



10/07/2021

IMPORTANT DATES

Oct 8th	NO SCHOOL-District In Service Day
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- Oct 12th General Public PTA Meeting- all are welcome, 6:30pm Google Meet
- Oct 21st TAG Night- Virtual Zoom Meet
- Nov 9th PTA Board Meeting; virtual 6-7pm
- Nov 10th Picture Retake Day
- Nov 11th NO SCHOOL Veterans Day
- Nov 22nd-23rd Parent Teacher Conferences
- Nov 24th-27th NO SCHOOL- Thanksgiving Holiday

WHAT'S NEW INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- From the District-Indigenous Peoples Day; **NEW!** Route Check Resource Available at pps.net; Nutrition Services-Menu Update
- From the Office-Student Verifications due by Oct 15th
- PTA News-<u>PTA and Foundation Newsletter</u>
- Community News- Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace Flyer

FROM THE DISTRICT

PPS COVID-19 Monitoring Dashboard

Indigenous Peoples Day

Indigenous Peoples Day recognizes, and honors the beautiful cultures, traditions and lives of Indigeous People around the world. At PPS, students and staff celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day by educating its community of Native American culture and history. This year is the first year the state of Oregon is recognizing this holiday instead of Columbus day!

Nutrition Services

SUPPLY CHAIN AND MENU SUBSTITUTIONS

Due to national supply chain issues, students and families may experience changes to our menus. Food growers, makers and distributors are all facing difficulties with producing enough food to fulfill orders, making and packing the food, as well as getting the food to where it needs to be. We appreciate your patience as some modifications may occur without notification. If you have any questions, please contact our department - <u>nutritionservices@pps.net</u> or 503-916-3399

NEW: ROUTE CHECK RESOURCE AVAILABLE AT PPS.NET



Because of the severe bus driver shortage, PPS has experienced day-to-day changes with routes on which there is not a driver available. Parents can monitor these changes via a new route check system linked to the main PPS website. Above is a snippet from the website of what to look for. Parents can go to either <u>www.pps.net</u> and click on the banner or <u>pps.net/routecheck</u> to receive live updates of impacted routes.

MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL TOWNSEND

Hello Bridlemile Families,

The purpose of this communication is to inform you that we are aware there are traffic concerns during our dismissal/pick-up times. We are currently working with representatives from PBOT (Portland Bureau of Transportation), Safe Routes to School and PPS Transportation to come up with a plan that will address safety concerns with traffic. There are many variables involved in a workable solution, and many elements that make drop off and pick up challenging, for example parking, the shortage of bus drivers and cancellation of bus routes.

We truly appreciate your patience as we work through these present issues and ask that you continue to drive and park safely around the school area. Kind regards,

Jerome Townsend- Principal Bridlemile Elementary jtownsend@pps.net Sonja Williams

FROM THE OFFICE

Student Profile Verification REMINDER - Please verify your student's profile through ParentVue! Thank you to all the families who have completed their student verifications! We still have quite a few families that have not yet completed this process and we are asking that all be done by October 15th.

The verification process should not take more than a few minutes and it is very important that we have the most updated information in Synergy to ensure the safety of your student.

Log on to your ParentVue account <u>ParentVue.pps.net</u> Review and update as needed. Be sure you select the <u>YEARLY VERIFICATION</u> tab from the menu.

See this linked flyer for details.

<u>REMINDER:</u> Please be sure you are using the Bridlemile Office email <u>bridlemile-office@pps.net</u> when sending an absence or dismissal notification in addition to notifying your student's teacher. This is a shared mailbox and is checked by both Dana and Sonja. Thanks!

Dressing for the weather

Well the cold weather is here, gone are the wonderful days of summer! Please be sure your child is dressed appropriately for the colder days- jacket, hat or even gloves when it gets really cold! (please make sure you label all their outerwear!) It is a good idea to also pack extra clothes particularly for your younger students in case they have a run in with a large puddle!

School Pay

SchoolPay is an online web tool that allows families to pay for items such as registration fees, athletic fees, event tickets, uniforms, library fees and donations without having to make a special trip to the school or send a check with their students. It also provides the convenience of paying by Visa, MasterCard or Discover Card online or onsite.

Parents and guardians, you are able to use one log-in at SchoolPay to see all items available to you. You will also be able to see the payment history for each of your students.

Please refer to the attached SchoolPay flyer for how to create an account and make payments on SchoolPay or visit the School Pay website: <u>PPS SchoolPay</u>

<u>SchoolPay for Families Flyer</u> SchoolPay Spanish Flyer

Bridlemile TAG Night

The Bridlemile TAG night will be an opportunity to learn about the Talented and Gifted services at Bridlemile this year and the TAG identification process. This event is for families of currently TAG-identified students, those of students nominated last year, and those who are interested in beginning the identification process for their student.

The TAG night event will be recorded, so if you are not able to attend, or have additional questions, please contact Mr. Stenger at <u>pstenger@pps.net</u>.

Topic: Bridlemile TAG Night Time: Oct 21, 2021 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting https://pps-net.zoom.us/j/84637128811?pwd=ZVNKN1pzaEpFYmtxMXV4V3ZSOXIjdz09

Meeting ID: 846 3712 8811 Passcode: **TAG**

TECHNOLOGY NEWS FROM MS. DAHINDEN

Having trouble logging into your student's account? There have been a few changes this year. Please see this page concerning <u>Student Accounts</u>. Your student's classroom teacher can reset his or her account if needed.

PTA/FOUNDATION NEWS

Happy Friday from PTA and Foundation!

Please see this week's PTA and Foundation Newsletter. Updates this week include:

- Charleston Wrap Kickoff!
- Welcome Room Parents!

Thanks for reading!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Multnomah Early Childhood Program Flier (Spanish) Northwest Children's Theater Fall 2021: Capitol Hill Flier Chief Joseph Flier Forest Park Flier All Programs Flier Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace (includes Spanish translation)



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