

Bridlemile Friday Flyer

MAY 12, 2023

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

5/18/2023: Bridlemile Fun Run for the Arts! K-2 11:50-12:40, 3-5 12:50-1:40

5/25/2023: Volunteer Appreciation Day, Drop by the Garden between 7:45 AM & Noon

5/26/2023: Bridlemile Bike Fest, 2:30-4:00 PM

5/29/2023: Memorial Day, Schools Closed

6/9/2023: Field Day!

6/14/2023: Last Day of School

BRIDLEMILE NEWS

Staff Appreciation Week!

We celebrate our wonderful staff this week! They make every day a great one!

A special shout out to Charlotte Hales, who receives PPS recognition for 25 years of service and Jim Steranko, who receives recognition for 15 years of service with PPS. Congratulations and Well Done!

We cheer for Colleen Materna, our new Nutrition Services lead! Colleen is also a parent of a 2nd grade Beagle.

Happy School Nurse Day, May 10th.

We celebrate School Nurses this week! We thank Nurse Trudy Davis and School Health Assistant Esther Doyle for keeping our Beagles healthy and ready to learn!

TAG Referrals Information

TAG Department will be mailing home letters this week for students referred for TAG identification from the Fall window. Students referred in the Spring window will receive notification before the end of the school year.

Statewide Assessments

Students in grades 3-5 are taking year-end state assessments in English Language Arts and Math. Grade 5 has an additional state assessment in Science. Results from the state assessments are mailed home towards the end of August. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Let's Finish Strong, Beagles!

At Bridlemile we strive to have all of our students attending school at least 90% of the time. This means that students should be missing less than 17 days in the school year or, on average, less than 2 days a month.

We know that illnesses throughout the year are unavoidable and often families take vacations during the school year. Currently, almost 30% of Bridlemile students are attending school less than 90% of the time. Please help us to improve our school attendance rate by limiting the number of days missed between now and the end of the school year.

We are open to all student & family voices, and encourage feedback in regards to your student's attendance to create a better school environment. If you need support in any way, do not hesitate to reach out. We look forward to hearing from you to discuss any support you may need.

Bridlemile Fun Run for the Arts!

The Fun Run is coming up next week on Thursday, May 18th!

Prizes have started coming home from registering and getting pledges and donations! We are low on people who have registered so be sure to go to [MyBooster.com](https://www.mybooster.com) and get signed up!

Run Times:

K-2: 11:45 AM-12:40 PM

3-5: 12:50-1:45 PM

Volunteer Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4DA4AC2DA5FBC52-funrun>

There will be two tracks setup on the lower field. Families are welcome to come to cheer on runners. **To ensure student safety, all family spectators must sign in at the office and get a visitor's badge, then proceed to the lower field.**

From the Health Room

As the COVID-19 public health emergency unwinds, schools will experience the following changes, **effective May 11, 2023:**

- **A five-day period of isolation for those infected with COVID-19 will no longer be recommended for the general population**, including people in K-12 education settings. Oregon public health officials believe widespread population immunity due to vaccination and repeated infections means most COVID-19 infections are now likely asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic, and the five-day isolation period is doing little to reduce transmission.
- **The recommendation for the general population will be:**
 - **Stay home until fever free for 24 hours and symptoms are improving:**

- To avoid contact with individuals at increased risk for severe disease, including older adults and those with underlying medical conditions; and
- To consider masking for 10 days.

We will continue to follow the PPS Communicable Disease Safety Protocols. More information can be found at PPS site: <https://www.pps.net/Page/19668>

Nutrition Services

PK-12 2023-24 MEAL BENEFITS INFORMATION: Free and reduced-price benefits expire at the end of each school year. Families can apply for benefits on or after July 1, 2023 for the 2023-24 school year online using SchoolCafe at www.schoolcafe.com/pps or download the mobile app. Updated paper meal applications can be downloaded from: <https://www.pps.net/Page/2464> on or after July 1, 2023.

Families who do not qualify for free or reduced-price meals can use SchoolCafe to monitor transactions, view balance, set up low balance notifications, transfer funds among students and request a refund check. The system is free to use unless a payment is made with a debit/credit card to pay for school meals which is optional.

Eligible families are encouraged to apply for SNAP benefits. Approved SNAP recipients along with households where all students attend approved Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) schools do not need to submit meal applications. Households receiving SNAP benefits, attending a CEP school and approved for free and reduced-price meals may be eligible for other benefits, like low cost internet and educational-related fee reductions or waivers. For questions about meal benefits, please email mealbenefits@pps.net or call 503.916.3402.

Flower Power Fundraiser

Still looking for spring seeds and summer bulbs? There are 3 days left in our Flower Power fundraiser—and 50% of sales go back to the garden and other events / programs bright to Bridlemile by the PTA. <http://tinyurl.com/beagleflowerpower>

New District Approved flyers

- Rec Tennis, [Tennis Afterschool Zone @ Winterhaven](#) (Tuesdays, April 25-June 13)
- [Community Transition Program Spring Plant Sale](#) (Saturdays, April 22-May 13)

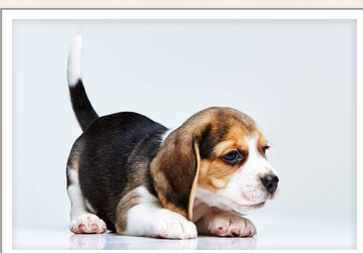
GAGA BALL COURT

Have you heard about Gaga Ball games? This year's 5th grade give back project is the donation and installation of a Gaga Ball pit for all Beagles to enjoy at recess. 5th graders will also create a Yayoi Kusama-inspired mural on the outside of the walls, extending our 47th Street Diversity Mural.



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