 - [Lower Albina](#) neighborhood, Saturdays, March 16, 23, & 30
- VIBE of Portland [Spring Break Camp \(Mar 25-29\)](#).
- VIBE of Portland [East Winds Band Camp \(July 22-26\)](#).
([Spanish](#)) ([Russian](#))

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Wear a Bridlemile shirt or Bridlemile colors (blue and yellow or gold) on Fridays!



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