

# Bridlemile Friday Flyer



9/10/2021

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

Sept 14th	PTA Board Meeting 8:05am
Sept 20th	Charleston Wrap Fundraiser Begins
Sept 23rd	Back to School Night, 6:00pm, Virtual
Sept 30th	School Picture Day
Oct 8th	In Service Day- NO SCHOOL

## **WHAT'S NEW INSIDE THIS ISSUE**

- From the District- Weekly Vaccine Clinics; Nutrition Services FAQ's
- Message from Principal Townsend
- From the Office-Dismissal Changes, Student Profile Verification, School Directory, Lost & Found, PPS Text Alerts, School Calendar Sync
- Counselor's Corner- [Bridlemile Counselor Newsletter : 9/10/2021](#)
- PTA News-weekly link to PTA

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## **FROM THE DISTRICT**

### **STUDENT HEALTH CENTER COVID WEEKLY VACCINE CLINICS FLIER**

Please click this [flier](#) for locations for weekly vaccine clinics at the Multnomah County Student Health Centers. Click here for the [Spanish version of the flier](#).

### **NUTRITION SERVICES FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

Here are [answers to questions](#) that we are hearing from our community.

## **MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL TOWNSEND**

Hello Bridlemile Community,

This day marks the conclusion of our second week of school and first week for our Kinders. We are grateful to be able to make it through the challenges that the beginning of a school year can

present. I would like to acknowledge our community overall for all of the support, adhering to policies and procedures, and your resilience in adversity.

As we continue through this new school year, please read through these important updates.

### Covid-19 Guidelines

- In lieu of our school having positive cases, please remember to follow all safety guidelines including screening and keeping your student home if they are showing any symptoms of Covid-19.
- Reach out to the school with any important information regarding symptoms or a positive test result as soon as possible.
- We follow guidelines from the Multnomah County Health Department which you can find on the [MCHD website](#). Please refer to this website if you have any questions regarding the quarantine process.
- If a student is exposed to a positive case, the family will be contacted by phone and email with directions from our MESD consultant on quarantining. It is our intent to inform parents whose student has to quarantine prior to the community letter going out however, some circumstances have prevented the sequence and timing of communication to go as planned. We are greatly appreciative of your patience and understanding in this matter as we continue to work through this process.
- While the district is still working on a sure plan for providing instruction for students who are quarantined, at this time your student's teacher will work with you on providing student work during the quarantine period. Feel free to reach out to your teacher to coordinate. In most cases, it may take the teacher at least 24hrs to prepare lessons and your patience is appreciated.
- If your student is asked to quarantine, they will not be allowed to return to school until the end of the quarantine period, even if a negative test is obtained within that period.
- Please be sure to send your student to school with a properly fitting mask in order to prevent exposure. We do have kid size masks available in the office if your child needs one. **Please be aware that teachers may require a student to exchange their mask from home for a school provided student mask if they determine a student's mask does not fit properly.**

### Arriva//Dismissal/Parking

- Please be mindful and cautious during arrival and dismissal. We have a lot of activity at these times and adhering to policies, procedures and state laws is extremely important for everyone's safety.
- It is important that during arrival/dismissal that everyone exercises patience and understanding while driving. I am relying on parents to be respectful to one another, follow all state laws and be mindful that we do not have the staffing to be able to monitor traffic and parking legally. Please help us by doing your part to make sure that our arrival/dismissal runs as smoothly and safe as possible.

- Thank you to the staff and parent volunteers who help during arrival/dismissal.

### Lunch

- I'd like to give a huge thanks to all of the lunch staff and volunteers for helping make our lunch time as smooth as possible. Given the parameters we have to work around, we are doing the best that we can to provide a safe environment.
- We will continue to follow guidance and keep students distanced 3ft to 6ft to the extent possible.
- We have provided temporary seating cushions for those students whose desire to use them. We have more that will be delivered next week that will be used specifically during lunch.

We truly appreciate all of your support thus far. Let's continue to work together to make the start of this school year as successful and safe as we can! If you have any questions or need support please reach out to the office team at [bridlemile-office@pps.net](mailto:bridlemile-office@pps.net).

Thank you,

Jerome Townsend- Principal  
Bridlemile Elementary  
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### FROM THE OFFICE

Hello Families!

We are very happy to welcome all our families and see all of your wonderful children! For our new families, we would like to introduce you to the Friday Flyer. This is our school newsletter that comes out every week via email and is our **MAIN** source of communication for everything happening at school. The Flyer will keep you informed of important dates, safety reminders, events, activities, issues, processes, and messages from Staff, PTA/Foundation, and our school community.

Always check out the "What's NEW Inside the Issue." This section provides a quick glance at all the new information included each week.

Friday Flyers are also posted on our Bridlemile website- you can access the archives by going to the 'Friday Flyer Newsletter' tab on the homepage. click here: [Archived Friday Flyer Newsletters](#)



**\*\*\*Please make time to read through each and every week, most questions you may have can be answered here!\*\*\***

## **Dismissal Changes/Early Pick up Procedures**

### **Dismissal Changes**

**IMPORTANT** Please email your child's teacher directly **and** (if enrolled in aftercare)-Champions at least a day in advance. Please also copy the office [Bridlemile-office@pps.net](mailto:Bridlemile-office@pps.net). If you must make a same day change, please email or call before 11am. Of course there will be emergencies, but early communication is key. Late day/last minute changes are disruptive, take away from classroom instruction time and affect the safety of our students.

### **Early Pick up**

If you need to pick up your student during the school day (appointments, etc), please email your child's teacher in advance and copy the office to let us know what day and time. When you arrive, come to the front entrance and ring the bell. We will call down for your student and will come out to you to have you sign out your student. If your student will be returning, please walk them up to the front entrance and we will have you sign your student back in.

### **School Calendar Sync**

We are moving away from a school paper calendar and will instead use the electronic calendar on our website for all school events/activities. You can sync the calendar with your mobile device. Follow these instructions:

Go to our website [Bridlemile Elementary](#)

Go to the Calendar on the right side and click "View Full Calendar"

in the upper right hand corner are icons, click on the paperclip looking icon - (iCal Feed Instructions)

This will take you to an iCal Feed Instruction page

Follow the steps to sync the calendar with your mobile device

### **Student Profile Verification**

We have a **WINNER!!!**

Families that completed their student verification by Sept 1 were entered into a drawing to win a prize. Congratulations: **Wolin Family!!!!** Your prize will be delivered to your student next week!!!!

### **IMPORTANT! Please verify your student's profile online!**

To be sure we have the most current information on file for your student(s) we ask that all Parents/Guardians log on to your ParentVue account [ParentVue.pps.net](http://ParentVue.pps.net) and verify your student(s) profile. This information should be reviewed and updated as needed. Be sure you select the YEARLY VERIFICATION tab from the menu.

See [this linked flyer](#) for details.

### **Bridlemile School Directory**

The school directory is a great way to build our community and stay connected with your fellow Bridlemile students and families. PTA will be managing the directory via [Membership Toolkit](#).

In Parent Vue, you were notified that your information will be included in the directory. If you prefer to opt-out, please [download this form](#) and submit to the office and you will not be included in the directory.

### **PHOTO OPT-OUT**

Student photographs are commonly used in yearbooks (Although Bridlemile only offers a 5<sup>th</sup> grade yearbook), but are also sometimes included in school newsletters, school websites and other school related publications. If a picture is used, we do not use student names. If you do NOT want your student's photograph used or released for these purposes or for news media, please [download this form](#) and submit it to the office.

### **Lost & Found**

Please LABEL LABEL LABEL LABEL your child's belongings! We cannot emphasize this enough!!! In addition to labeling coats, jackets and other outerwear (anything that can be shed during recess for example) please also label water bottles, hats, gloves, and lunch boxes. Over the course of a day, you would be amazed at how much stuff gets left behind! We have a Lost & Found rack in the building and it can get pretty unruly. We will make every attempt to get items back to their owners (a name on the item makes it easy peasy) but please encourage your child to be responsible for their belongings. Quarterly, we donate away any unclaimed and unlabeled items to the PPS Clothes Closet at Marshall H.S.

### **PPS Text Alerts**

Be the first to know! Get text alerts about school closures, delays, emergencies and school events by texting YES to 68453 and stay connected to your school. See the [PPS Text Alert Flyer](#) for more information.

### **COUNSELORS CORNER**

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL BRIDLEMILE STUDENTS!

This year, we will continue to honor the [Bridlemile Values](#) and spend the first 2 months defining, building and embracing Community. This first few weeks of school, both Jamie and I will be focusing on introducing ourselves to your students, teaching the Bridlemile Values and School Expectations and planning for supports and needs to help ensure a great school year. Our schedules and office hours will be posted during this time as well.

Each week we will publish our newsletter here in the Friday Flyer. Attached is this week's newsletter. **We can't wait to start the year with your students!**

[Bridlemile Counselor Newsletter : 9/10/2021](#)

Your counselors,  
Rachel Reich & Jamie Laugenour  
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## PTA/FOUNDATION NEWS

Hello from PTA and Foundation Bridlemile Families!

PTA is here to help our community stay connected and to continue to raise money for our school. This year we know there are many extra needs to help students and staff navigate teaching and caring for our children safely at Bridlemile.

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](http://www.bridlemileschool.org) Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

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