

Bridlemile Friday Flyer

September 1, 2023

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:

9/4: School Closed

9/5: First Day of School for Kindergarten!

9/5: Kindergarten Parent Coffee & Donuts Social, 8:05am, Bridlemile Garden

9/9: Bridlemile Garden Work Party, 10am -12pm

9/14: Back to School/Curriculum Night, 5:30 - 7:30pm

9/20: Site Council: 4:30-5:30pm Join via <https://meet.google.com/yzs-prqr-phz>

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Add our calendar to your calendar! Click the link symbol on the top right of the Bridlemile calendar for iCal feed instructions.

Bridlemile News

We are so excited to welcome everyone back to school! Beagles are busy working on classroom expectations and learning routines. Everyone is off to a great start! Today, we finished our second soft start day welcoming Kindergarten students. This means on Tuesday, September 5th, we will start school with all K-5 students!

Tuesday, September 5th: Kindergarten Families in the Bridlemile Garden!

PTA is hosting a coffee social following morning drop-off for our Kinder families. All families are invited to join and introduce themselves to our newest families and welcome them!

Save the Date! Back to School/Curriculum Night, Thursday, 9/14, 5:30 -7:30pm

We are so excited to invite you to our Back to School/Curriculum Night coming up in two weeks!

Our tentative outline of our in-person event is as follows:

- 5:00pm-6:00pm: Grades K-2 classrooms for teacher presentations and PTA/Foundation Room Parent presentation.
- 6:00pm-6:30pm: Visit with Principal Hu and Specialists in the cafeteria (Speech Language Pathologist, Art, Music, PE, Learning Center, Counselors, School Psychologist)
- 6:30pm-7:30pm: Grades 3-5 classrooms for teacher presentations and PTA/Foundation Room Parent presentation.

Meet your child's teacher and learn more about curriculum and classroom expectations for the year. This will also be an opportunity to hear from your PTA/Foundation Room Parent.

Speaking of Room Parents, we sent a form to families last week requesting permission to share your email address with your child's classroom Room Parents for classroom communications. The Room Parent will be sending out communications separate from the teacher. The classroom email list will not be used for purposes other than classroom communications. If you have not had a chance to fill that out, please take a moment to do so now: [Bridlemile Classroom Communications and School Directory](#).

School Supplies and Classroom Academic Contribution

This year, we tried a new process for school supplies by holding drop off days the week before the first day of school. It was very well received; many parents expressed relief at not having to bring everything in on the first day of school.

Speaking of school supplies, we will soon be sending out a survey inquiring about school supplies while this experience is fresh in your minds. We are considering moving to a donation model to cover all school supplies so that families do not need to go to buy the school supplies. As a school, we can get a bulk discount if we order this way *and* we can order supplies when we need it. Stay tuned for this survey coming out in mid-September.

This school year, your classroom teacher may request a contribution to help pay for supplemental school activities. These requests are called "Classroom Academic Contributions" and they go towards funding activities and supplies that have a direct benefit to students. Examples might be field trip admissions, presentations from outside organizations (Audubon, Mad Science, OMSI, etc.), or Scholastic News. More on this type of ask will come during our Back to School/Curriculum Night. Classroom Academic Contributions are made through www.SchoolPay.com.

Field Trips at Bridlemile

As part of our ongoing efforts to provide enriching learning experiences, we are continuing our collaborative efforts for the upcoming academic year. We understand the significance of experiential and instructive field trips in enhancing our students' understanding of grade-level content.



Our grade level teams will be organizing 1-2 field trips together so that every student at each grade level has the opportunity to benefit from hands-on learning experiences aligned with our curriculum. This year, the exception is Grade 4, who will have three field trips because they have the additional field trip opportunity with Salmon in the Classroom. Studying the salmon life cycle is part of 4th grade science curriculum. As part of the program with U.S. Fish and Wildlife, Bridlemile will be hosting a salmon tank, which we will house in the main lobby so that all Beagles will have the opportunity to watch our salmon grow from egg, alevin, fry, parr, smolt, to adult.

After each field trip, we will reflect on its impact on student learning and make improvements for future memorable experiences.

Introductions to New Staff



Amy Miner, Kindergarten

Ms. Miner previously taught first grade at Bridlemile and most recently taught second and third grade at Portland Public School's Online Learning Academy. Prior to teaching, she had a long career in marketing and communications that included working for Portland and New York City tourism marketing as well as nonprofits on both coasts. Ms. Miner is a graduate of Oregon State University and Warner Pacific University. She loves to travel, kayak, swim, and enjoy time with her family and her joke-telling dog, Pepper.



C.J. Bakken, School Health Assistant

With a background in Public Health, Nutrition Science and first aid, Mr. Bakken is committed to ensuring your students' well-being.

Having grown up locally and educated at Oregon State University and in the Beaverton School District, Mr. Bakken is happy to be back supporting his community.

Mr. Bakken's goal is to prioritize students' health and safety, fostering an environment where learning can thrive. He'll provide immediate care, encourage healthy habits, and collaborate with parents, teachers, and staff for students' overall wellness.

Mr. Bakken looks forward to working with you and helping provide a space where your students can continue their educational journey. Please reach out with any questions.



Lluís Soldevila, Music

Hello Bridlemile! My name is Lluís Soldevila, I'm from Valencia, Spain, and I'm very excited to be part of this amazing family! As a musician I've been playing the French horn professionally in orchestras since I was 15 in Europe and the US. I also play piano, violin and ukulele. I'm a graduate from the Barcelona Superior Conservatory of Music and Valencia's Superior Conservatory of Music. In Spain I also studied psychology. I have almost 30 years of international teaching experience, teaching music at all levels and in all types of schools: Conservatories in Spain, Public and private schools, music academies, and as a young orchestra and band instructor/conductor. I played primarily as a soloist, principal horn and chamber music player in Europe, and here in the United States: In Florida, Washington and Oregon.

For this school year I'm excited to continue with all our music programs: Our string ensemble, wind band and I'll love to add other ensembles as an ukulele orchestra, chorus, small percussion and xylophones orchestra, maybe a parents/staff ensemble? I'm planning to work with our students on a different instrument for every quarter (pops and folk and some classical. American and international music), We'll play ukulele, drums, xylophones, recorders, voice, etc. We'll also play and do our own music arrangements, how to analyze music (pops, folk and classical). Please, feel

free to contact me with any questions or suggestions about the music program.

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Kylie Olsen, Psychologist

Kylie Olsen is new to the Portland Public School District and Bridlemile Elementary this year. In June 2023, Kylie completed a School Psychology graduate program at Lewis & Clark College, obtained an Education Specialist degree (Ed.S), and Oregon state and national licensure (NCSP). Kylie worked in Beaverton School District last school year as an Intern School Psychologist. Kylie is a fierce advocate for disability rights and the LGBTQIA+ community. In their freetime, Kylie makes pottery, teaches art classes and volunteers at the Chehalem Cultural Center, writes poetry, and loves to host themed dinner parties for friends and family.



Amy Gretencort, Art

This is Amy's 24th year of teaching and first at a K-5 school. She previously taught middle school visual and performing arts. Her favorite place to travel is France where she often finds inspiration for creative projects. She was commissioned to create shadow puppets for a cultural festival at Chateau de Germolles, which is a place near and dear to her heart. Amy also enjoys gardening and successfully grew her first dahlia hybrid this summer. She is working on a big garden project for next year that will involve hundreds of flowers.



Nicole Arick, Library/Technology

After subbing in the library last year, Ms. Arick is excited to join us as a part-time Library/Technology Teacher. She previously taught 13 years in the Beaverton School District and is looking forward to joining our school. Ms. Arick is a part of the Bridlemile community and her children attend the school (5th and 1st). She looks forward to welcoming volunteers in the library. Be on the lookout for a library sign up. If you would like to contact her about helping in the library feel free to email her anytime: narick@pps.net.



Amy Wick, Library/Technology

Fresh from retiring as a classroom teacher in the Beaverton School District, Ms. Wick is excited to return as a part-time Library/Technology Teacher. She most recently taught 5th grade, but has worked in every grade K-5 in PPS and BSD in her 30 year career. She also spent several years as the Library Media Specialist at Laurelhurst and is so excited to get back to matching children with just the right book!



Jen Buchanan, Instructional Coach

Hello, I am Jen Buchanan, the instructional coach supporting teachers this year at Bridlemile. I come to Bridlemile with 25 years of teaching experience in PPS. My experience includes working as a Title 1 Coordinator, Teacher on Special Assignment supporting literacy, and classroom teaching across K-5. I love working with teachers and students and I feel so lucky to be a part of the vibrant school community here at Bridlemile.

Site Council Underway!

Bridlemile Site Council is made up of teachers, parents, non-certified staff and the principal who work together with the goal of increasing student academic learning.

Bridlemile Site Council meetings will be held virtually this year on Wednesdays (see dates below) meeting from 4:30 - 5:30pm:

- Sep. 20th,
- Nov. 8th,
- Jan 10th,
- Mar 13th,
- May 22nd

Membership and [meeting agendas and notes are posted on our school website](#) so parents/caregivers and staff can communicate questions or concerns to the members. Everyone is welcome to attend. The Google link will be shared in the Friday Flyer.

September 20th's Google link is: <https://meet.google.com/yzs-prqr-phz>

Bridlemile School Counselor's Newsletter!

Happy first week of school Beagles! We have had such a fun week. Twice a month the Bridlemile Counseling Team sends out information about what we are doing, books we are reading and upcoming events. For more information click on the link below:



Bridlemile Counselor Corner Newsletter

From the Bridlemile Health Room

From Nurse Trudy Davis:

If your child will need to take medicine during the school day, please check it in with our School Health Assistant (SHA) C.J. Bakken. This includes both prescription and over the counter medication (including cough drops).

All medication must be in its original packaging/container, the prescription label must be clear on the package and medication must also be brought to school by an adult.

New Covid-19 Policy for 2023-24:

Starting school year 2023-24, Covid-19 is no longer an excludable/reportable disease. This means that if a student or adult in your family tests positive on a Covid-19 test, they will no longer be excluded from school if they are fever free for 24 hours and symptoms are improving. More information is listed below:

- Refer to the OHA [Symptom-Based Exclusion Chart](#). Student may return to school after being fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication AND other symptoms are improving for at least 24 hours.
- Student should be encouraged to wear a mask for 10 days after they develop symptoms or test positive.
- Notification to cohort or school community is not required.

Effective June 17, 2023, the COVID-19 vaccination requirement for public and private school teachers, staff and school volunteers and contractors (OAR 333-019-1030) is lifted.

The use of masks will remain optional for students, staff, volunteers, and visitors. Schools will continue to have a supply of masks for students/staff to access.

Staff and students will follow the [Symptom-Based Exclusion Chart](#) and the [Communicable Disease Guidance](#) to know when to keep students home due to excludable symptoms or a school-restrictable disease.

Please follow these guidelines to help all students stay healthy and ready to learn.

PPS Nutrition Services Job Opportunity at Bridlemile

PPS Nutrition Services has posted a part time Nutrition Services Assistant position for Bridlemile this week. More information can be found [HERE](#).

Bridlemile PTA Supports Sunday Parkways

Bike Fest won't be back until May, however the Bridlemile PTA will be part of SW Sunday Parkways and hosting an aid station for Beagles and other kids to recharge and meetup.

In collaboration with the PTAs from Hayhurst, Maplewood, and Rieke Elementary, Bridlemile will be helping to keep kids enthused in the Multnomah neighborhood.

What: SW Portland Sunday Parkways

When: Sunday, September 10th, 2023

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Come find us at the Little Gabriel Parking Lot just off SW Canby and 41st Ave; or sign up for a support shift!

Sign-up Link: <https://signup.com/go/VXCEiDT>

Hello from PTA and Foundation Bridlemile Families!

PTA is here to help our community stay connected and to support teachers and staff. Foundation raises money to increase staffing and bridge the gap between what public funding provides and the comprehensive educational experience all of our children deserve. In addition, 30% of what we raise goes to the district to support other PPS schools. To keep us connected, we have a PTA and Foundation Newsletter which comes out every week. Please bookmark [this link](#), and check back weekly! A copy of the link will always be provided in the weekly Friday Flyer. To stay up to date on all the latest events, to donate, or to find out how you can get involved, visit us on our website: www.bridlemileschool.org

Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

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