

Bridlemile Friday Flyer



SPRING BREAK!

3/18/2022

IMPORTANT DATES

Mar 21st-25th	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break Week
Apr 8th	NO SCHOOL - Teacher Planning Day
Apr 12th	PTA Board Meeting 6:00pm -7:00pm
Apr 27th	Virtual Kindergarten Connect Information Night 6:00pm -6:45pm Join with Google Meet

WHAT'S NEW INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- Message From the Principal - 2022-23 Staffing Update
- Counselor's Corner-**Updated** 5th Grade Middle School Transition Information (link below)
- PTA/Foundation News-[Newsletter](#)

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello Bridlemile Families,

Recently, I shared information regarding staffing for the 2022-23 school year. In that communication it was revealed that we were losing 1.0 FTE due to a decline in enrollment at Bridlemile. This loss of FTE impacted our 2nd grade.

I am now pleased to announce that after much deliberation with the district, we have received the 1.0 FTE back due to our current enrollment in 1st grade. As a result, we will now return to having three 2nd grade classrooms which will significantly reduce our class size for this grade level.

I am happy that we were able to work with the district in this matter and thankful that there was a mutual understanding of the need.

We will continue to work together to meet the needs of our students and staff at Bridlemile.

Kind regards,

Jerome Townsend- Principal

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Message from last week

Recently the Oregon Health Authority announced that it would lift the mask mandates for indoor places, including schools, on March 11th. PPS has also communicated that indoor masking in schools will be **optional for staff and students, beginning March 14th**. We understand that these updates are welcomed by some and may also cause concern for others. In the days to come it will be important that we all collectively work together to understand and respect individual choices.

Every family is unique. The decision to wear face coverings or not is a personal decision. Health experts continue to recommend wearing face coverings for those at increased risk for more severe impacts of COVID-19. This includes people who are not vaccinated, are immunocompromised, have underlying health conditions, are 65 and older, or who live with someone in one of these categories. The CDC has developed a [community metric tool](#) to help families and communities make health decisions.

There are many things you can do with your student to support their health and well-being during this transition, as recommended by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and Oregon Department of Education (ODE).

1. Consider reviewing these materials together with your student. Talk with them about what they can do to build [care, connection, and community](#) in their classrooms and schools.
2. Explore how your student can support other students who choose to continue to wear face coverings, and what you can do to [support your student's health and well-being](#).
3. Have conversations with your student about how they are feeling about the change to an environment without face coverings. How might that be affecting their mental health and well-being? See [ODE's Mental Health Toolkit](#) for some ideas.
4. Familiarize yourself with [policies and tools for addressing bullying](#) in schools.

With new public health guidance released by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Oregon Department of Education (ODE) and Multnomah County Public Health, PPS has made updates and changes to our SOP's (standard operating procedures) to accommodate the transition to optional masking beginning March 14th. You can find these updated SOP's linked [here](#).

Bridlemile teachers and staff will continue with all other PPS safety protocols. We will encourage students to social distance and frequently wash/sanitize hands. We will also continue sanitizing surfaces, keeping windows open, and air purifiers on.

The pandemic is moving from a level of urgency that requires government administration, to the personal responsibility of individuals. With that said, we will not have the capacity to monitor student adherence to personalized decisions around masking. We strongly encourage families to discuss your comfort level and promote self-advocacy. Students will need to have a clear understanding of their family's choice and abide by that decision. We will not be able to ask a child if their parent wants them to wear a mask, nor will we be able to monitor students whose parents have requested that their students must be masked at all times. We will also not be able to honor requests that include students being separated indoors or outdoors according to their masking choices. Please keep in mind that we will still follow guidelines in place by OHA, ODE and PPS.

It is extremely important that we are mindful of being kind and understanding to **ALL** who continue to wear a mask after the mandate is lifted and to **ALL** who choose not to wear a mask. Schoolwide, we are having conversations with students to remain kind and respectful regardless of personal choice. It is important that we partner in

conveying messages of respect, understanding of personal choice, and patience as this new mask mandate introduces a different dynamic than what we have been used to since the beginning of the pandemic.

We want to ensure that Bridlemile remains a safe place for students and staff which includes anti-bullying and anti-biased stances. We must work together to make sure that our students understand the impacts that bullying and biased actions can have on one another.

Please continue to be mindful that If you are sick, or test positive for COVID-19, please stay home and contact the office at 503-916-6292 or Bridlemile-office@pps.net. For your convenience, here is the updated [PPS Daily Illness Self-Screening Checklist](#).

Thank you for all of your continued support as we continue to navigate the challenges and changes with Covid-19 safety protocols during this school year.

Sincerely,
Jerome Townsend
Principal- Bridlemile Elementary

FROM THE DISTRICT

Bus Route Check Tool: pps.net/routecheck
[PPS Daily Illness Self-Screening Checklist](#).
[PPS Covid-19 safety & protocols website](#)

FROM THE OFFICE



UPLOAD VACCINATION INFORMATION

Parents- you can upload your student's Covid 19 Vaccination Card in ParentVUE in the Yearly Verification screen. Directions can be found [HERE](#).

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

5th Graders are getting ever so much closer to transitioning to middle school. Bridlemile currently feeds to two Neighborhood middle schools, West Sylvan Middle School and Robert Gray Middle School. Current and upcoming Middle School information including how to forecast can be found by clicking the provided link below:

[3/17/22: 5th Grade Middle School Transition Information](#)

LIBRARY NEWS FROM MS. DAHINDEN

OBOB battles have been going strong and the teams have been extremely impressive!! The top 8 teams will move on to playoffs on Thursday, March 31 and the Final 4 will play on Friday, April 1 until a Bridlemile OBOB Champion is named.

Playoff teams:
The Flying Penguins

OBOB Beagles
Chunky Monkeys
Rose City Readers
Wild Readers
Shooting Stars
Pineapples
Reading Machines

Congratulations to all the participants! The partial list of OBOB titles have been released for the 2022-2023 school year. Check it out and happy reading!!

<https://www.oregonbattleofthebooks.org/2022-2023-obob-partial-title-list/>

NEWS FROM P.E.

Subject: Take the Challenge TODAY!

Dear Families –

The **American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge** program is kicking off! Help your child get a jump start by downloading the FREE **Kids Heart Challenge** App for [Apple](#) or [Android](#) or visiting heart.org/khc When registering, your child will choose a heart healthy challenge to **Be Active or Be Kind** and earn a **FREE Road Warrior Wristband!** Our goal is to have 100% of our students register online and take the Challenge.

This year, the KHC Explorers are going on a ROAD TRIP! [CLICK HERE](#) to jump on board and experience the road trip across the U.S. through daily activities for physical health, mental wellbeing and tips to help others with special hearts! Let's have fun and save lives!

MUSIC NEWS FROM MS. BARLOW

Recorder Orders for Grades 3-5

Here is information on how to buy a recorder. We will be playing them in 3rd, 4th, and fifth grades. This is only if you don't already have a recorder:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/12l5BjnnEKw8FF-H_8brgDDT_-D1_Wvk9zoEtoTqOJ3o/edit?usp=sharing

TECHNOLOGY NEWS FROM MS. DAHINDEN

Password Reset is Coming!

K-5 students will need to change their passwords before March 30th. Students who have recently changed their password, since March 1st will not need to create new passwords. Passwords need to be 12 characters long and cannot use sequential numbers, i.e. 1, 2, 3, 4 etc. If passwords are not reset before March 30th, students will not be able to log into their accounts. Please see the link below for password reset instructions.

[Instructions for students to reset their password](#)

PTA/FOUNDATION NEWS

PTA and Foundation [Newsletter](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS

Community Fliers:

VIBE of Portland [East Winds Summer Camp](#)

OSU [Summer Reading Program](#)

Multnomah Early Childhood Program: [\(English\)](#) [\(Spanish\)](#) [\(Vietnamese\)](#)

Portland Parks & Recreation Preschool [2022-2023 Registration](#)



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