

Bridlemile Friday Flyer



11/19/2021

IMPORTANT DATES

Nov 22nd-23rd	Parent Teacher Conferences- No Classes
Nov 24th-27th	NO SCHOOL - Fall Break
Dec 4th & 5th	Bridlemile Foundation -Holiday Tree Sale Fundraiser
Dec 14th	PTA Board Meeting; Virtual 6:00pm-7:00pm meet.google.com/pgz-shde-hef
Dec 20th- Jan 2nd	NO SCHOOL -Winter Break

WHAT'S NEW INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- New Message from Principal Townsend
- From the Nurse- Pediatric Vaccinations
- From the Office- OHSU Testing Updates
- PTA/Foundation News-[Newsletter](#); Mural Gear; Gift Cards Thank You!!; Book Fair; Clothes Closet Volunteers

FROM THE DISTRICT

[PPS COVID-19 Monitoring Dashboard](#)

[New Bus Route Check Tool](#) pps.net/routecheck

PPS Will Host Vaccination Clinics at Eight Schools for Students Ages 5 to 11

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MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL TOWNSEND

Hello Bridlemile Families,

I hope all is well with each of you. As you know, the winter months are upon us. The daily temperatures are colder and we are experiencing rain more often. With this change in weather there is a need to adjust how we facilitate our student lunch periods. Adjustments will be made not only due to weather conditions but because of contractual duty adjustments for staff as well.

Starting **Monday, December 6, 2021**, students will eat lunch inside of the building and recess

will continue to be held outside. With this change, we will continue to follow district Covid-19 Safety Guidelines.

During lunch:

- Students will be spaced at 6ft on the cafeteria floor as well as hallways when needed.
- We will continue to utilize volunteers to help facilitate lunch and recess.
- Students should dress appropriately for the weather as recess will continue to be held outside under the covered area.

Adjusting the schedule and putting it into action on December 6th will allow staff to adjust their schedules and prepare students for the change. It will also allow time for parents who choose to have their students vaccinated to go through the process. We will share the final updated schedule upon returning from Fall Break.

Your flexibility is truly appreciated as we continue to navigate the challenges that this school year brings.

Thank you,

Jerome Townsend- Principal
Bridlemile Elementary
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FROM THE NURSE

[Daily Illness Self Screening Checklist](#)
[Guidelines for Illness](#)

IMMUNIZATIONS

Please continue to bring in updated immunization information. This information must be provided to the school for input into the district's immunization database so that your child's record will reflect that they are up to date. Letters were mailed to parents whose children have incomplete immunization information. Should you receive a letter, please provide requested information as soon as possible. The school nurse Trudy Davis is available to address any questions that you may have. If you need assistance in locating a health care provider or clinic site, please contact Trudy tdavis@mesd.k12.or.us.

PEDIATRIC VACCINATIONS

As you may be aware, fully-vaccinated students and staff are able to stay at school if asymptomatic, even if they have been exposed to a COVID-19 positive individual. Now that a pediatric COVID-19 vaccination is available for children ages 5-11 years, you can locate pediatric vaccinations by:

1. Check with your child's pediatrician; or
2. Log into Multnomah County Health Department's [vaccine locator website](#) and:
 1. Enter your address or zip code under "Location."
 2. Click "Search"
 3. Click "Filter Your Results"
 4. Click "Pfizer age 5-11" under Vaccine Type.
 5. Click "Apply Filters" under Date Range.
 6. View the list of Pediatric Vaccine Clinics under Provider Information.
 7. Contact the Pediatric Vaccine Clinic provider for appointment information.

FROM THE OFFICE

COVID SCREENING TESTING UPDATE

We have successfully launched our COVID Screening program at Bridlemile! Thank you to the participating families for your cooperation and patience. Below are some resources, reminders and updates.

Resources for Families: [OHSU K12 Screening Program Webpage](#)

Test Results: OHSU will provide results directly to families.

- All Positive and Inconclusive results will receive a phone call from OHSU
- OHSU is not permitted to share results with PPS, so we are dependent upon families to inform us of the results. Please be sure to report ALL Positive and Inconclusive results to the office.
- If your family has not received information from OHSU, please check your SPAM folders, ensure we have the correct email address listed as primary in Synergy ParentVUE. You can also reach out to OHSU directly at 833-376-1027 or K12covidtesting@ohsuhealthmarketing.com for further support.

Important reminder: if your student has had COVID in the last 3 months they should NOT submit a sample as they are likely to test positive with this screening test.

To unenroll: If you no longer wish to participate in the program, please send an email to the Bridlemile Office bridlemile-office@pps.net and we will unenroll you from the program.

November is Native American Heritage Month. The month is a time to celebrate rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories and to acknowledge the important contributions of Native people.

NAYA- Native American Youth and Family Center nayapdx.org. The Native American Youth Center (NAYA) is a family of numerous tribes and voices who are rooted in sustaining tradition

and building cultural wealth. They provide culturally-specific programs and services drawing on the strengths of staff and volunteers to provide inclusive programming for Native Americans from infant to Elder. Contact Youth Advocacy Manager Daniel Guilfoyle danielg@navapdx.org to get connected to a Youth Advocate in your area/school. Youth advocates assist Native American/Indigenous youth, whether they are self-identified or enrolled with a federally recognized tribe, with the following (if applicable):

- Meeting with the youth on a weekly-basis
- Tutoring Teaching good study habits
- Providing additional opportunities to build skills
- Able to gain access to resources and existing supportive caring relationships
- Build on youth's strengths
- If applicable, explore youth's cultural heritage through a variety of activities and service-learning opportunities.

Office Reminder Updates/Requests

- We are still working with PBOT in order to assess our traffic concerns; especially during our dismissal. In the meantime, please continue to adhere to state laws and practice safe driving.
- We are asking those parents who arrive early for dismissal to wait in an area where students or staff are not present. Our dismissal is at 2:15pm, consequently teachers may still be working with students outside and it can be a distraction and/or disruption when parents are waiting for dismissal in the same area that teachers and students are occupying. Thank you for understanding and adhering to this request.
- Please be sure your child is dressed appropriately as the days are consistently colder; including a jacket, hat or even gloves. It may also be a good idea to label **ALL** of your student's belongings as our lost & found is becoming quite full. Please stop by at dismissal time to claim your student's missing items.

CONFERENCES

Creating a partnership with your child's teacher around your child's learning can make a big difference. Here is a link for some helpful tips to consider when attending parent/teacher conferences: [PPS School-Family partnerships](#)

For 5th Grade Families Only

From PPS Enrollment & Transfer Department -ANNOUNCING NEW MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL TRANSFER CYCLE DATES

Middle and high school transfer applications for the 2022-23 school year will be available November 29-December 17. A complete list of events during the cycle will be posted on the PPS Explore Your Options [webpage](#). Middle and high school transfer and dual assignment results will be announced in mid-January and uploaded to Synergy by February 1.



REMINDER: Please be sure you are using the Bridlemile Office email

bridlemile-office@pps.net 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!

Dismissal- Car Pick up Queue

Dear families,

We want to thank all of you for your continued support to ensure timely pick up of your kids at the end of each day. Dismissal is going pretty smoothly and we appreciate everyone's efforts! We do want to remind our car pick up families that we do have delivery trucks like Nutrition Services, FedEx, Office Depot, USPS and other vendors as well as other PPS vehicles that will need to pull up to the building on occasion and also for safety we need to keep the fire lanes open during school. If we can keep the parking lot clear as much as possible until around 2:00pm that would be greatly appreciated. Thank you so much for your understanding!

LIBRARY NEWS FROM MS. DAHINDEN

Oregon Battle of the Books 2022

OBOB registration forms are due December 17th, 2021. Forms can be downloaded from the Bridlemile Library website. See [OBOB permission form](#). School battles will be held virtually during the month of February. For more information please contact volunteer coordinator Kelly Gillespie at kelanngillespie@gmail.com.

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 [Student Accounts](#). Your student's classroom teacher can reset his or her account if needed.

PTA/FOUNDATION NEWS

PTA and Foundation [Newsletter](#)

Updates this week:

- More Bridlemile Mural Gear! Purchase to show your spirit at <https://smilebridlemile.com/>
- Thank you for the generosity and support in sending gift cards for Community Outreach!
- Thank you for supporting the Book Fair! The fundraiser was a great success! Annie Bloom's, Netcar Froyo and Thinker Toys are so appreciated!
- We still need [Volunteers](#) on Nov 29th at the Marshall Clothes Closet!

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving week!

From the Foundation

Important information and upcoming dates.

EASY Donation Opportunities:

- **Circle of Giving:** Please sign up if you haven't already
<https://bridlemileschool.org/donate> (you can donate as little as \$5 per month)
- **Bridlemile Bottledrop:** Email us to get signed up bridlemilebottledrop@gmail.com
- **Amazon Smiles:** Great way to donate! <https://bridlemileschool.org/pta-pay-online>

Important Dates:

- **December 4th & 5th** - Holiday Tree Sale
- **Week of March 7th** - Online Auction begins - we will be sending out more information as we get closer to the date.
- **March 11th** - Online Game Night - Double Your Dollars - we will be sending out more information as we get closer to the date.



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