11/16/2018

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

- **Nov 19**<sup>th</sup> – **20**<sup>th</sup>: NO SCHOOL – Parent/Teacher Conferences
- **Nov 21**<sup>st</sup> – **23**<sup>rd</sup>: NO SCHOOL- THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
- **Nov 27**<sup>th</sup> – **30**<sup>th</sup>: Passport Club, Grades 1-5, Lunch Recess, Library
- **Dec 1**<sup>st</sup> - **2**<sup>nd</sup>: Foundation Tree Sale & Pancake Breakfast

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

**TRAFFIC SAFETY- Updates & Review**

**Updates/Changes**

We have a new zebra crosswalk at the intersection of SW 44th and SW 47th. There is no parking or stopping at the T of this intersection.

Grades 3-5 drop off is now located to the east of the intersection @44<sup>th</sup> & 47th. To turn around, drivers should continue one block east to the roundabout on SW 43rd & SW 47th.

We are also looking for parent volunteers to do the crossing guard at SW 44th and SW 47th. Please contact the front office if you are interested in volunteering for the crossing guard.

**Policy Review**

**PARKING LOT DROP OFF LANE**

2. The drive-through drop off area is for quick drop-offs. If your child needs more time or is unable to exit the car on their own please park on the street and walk them in.
3. **Drop off**: Enter the parking lot and proceed to the right. This will take you down the parking aisle that runs along the side of the building.
4. **Please do not drive down the center lane of the parking lot.**
5. **We ask that you have your children exit the car as quickly as possible.** Delay creates traffic back up that extends back onto 47th and down to Hamilton. *To alleviate congestion, please exit the parking lot to the right and use the roundabout at 43rd Ave to turn around.*

**STREET DROP OFF**

1. **Suggested for grades 3-5.** Please drop your child off east of SW 44th, on the south side of 47th. Students can enter the playground from Hamilton Park or down the stairs from the bus zone.
2. If parents do need to drop off on the north side of 47th, students should use the safety patrol zebra striped crosswalk to cross the street to school property. *Our Safety Patrol staff has been instructed to take down license plates of cars that are a safety concern.*
3. Please heed and respect all posted street and traffic signs and be remember to be mindful of your speed - slow and safe. *Reminder - speed limit is 20mph during school hours.*
4. Please exercise caution when driving down 47th and adjacent side streets as there is a lot of congestion between buses, pedestrians, and cars.

**GENERAL TRAFFIC RULES & REMINDERS**

- **Please observe all posted street signs** Much of the curb is off limits for parking during specific hours, this includes the portion of the curb at the “T” intersections.
- **U-turns are illegal** If you need to turn around, please use the designated turnabout located just past the park by the tennis courts at SW 43rd Ave.
- Please do not block driveways, mailboxes, or fire hydrants. Remember to be courteous and respectful of our neighbors.
- Cars should never double park to let kids exit into the street to cross. If there is no place to pull completely over, please drive down towards the park where there is more space available.
- Parking lot is reserved for staff only during the school day.

Thank you for your understanding. Your attention and cooperation is appreciated as we work together to have a positive impact in ensuring the safety of our students.

Brad Pearson
Principal
Bridlemile School
November 15, 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Currently there is a high rate of colds, flu, and other common illnesses being reported in our community. These seasonal viruses can affect both children and adults.

Please take a few moments to go over the following information with your child:

- Do not share food, drinks, or personal items.
- Cover your cough and wash your hands.
- Cough or sneeze into the elbow bend of the arm or into a tissue, then wash your hands.
- Wash your hands after recess or gym, before eating or preparing food, after using the restroom, blowing your nose, coughing, sneezing.

Hand washing is the most effective way to keep germs from entering our bodies. To wash your hands effectively use plenty of soap and water; scrub the palms of hands, fingernails, around wrists, between fingers, and under rings for 30 seconds. Rinse well and dry hands after washing.

You will be asked to take your child home if there is:

- A new or sudden onset of a rash, or unusual marks on the skin, with or without fever
- Skin lesions or sores that are “weepy” or draining, and cannot be covered with a bandage
- A fever of 100.5 degrees or higher
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea

Most illnesses are short lived without complications. However more serious conditions may develop. If you have any concerns about your child’s health please contact your health care provider. If you need information about health insurance please contact your school nurse or call 503-257-1732.

Students may return to school after they have been without fever or vomiting or diarrhea for at least 24 hours, without the use of fever reducing, or other medication to relieve symptoms.

Thank you,

Brad Pearson
Principal, Bridlemile Elementary

Malinda McCollum
School Health Assistant
FROM THE OFFICE

**Calendar correction:**
The school sing along assembly that was scheduled on Friday Dec 14th has been canceled.

Dear Parent Volunteers,

Per state law and PPS policy, any person volunteering must sign a Confidentiality Agreement. Attached above is the Volunteer Confidentiality Agreement Form. Please read through, sign and return it to the office before your next visit to Bridlemile. You can email the form to Bridlemile-office@pps.net, or print out and submit a hard copy to the office.

All volunteers must have a background check completed and current. To submit a background check please go to: https://volunteer.pps.net

A volunteer’s involvement includes, but is not limited to:

- Assisting teachers and school administration
- Offering tutoring or enrichment activities to students
- Participating in school organizations such as PTAs
- Providing counsel to the school district as members of advisory committees
- Improving school grounds and buildings

Many thanks for all your support!
Bridlemile Office

IMPORTANT- PLEASE READ:

When you are here for teacher conferences, please be sure to check the lost & found for your kiddos belongings! There will be tables in the hallway with all the lost items (water bottles, lunch boxes, food containers, hats, books, jackets, sweatshirts, glasses, goggles, socks, school supplies, etc...you get the picture!)

*Unclaimed items will be bagged up during winter break and DONATED away!!!!*

COUNSELOR’S CORNER
Welcome to the Counselor Corner!
Week of 11/16/18 : Theme – Diversity, Thankfulness

Activities – We are continuing to explore the second Bridlemile value, Diversity: the condition of having or being composed of differing elements: especially: the inclusion of different types of people (such as people of different races or cultures) in a group or organization in both our classrooms, communities, and Bridlemile community. Ask your student(s) how he/she feels diversity contributes to a strong and positive community!

The 8th Grade Leadership What Can You Share annual food drive that supports the Oregon Food Bank ends next Tuesday, November 20th! There are large white bins in every hallway accepting donations. Did you know 1 in 5 people in our Oregon communities experience hunger? Best rule of thumb when donating: Consider what you’d like to put on your table. At this time, the most wanted non-perishable foods include:
- Peanut butter and almond butter (low sugar)
- Rice, beans (canned or dried), pasta
- Whole-grain cereal, shelf-stable milk, cooking oil
- Tuna, canned tomatoes

Please consider adding a few items to your grocery list and bringing them in when you attend your child’s conference next week. And make it a family affair! Talk to your children about why this drive is so important.

We are continuing to run our small groups exploring the Zones of Regulation, Lunch Bunch Friendship skills and Mindfulness and provide classrooms lessons that explore diversity in our community.

Books we have read:
Today I Feel Silly & Other Moods That Make My Day (Curtis)

Videos we have watched:
The Sneeetches
An Awesome Book of Thanks
Kid President’s 25 Reasons To Be Thankful!

Events – 5th Grade Leadership Food Drive ends Nov. 20th
Parent Teacher Conferences: Nov. 19-20th

Stay tuned in the next few weeks as we finalize our “Counselors’ Corner” webpage (attached to the Bridlemile website) where you can find all the resources listed in these newsletters and more!

Have a wonderful weekend!

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

Thank you to all our volunteers and everyone who contributed to a successful book fair!!!! Special thanks to Ann and Chris Hoffman who went above and beyond to make the Book fair a happy experience for everyone.

Check out this link to see all the fun: [Bookfair Thank you slide show](#).

Bridlemile celebrates literacy!!

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**PTA NEWS**

**FIFTH GRADE GREENERY SALE**

Thank you to everyone who helped make the 5th Grade Greenery Sale a successful fundraiser! Greenery orders will be available for pickup in the cafeteria on November 29th & 30th from 2:15pm- 5:45pm. **FIFTH GRADE PARENTS: We need your help managing greenery order pickups!** Please sign up here to help: [http://signup.com/go/BNnvaFY](http://signup.com/go/BNnvaFY)

Questions? Contact Sarah Porter: [holidaygreenery@gmail.com](mailto:holidaygreenery@gmail.com)

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**Passport Club**

Passport Club is the week after Thanksgiving break & we'll be SO thankful if you sign up now to volunteer! We had a successful October with 141 students coming to passport club over 4 days. This program is widely loved by our wonderful students. It's not unusual to hear students exclaiming to each other: "This is SO fun!"

Volunteers are the key to helping these students have a great experience. [Sign Up here](#) to volunteer 11:10AM - 12:15 AM Tuesday - Friday Nov. 27-30.

Contact Riikka or Brynn directly to sign up or ask questions. Thank you!

Riikka 503.860.5517  [riikka.marr@gmail.com](mailto:riikka.marr@gmail.com)

Brynn 503.577.4410  [brynnkblack@gmail.com](mailto:brynnkblack@gmail.com)

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**Progress in the Garden!**

Thanks to all of the parents, students, neighbors and sponsors (Sharon from Fred Meyer, we’re looking at you!) for showing up and helping us whip the outdoor space into shape. Together we planted native plants, built new raised beds (thanks Conrad Lumber & Parr Lumber), added new soil (courtesy of Fred Meyer) and got rid of a lot of invasive weeds.

Next time you’re on campus, stroll through the garden and take a look!
Your Personalized Paver
It’s time to leave your mark on Bridlemile! Our paver project is going to line the new Learning Plaza with customized paving stones.
Choose your message and we’ll do the rest.
Start your order here.

MARSHALL CLOTHES CLOSET: 5 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
The PTA Clothing Center serves over 1700 PPS Students each year, providing free clothes and shoes to PPS families in need. Bridlemile is assigned to provide 5 volunteers to help at the Clothing Center twice a year. Our first spot is THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH from 9:30am - 1:30pm at MARSHALL (FRANKLIN HS) Campus / 3905 SE 91st, Room C-60, Portland, OR 97226. PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE LINK BELOW:

MARSHALL CLOTHES CLOSET SIGN-UP http://signup.com/login/entry/637020303853926053

Thank you from the Bridlemile Clothing Closet team.

FROM THE FOUNDATION

Pancake Breakfast & Tree Sale
December 1st & 2nd
Pancakes 9am-12pm
Tree Sale 4pm-3pm
The Bridlemile Foundation welcomes you to join us for our annual Tree Sale & Pancake Breakfast fundraiser on Saturday, December 1st and Sunday, December 2nd! Here's what you need to know:

**TREE SALE**
Stop by the Bridlemile parking lot to find your holiday tree. The tree lot is open from 9 am - 3 pm both days. Prices range from $45 (small) to $75 (extra-large). Delivery is even available for an extra $10!

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**
Enjoy a piping hot pancake breakfast for just $5 per person in the Bridlemile Cafeteria from 9 am - 12 pm both days. Bridlemile's finest chefs are whipping up a gourmet spread of pancakes, sausage, hot chocolate and coffee for all to enjoy.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**
We'd appreciate the gift of your time - even an hour! Sign up at: [https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2568527/false?popup=true#/invitation](https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2568527/false?popup=true#/invitation)

**Circle of Giving**
**JOIN BY THANKSGIVING FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!**

It's your last chance to be entered to win prizes as our thanks for joining the Circle of Giving! Anyone who has joined the Circle of Giving by Thanksgiving will be entered to win one of three awesome items including:

- One Tree from the Holiday Tree Sale
- Four tickets to the Pancake Breakfast
- Two tickets to the *Tall Trees, Big Dreams* Auction

See attached flyer for more information. To join, simply visit: [https://www.bridlemileschool.com/foundation-donation-page](https://www.bridlemileschool.com/foundation-donation-page)

**NEW Corporate Sponsors Needed!**

The annual Bridlemile auction relies heavily on corporate support from our community. If you work for a company that will consider sponsoring this event we would love to hear from you! We are about half-way to our sponsorship goal. We need support from our families in order to meet our financial commitment to Mr. Pearson and to maintain the special programs our kids love. Sponsorship levels range from $250 - $5,000 and every contribution is appreciated. The attached proposal provides more detail.

And, a huge thanks to our sponsors that committed early including: Touchmark, Cascade Auto Glass, Metropolitan Land Group, Doherty Ford, Hines Warner Wealth Management, Pizza Schmizza, PDX Alternative Realtors, Hillsdale Orthodontics and VillaSport!

To join these generous companies as a sponsor please contact Carynne Drake at carynneo@gmail.com
Lincoln High School Dance Team Clinic

Please support the Lincoln High School Dance Team in their annual Dance Clinic fundraiser.

- The dance clinic will be held at West Sylvan Middle School during the November conferences on Monday, November 19th and Tuesday, November 20th.
- The clinic is from 9am to 4pm both days with a Routine Showcase at 3:15 on Tuesday. Friends and Family are invited to watch the showcase.
- The clinic is open to grades K-8 and the participants will be divided by age and/or ability.
- Lunch is required both days, but snacks will be provided.
- Dancers should wear athletic attire that allows freedom of movement.
- To register, please fill out this google form: [https://goo.gl/forms/UQQ4lx0W0TvG1xNH3](https://goo.gl/forms/UQQ4lx0W0TvG1xNH3)
- Feel free to spread the word to others in your community. Fundraiser cost is $100 per dancer.
- If you have questions, please contact Colleen Huard at [cfhuard@comcast.net](mailto:cfhuard@comcast.net).

**FALL AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

**Monday**
- Soccer by Soccer Shots- Outside field *(Fall session ends 12/10, Winter session begins 1/7)*
  [https://www.soccershots.org/pdx/](https://www.soccershots.org/pdx/)

- Yoga Playgrounds, Faculty Lounge outside Portable *(Fall session ends 12/10, Winter session begins 1/7-see attached flyer)*

**Wednesday**
- Spanish by Kids Like Languages, Faculty Lounge outside Portable *(Fall session ends 12/5, Winter session begins 1/23)*
  [Kids Like Languages](https://kids-like-languages.myshopify.com/products/spanish-after-school-program-at-bridlemile)

  **Spanish Winter Session begins Jan 23rd**: enroll before December 5th and get $20 OFF using promo-code: WINTER-OFF. See attached flyer.


**Thursday**
- My Masterpiece Art, Faculty Lounge outside Portable *(Ends 12/6)*

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