11/30/2018

**IMPORTANT DATES:**
Dec 1st - 2nd  Foundation Tree Sale & Pancake Breakfast
Dec 11th  PTA Board Meeting, 6:30pm, Portable
Dec 11th – 14th  Passport Club, Grades 1-5, Lunch Recess, Library
Dec 13th  3rd, 4th, 5th Grade Music Program, 3rd grade: 6:00pm, 4th & 5th: 6:45pm, Cafeteria
Dec 17th- Jan 1st  WINTER BREAK

**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 @44th & 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**

1. Suggested for **grades K-2**. Parents please remain in the car.
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

FROM THE OFFICE

- Please stop by the cafeteria today between 2:15- 5:45pm to pick up your holiday greenery orders. **Everything must be picked up by 5:45pm today!**

- Friday Flyers are now 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](#)

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

- If you are a volunteer we must have a Volunteer Confidentiality Agreement Form on file for you, this is a state law. Forms are in the office next to the sign-in laptop. Please make sure to fill out and turn into the office on or before the next time you come in to volunteer. 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

FROM THE NURSE
If your child is still incomplete in their immunizations, please make arrangements to obtain vaccinations and to provide this information to the school. Exclusion Day for state required vaccinations is Wednesday February 20th, 2019. Students who are not current will not be able to attend school until current immunization records are provided to school staff.

COUNSELOR’S CORNER

Welcome to the Counselor Corner!
Week of 11/26/18: Theme – Diversity

Welcome back from Thanksgiving Break. We hope that everyone was able to get some rest and spend some quality time with family and friends.

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 was a great success. Bridlemile raised 189 meals from 236 pounds of donated food items. Amazing work!

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)
- Jamie is Jamie by Alsanah Moradian
- The Little Red Foot by Brenda Meier (Thank you Bridlemile PTA for supporting the purchase of this book!)

Group Activities:
- Choices In A Jar by Free Spirit Publishing (great for a ‘Family Fun Night’ game).

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

Events - Stay tuned 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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MESSAGE FROM MS. BARLOW

Dear Grade 3,4 and 5 Parents,

We want to invite you to our Music Program on Thursday, Dec.13th.
Here is some info:

The Third Graders will need to be in their classrooms at 5:45 for a **6:00 p.m.** performance. The Grade 3 concert will last approximately 25 minutes. At this point we will need to clear the cafeteria and you will pick up your child by their classroom. Please exit down the hall by the kindergarten classrooms so that the hallway traffic might be a little less crowded. Dress is comfortable and casual.

The Fourth and Fifth graders will need to be in their classrooms at 6:30. Their program will begin at **6:45** sharp and will last approximately 40 minutes. The Fourth graders will need their recorders.

Please keep any smaller children with you or on your lap and please keep your Bridlemile students with you until you drop them off with their teachers in their classrooms. If you do not have a child in Third Grade please be respectful of their performance and wait to enter the cafeteria until 6:30 p.m.

We will see you there!!! Thank you, Becca Barlow- Music teacher

MESSAGE FROM OUTREACH

Thanksgiving is all wrapped up and Bridlemile did fabulous work supporting families with our Thanksgiving gift card drive. Thank you to everyone who donated--your contributions made a real difference!

December is almost here and Bridlemile Community Outreach is working to make sure every family has a happy holiday season but we need your help. We are again accepting donations of gift cards from select local retailers as well as monetary donations via our online collection site. The funds collected will be used to purchase gift cards for our community.

If you would like to contribute, please do so by purchasing a gift card in any amount from Fred Meyer, Target, Albertsons, Starbucks, and/or Dutch Brothers (only these retailers, please) and turning them in at the Bridlemile office **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 12**. Alternately, we will be sending out a link to our Cheddar Up fund collection site very soon so you can donate money with a few easy clicks.

We will also be setting up our annual gift giving opportunity this week so watch for more information about that coming soon!

FROM THE LIBRARY

In order for OBOB to be successful we need a great group of parent volunteers to help run the battles and ensure a fun and fair competition to all! We need at least 20 volunteers to make this event run smoothly so your help is very much appreciated! The preliminary battles will occur February 15th and 22nd from 11:20-2pm. We need help from parents to moderate and score these battles to ensure a fun and fair book battle for all these kiddos! We will be hosting training sessions during lunch recess next week in the library Tue-Fri.
you cannot make any of these training sessions (only one is required) but still want to volunteer or have any questions please contact Kelly Gillespie kelanggillespie@gmail.com

http://signup.com/go/SYoUcBb

PTA NEWS
Bringing the Outdoors Inside

The Portland rain can’t stop our plans for Garden education. From learning about the white oak acorn to popping homegrown popcorn, Bridlemile kiddos are busy learning (thanks to Judy Sims!) even while it’s quiet out in the garden.

Don’t forget, there’s still time to order your personalized paver for the outdoor learning plaza. Pick up a form in the office or click here to get going.

Terracycle
As a school, we have already recovered lots of foil-lined snack wrappers through Terracycle AND markers through Crayola ColorCycle instead of sending them to landfills! Thank you! Let’s keep up the good work! We have found that the squeeze pouch collection is less successful- they are messy and stinky- just ask the fruit flies that gathered in the bin! We will discontinue this aspect of the program for the time being. But PLEASE keep collecting your snack wrappers!

Thank you, the Sustainability Committee
THE BRIDLEMILE FOUNDATION WELCOMES YOU TO JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL TREE SALE & PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER TOMORROW SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1ST AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND!

HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

**Bring it on Beagles!**

The Bridlemile Sustainability Committee Needs YOUR Help!

**We want your empty foil-lined wrappers!**

Turn this... ...into this... ...instead of this.

Bring your wrappers to the blue bin in the cafeteria all year!

**RECYCLE ENERGY BAR WRAPPERS!**

Every year, billions of energy bar wrappers end up in dumpsters and landfills across America. We are working with TerraCycle® to put an end to this enormous bug of resources.

The Energy Bar Wrapper Recycling Program allows us to recycle these wrappers and prevent them from ending up in landfills.

And not only are you helping the environment, but the wrappers you recycle with us have the potential to earn funding for our school or organization.

Drop off your wrappers at:

- Bridlemile Cafeteria
- 5th Grade Greenery
- Marcia Frost & Olivia Bass
  mmfrost74@gmail.com
  oliviaanne@gmail.com

Learn more at www.ttercycle.com.

THE MORE YOU RECYCLE, THE MORE WE'LL EARN!

**Pancake Breakfast AND Tree Sale**

*December 1st & 2nd*

Pancakes 9am-12pm

Tree Sale 9am-3pm

The Bridlemile Foundation welcomes you to join us for our annual Tree Sale & Pancake Breakfast fundraiser tomorrow 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)

**HOLIDAY GREENERY ORDERS ARE READY FOR PICK-UP!**
Please stop by the cafeteria today between 2:15 - 5:45pm to pick up your holiday greenery orders. **Everything must be picked up by 5:45pm today!**
If you need to make special arrangements, please contact Sarah Porter: [holidaygreenery@gmail.com](mailto:holidaygreenery@gmail.com)

Did you forget to place a greenery order? Come see us on Saturday at the Foundation Tree Sale and Pancake Breakfast. We’ll be selling extra greenery to benefit the 5th grade class from 9am- 12pm on Saturday only!

**CIRCLE OF GIVING**
Congratulations to the following winners who were drawn to receive exciting prizes as our thanks for joining the Circle of Giving!

- Ryan Bestwick - 1 Free Tree at the Bridlemile tree sale
- Rebecca Duncan - 4 tickets to the pancake breakfast
- The Thompson Family - 2 tickets to the *Tall Trees, Big Dreams* auction

If you're not a winner, don't worry! Everyone who joins the Circle of Giving is a winner because they are helping to make Bridlemile Elementary the BEST school possible. Join us today! [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

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOL CLUSTER (Gray/Wilson & West Sylvan/Lincoln)

West Sylvan Drama
Presents: Once On This Island Jr.
When: December 6th, 7th, 13th, 14th at 7 PM and Matinee December 8th at 2:00
Tickets: 7$ for students, and 10$ for adults, children 5 and under free. Reserve your tickets today at http://westsylvandrama.com/

Robert Gray Middle School
Fall Play Tickets on Sale
A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare

Performances:
Friday, November 30 - Opening Night, 7:00 pm
Saturday, December 1 - 7:00 pm
Sunday, December 2 - 2:00 PM
Friday, December 7 - 7:00 pm
Saturday, December 8 - Closing Show, 7:00 pm
Ticket Sales: For online ticket purchase, visit BUY TICKETS. You can also buy at the door before the show. Questions? tickets@rgmsdrama.com

Lincoln High School
Popcycles
Dec. 1, 2018
7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Description
150LHS Popcycles Event featuring Popcycles Alumni!
The choir rehearsal time for Popcycles will be 4-5:30pm in Rm 169 with a two-hour dinner break before the 7:30pm show

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/

• Yoga Playgrounds, Faculty Lounge outside Portable (Fall session ends 12/10, Winter session begins 1/7-see attached flyer)
  http://www.yogaplaygrounds.com/

Wednesday
• Spanish by Kids Like Languages, Faculty Lounge outside Portable (Fall session ends 12/5, Winter session begins 1/23)
  Kids Like Languages
**Spanish Winter Session begins Jan 23rd**: enroll before December 5th and get $20 OFF using promo-code: WINTER-OFF. See attached flyer.
Direct enrollment link: https://kids-like-languages.myshopify.com/products/spanish-after-school-program-at-bridlemile

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

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**School Website**
503-916-6292

**Archived Friday Flyer Newsletters**

**PTA/Foundation website**