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**MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Dear Bridlemile Community,

As 2018 comes to a close and we go into winter break, I want thank you all for your ongoing support and commitment to our school. I wish you a wonderful holiday season filled with relaxation and quality time with family and friends.

There is much to celebrate as our students have worked very hard this school year. Just this week our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students had an outstanding performance at their annual musical. A big thank you to Becca
Barlow for her incredible work as our music director. Becca works very enthusiastically every year to bring our Bridlemile community together through our school musical performances.

As we move into 2019, we will be holding monthly schoolwide assemblies and will be featuring our school values of community, diversity, integrity, kindness and knowledge. Staff and student leadership will present and teach about our values to the entire student body. Our school counselors and classroom teachers will also continue to teach about our school values as we move through the remainder of the school year.

Again, a heartfelt thanks to you all for your dedication and commitment to all our Bridlemile students and to our learning community. I hope you and your family have a great end to 2018 and a safe, restful and enjoyable winter break and holiday season.

Sincerely,

Brad Pearson
Principal

FROM THE OFFICE

We want to wish you all a wonderful winter break!! Whatever holiday you are celebrating, hope you are warm, safe, healthy, and surrounded by friends, family and good cheer!! See you in 2019!!

Best,
Sonja, Dana, and Malinda

Principal Pearson is seeking ready and willing parent volunteers to act as our crossing guard at the intersection of 45th & Hamilton and the new zebra crosswalk located at the intersection of SW 44th and SW 47th. If you are interested in volunteering for crossing guard duty (mornings, afternoons, or both!) please contact the front office. Thank you!!

*Please be aware, there is no curb parking or stopping at the T intersection at 44th & 47th.

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.
**COUNSELOR’S CORNER**

**Announcement** -- Our “Counselor Corner” website is now LIVE and can be found under the Quick Links tab on the left hand side of the Bridlemile website. This will be an on-going work-in-progress as we continue to add over time. Enjoy!

**Have a wonderful weekend!**

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Welcome to the Counselor Corner!
Week of 12/10/18: **Theme — Diversity**

**Activities** — We are continuing to explore the second Bridlemile value, *Diversity,* for the rest of the month. Now that our students have been introduced to the word and its meaning within the Community, our lessons and conversations are encouraging them to incorporate Kindness into the equation. Instead of simply tolerating or respecting people different than ourselves, we are promoting the *celebration* of differences within our Communities! Our language around this topic is — “Our differences make our Community awesome!” How are you continuing these conversations at home?

**Books** we have read this year:
- *Tale of Two Beasts* (Robertson)
- *Officer Buckle and Gloria* (Rathmann)
- *If Everybody Did* (Stover)
- *Mole Music* (McPhail)
- *F is for Feelings* (Miliar & Berger)
- *A Tale of Two Beasts* (Robertson)
- *Know and Follow Rules* (Meiners)
- *The Little Red Fort* by Brenda Maier
- *Try a Little Kindness* (Cole)
- *How Full is Your Bucket* (Rath & Reckmeyer)
- *Hooray for Diffendoofer Day* (Seuss)
- *Can I Join Your Club?* (Kelly & Labers)
- *Personal Space Camp* (Cook)
- *Feelings Book* (Parr)
- *Ruby the CopyCat* (Rathmann)
- *Jamie is Jamie* by Afsaneh Moradian
- *Talk and Work it Out* (Meiners)
- *Today I Feel Silly...* (Curtis)

**Videos** we have watched this year:
- “Color Your World With Kindness”
- “Pete the Cat and the New Guy”
- “5 Minute Bodyscan Meditation”
- “Ruby the CopyCat: A good reads video”
- “Kid President: The Scariest Thing in the World”
- “Kid President's 25 Reasons To Be Thankful!”
- “Color Your World with Kindness”
- “How to Change the World”
- “For the Birds”
- “What Makes a Community”
- “Mr. Manners Matters”
- “An Awesome Book of Thanks”
- “Sesame Street: Robin Williams — Conflict”

**Holiday Resources:**
- 211.org
- Salvation Army (food, gifts)
- Conexiones/Latino Network
- Toy and Joy Makers
- St. Vincent dePaul (food, gifts, rent assistance)

**Resources** to explore:
- “Resilient Kids Come from Parents Who do These 8 Things”
- Making Mindfulness Stick with Kids and Teens: A Workshop for Parents and Professionals
MESSAGE FROM OUTREACH

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Outreach Holiday Gift Drive! Your contributions help make it possible for all Bridlemile families to feel happy and secure during this holiday season.

FROM NUTRITION SERVICES
Starting the week of January 14, 2019, the Nutrition Services department will be utilizing School Messenger to notify families by phone and email about student meal account balances. Kitchen staff will continue to provide personal phone call reminders and/or paper letters home. If you have questions about student meal accounts or other information, please visit our webpage www.pps.net/nutrition or call our department 503-916-3399.

FROM THE LIBRARY
OBOB Reminders: 1. Read books. Enjoy books. 2. Sign-up for Practice Sessions at Cedar Mill and Bethany Libraries over the holiday break. 3. Use the practice questions available on the Bridlemile Library Website. First official battles will be February 15, 2019.

Author Visit for K,1,2 : Book orders due Jan. 18th. Order a book to have signed by Jessie for your child. Fantastic author visit with Jessie Sima on Jan. 28th. Order form attached.

Thank you,
Andrea Burke

FROM THE FOUNDATION
THANK YOU!!!!!!! The Bridlemile Foundation would like to thank everyone who participated at the annual Pancake Breakfast and Tree Sale this past weekend! With the help of 20+ volunteers working more than 200 volunteer hours, we flipped over 500 pancakes, served 200+ people, and sold 140 trees. The event generated approximately $4,000, which is about 2% of the $190k Foundation goal to support teaching and staff positions at Bridlemile.

Thank you for your support,
The Foundation board members

If you’re scrambling for a special gift, a personalized paver is perfect! Just pick the message when you order your paver and then visit it for years to come at Bridlemile’s outdoor learning plaza. Pick up a form in the office or click here to order.

Girls on the Run
Bridlemile will have two Girls on the Run (GOTR) teams this spring and we are in need of a few more volunteer coaches to make the season successful. Lottery registration will open Thursday, January 10th at 9AM (it is a lottery this year, not first come, first served) for girls to sign up.

Interested in coaching? Visit www.girlsontherunpdx.org/coach to learn more. You can also check out this short video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T9_PC-fvdXA.

If you have questions, contact the Bridlemile Girls on the Run Site Coordinator, Jennifer Whitten @ jennifer.ann.whitten@gmail.com

UPCOMING WINTER AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Monday
- Soccer by Soccer Shots- Outside field (Begins 1/7)
  https://www.soccershots.org/pdx/

- Yoga Playgrounds, Faculty Lounge outside Portable (Begins 1/7)
  http://www.yogaplaygrounds.com/
**Tuesday**
- Chess Wizards, Faculty Lounge outside Portable – *(Begins 1/8)*
  [https://chesswizards.com/](https://chesswizards.com/)

**Wednesday**
- Spanish by Kids Like Languages, Faculty Lounge outside Portable *(Begins 1/23)*
  [Kids Like Languages](https://www.kidslikelanguages.com)

**Thursday**
- My Masterpiece Art, Faculty Lounge outside Portable *(Begins 1/17)*

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**School Website**
503-916-6292

[Archived Friday Flyer Newsletters](https://www.schoolwebsite.com/archived-flayers)

[PTA/Foundation website](https://www.schoolwebsite.com/ptafoundation)