

A close-up photograph of several gingerbread cookies decorated with white icing. One cookie is shaped like a reindeer with antlers, and another has a snowflake design. They are arranged on a white surface.

# Bridlemile Friday Flyer

December 15, 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:

12/15: Office Hours with Principal Hu, 3-3:30 PM, Google Meet Link: [meet.google.com/sko-vivj-ajb](https://meet.google.com/sko-vivj-ajb)

12/18-22: Make up instructional days

12/23/23-1/1/2024: Winter Break

1/9: Family/Teacher Conferences

1/11: Family Teacher Conferences

1/16: Family Teacher Conferences

1/18: Family Teacher Conferences

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## Bridlemile News

### From West Africa to Bridlemile

Ask your Beagle about Ms. Habiba, who came to visit Bridlemile for an all school assembly this week.

Ms. Habiba, a native Ghanaian, is a storyteller and performer sharing stories from West African culture.



**Bridlemile Band and Strings, Bravo!!**

Students participating in Band and Strings gave a surprise lunchtime practice performance to the delight of 1st grade Beagles.

Our musicians are working hard and it shows! They are working on a spring concert, and it was super fun to get to hear how much progress they are making!







## Today was Mix it Up Day at Lunch!

Video Link: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F-x\\_J6dxbOE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F-x_J6dxbOE)

5th Grade Leadership and Bridlemile counselors hosted a Mix-it Up Day for all Beagles at lunchtime.

Students sat by their birth month to meet and make new friends.

Counselor lessons have included ways to start a conversation and build a community of inclusion.

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## Talented and Gifted (TAG) UPDATE

The window for parent and teacher TAG referrals has now opened. There are several major changes to the process from previous years to be aware of:

1. There is no cut-off date for TAG referrals this year. Referrals can be made on a rolling basis throughout the remainder of the year.
2. The first step of the TAG referral process is to communicate with your student's classroom teacher. Under new Oregon Department of Education guidelines, the purpose of TAG identification is to provide services needed to meet an individual student's needs. We do not identify just to

identify, so it is important to determine if there are specific services a student requires that are not already being met. Your student's teacher can share with you what TAG services typically look like in their classroom and what types of differentiation they are currently providing to your student. Once there is a shared understanding of where your student is at and the level of support they are currently receiving if you wish to move forward with a TAG referral, your student's teacher will begin the referral process and begin to collect work samples and other data used in final decision making.

More information about this year's TAG process can be found here: [PPS TAG Referral Information](#)

If you have questions about the TAG process, please contact Bridlemile TAG Coordinator Patrick Stenger, at [pstenger@pps.net](mailto:pstenger@pps.net)

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## Calling Parent Volunteers! Lunch Help Needed for 12/18-12/22!

Nutrition Services has notified us that the lunch menu next week will be simplified. Nutrition Services will also be extremely short-staffed so we will only have one person working the cafeteria line next week. If you are free Monday-Friday to help serve hot meals and have funny conversations with students in line, please let us know. We could use the extra hands! Shift is 10:30am-12:00pm.

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FABA828A0FAC34-46908941-cafeteria>

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## Bridlemile Community Outreach

Thank you for your generosity in supporting our Bridlemile families via the Community Outreach program this season! We received tons of gift cards and this will help many of our families have a wonderful holiday!



## January Family-Teacher Conferences

Bridlemile will be hosting afternoon and evening conferences, in-person and virtual. Check your email for classroom teacher conference sign-up sheets. Our teachers are looking forward to the opportunity to meet and talk with you.



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### A Reminder to Families about school December 18-22

PPS recognizes that families have previously scheduled plans on Dec 18-22 makeup instructional days. **If you know your student will be out for that week, please let our Bridlemile Office know. These absences will be excused.**

You can also report absences in advance through [ParentVue](#).  
[The directions are available here.](#)

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**Updated School Calendar showing new school dates now available**

[Go to this website to view the updated 23-24 school calendar](#) with the new school dates.

Translated copies are also available. In addition to December 18-22, we will have school for the following dates:

1. January 26
2. February 19 (Presidents' Day)
3. April 8
4. June 12
5. June 13
6. June 14

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## Enroll your Family for 2024 Health Coverage by January 15, 2024

Translations of this letter are located at [this link](#).

Individuals and families have the opportunity to enroll in, renew, or change their health insurance plan for 2024 during the current Marketplace health insurance **open enrollment** period, which goes **until Jan. 15, 2024**. Open enrollment is the only time when anyone who is not offered coverage from a job or a public program like the Oregon Health Plan or Medicare can enroll in health coverage through [OregonHealthCare.gov](https://OregonHealthCare.gov), often with financial help.

Health insurance covers essential health benefits critical to maintaining individual health and treating illness and accidents. Health insurance helps to reduce medical and prescription drug costs, making health care more affordable and thus more accessible.

Health coverage also is important for students because:

- Having health insurance is linked to better health (study [here](#)).
- Health insurance coverage helps boost test scores among children from low-income households (study [here](#)).
- Expanded health insurance coverage has led to historic reductions in racial disparities in access to health care (study [here](#)).

Trained community groups, Tribal health organizations and insurance agents are available to help Oregonians enroll in coverage through the Marketplace during open enrollment. There is no cost for their services. Many of them offer services in multiple languages. These "Enrollment Assisters" also can help people transition to private health coverage if they have experienced a qualifying life event. This includes people who are losing Oregon Health Plan benefits as the state works to renew each of its current members. Click [this link](#) to find an Enrollment Assister near you and who speaks your preferred language.

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## Ida B. Wells Modernization Public Design Workshop Sunday, Dec. 17th

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Dear Ida B. Wells High School & Ida B. Wells cluster families,  
Please join your friends and neighbors at the Ida B. Wells Public Design Workshop #2 on Sunday, December 17th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm in the Ida B. Wells Cafeteria. Come early at 12:30pm for a light lunch.

The design team will present three different approaches to reimagining what a new Ida B. Wells campus will look like. Please join us for activities that explore these ideas and share your thoughts with the design team.

[View the Dec. 17th Design workshop flyer](#) [Español](#) | [Tiếng Việt](#) | [Русский](#) | [Soomaali](#) | [中文](#)

All Voices Welcome

PPS wants to hear from the many diverse voices within the Ida B. Wells community.

Childcare will be provided (contingent on staff availability) as will translation services in Spanish. Additional language translation services are available upon request at [Wellsbond@pps.net](mailto:Wellsbond@pps.net) or call the School Modernization line at 503 916-2222.

Visit the website regularly for more information

The Ida B. Wells modernization website, <https://www.pps.net/IdaBWellsBond> will keep you updated on the latest developments and provide a list of upcoming engagement opportunities. You can also join the Ida B. Wells Modernization project mailing list at [Wellsbond@pps.net](mailto:Wellsbond@pps.net).

Thank you for helping us create a modernized Ida B. Wells High School for the 21st century.

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## Bridlemile Holiday Ornaments

Help out the final touches on your holiday decor with a Bridlemile ornament. Bridlemile ornaments will be available next week. Email [maddiecois@gmail.com](mailto:maddiecois@gmail.com) for more information. Families can Venmo Maddie, adding their student's name in the text box. Ornaments will be dropped at the school office to be sent home with children. Ornaments are \$10 each and are shatterproof–kid and puppy safe too! Get them before they're gone!

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