1/25/2019

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

Jan 29th – Feb 1st  Passport Club
Feb 6th     Kindergarten Connect, 8:15am, Cafeteria
Feb 12th    PTA General Meeting- Open to Everyone, 6:30pm, Library
Feb 18th    NO SCHOOL- President’s Day
Feb 25th    Missoula Children’s Theater Week Begins

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Internet Safety: What Parents Need to Know
Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 6:30pm
Bridlemile Cafeteria

Presented by the Portland Police Bureau
& the Bridlemile Site Council
Guest Speaker: Portland Police Officer Heather Hughes

Elementary age children today access the internet at school and at home, via computers, smart phones and other handheld devices.

There are many internet safety concerns that parents should be aware of including: inappropriate content, online privacy, cyberbullying, and inappropriate communications from friends and strangers.

Please join us to learn more about how to help your children navigate the internet safely!

This presentation is for adults only
Childcare will be provided

www.netsmartz.org

FROM THE OFFICE

- Report cards are coming home with students in their backpacks on Monday January 28th. Please sign the envelope and return envelopes only, to your student’s teacher.
- LOST & FOUND has grown again!! Please stop by to check for, and claim any of your missing items. Thanks!
COUNSELOR’S CORNER

Welcome to the Counselor Corner!
Week of 1/21/19: Theme – Integrity: The quality of being honest and fair.

Activities – Our Community Circles are continuing and incorporating Integrity-themed prompts into practice to intentionally create a space that lifts barriers between people and opens the possibility for connection, collaboration and mutual understanding. This practice is not new! It is actually derived from aboriginal and native traditions, built on caring relationships, positive expectation messages, and opportunities for meaningful participation. The earliest Community Circles were used in family groups! How can you implement something similar at dinnertime, or another time of day when your family is together?

Books we are reading:
- One (Otoshi)
- The Invisible Boy (Ludwig)
- Terrible Things (Bunting)
- Weird!, Tough!, Dare! - Stories About Dealing with Bullying in Schools (Frankel & Heaphy)

Videos we are watching:
- Auto B Good: “The Integrity Project”
- Sesame Street: “Personal Space Invaders”

Resources to explore:
- “How to Teach Your Kids to Care About Other People”
- “Five Ways to Help Teens Build a Sense of Self-Worth”
- Mind Yeti: Mindfulness app from Committee for Children

Up-Coming Community Events:
- Children’s Health Fair - Saturday, Feb. 9th (10a-2p) at Reynolds Middle School → FREE!
- NAMI Basics - For Parents and Caregivers of a Child or Adolescent Living with Mental Illness: Thursday evenings (6-8:30p) at Emanuel Hospital in North Portland → FREE!
- Developing Our Children’s Skills 2019 Parenting Class Series: 6 week class for families experiencing challenging behaviors with children who have special healthcare needs, including Autism Spectrum Disorders. Classes begin Feb. 12th (Eastside) or Feb. 13th (Westside)
- Making Mindfulness Stick with Kids and Teens - A Workshop for Parents and Professionals: Saturday, Feb. 23rd (9a-12p)

Have a wonderful weekend!

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MESSAGE FROM TAG

Dear Bridlemile Community,

On behalf of the PPS TAG Department, I am pleased to announce the opportunity for your fourth or fifth grade student to participate in this year’s Oregon Writing Festival! Participation in the Oregon Writing Festival is
open to all fourth and fifth grade students, and the event will take place at Portland State University on May 4th, 2019. The festival consists of a full day of literacy experiences for your child, beginning at 8:00 am and concluding at 3:00 pm. This year’s featured author for fourth and fifth grade students is Rosanne Parry, author of Heart of a Shepherd, Second Fiddle, Written in Stone and The Turn of the Tide.

In order to participate, your child will need the following:

- $40.00 admission fee
- a sack lunch
- one favorite writing piece of her or his personal best, along with twelve photocopies (with advance notice, I can make the photocopies at school for your child)

Please reach out to me at tfinch@pps.net by no later than Friday, February 8th, 2019. Once I receive indication of your child's interest, I will then forward along the permission slip via email. Please do consider this extended and challenging learning experience for your young author.

Please note that scholarships for this event are available in order to ensure that each and every interested fourth and fifth grade student will be able to participate. If your child is in need of a scholarship which will cover the admission fee, please reach out to our school counselor, Rachel Reich, at rreich@pps.net.

Best regards,
Tom Finch
Third Grade Teacher and Building TAG Facilitator

FROM THE LIBRARY
OBOB News

Volunteers Needed for Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB)
Volunteers are needed to help conduct book battles on February 15, 22, and 27 from about 11:40-1:40. Running book battles is FUN, but there are rules to follow and they must be conducted efficiently and fairly. To help volunteers learn how to conduct battles and make it more enjoyable for everyone, we are requiring volunteers to practice with students at least once during a lunch recess or during a library class visit. This is also a great opportunity for second grade parents to learn how OBOB works before their kids participate.

To volunteer, sign up here: http://signup.com/go/SYoUcBb

As of now, we have another lunch time practice session set up - January 29 at 11:20.

Please contact Kelly Gillespie at kelanngillespie@gmail.com if you are available on the dates in February and would like to set up a time to be trained. Thank you!

Another opportunity for students to practice book battles will be at the Hillsdale Public Library Jan. 29th and Feb. 10th after school. This is a highly recommended opportunity if teams wish to see how they do against students in other schools. Please see the attached flyer.
FROM THE PTA

Passport Club
Hello Bridlemile!
Passport Club is NEXT WEEK (Tue 1/29 - Fri 2/1).
We have a few more spots open for volunteers and we'd love to have you join us.

Our volunteer spots that are still open:

Tuesday 1/29 - 1 volunteer needed
Wednesday 1/30 - FULL
Thursday 1/31 - FULL
Friday 2/1 - 2 volunteers needed

And just a friendly reminder, first grade students will come with their class, only one class at a time.
Their dates are:
Tuesday - McClincy
Wednesday - Miner
Thursday - Leckie

Sign Up here to volunteer 11:00AM - 12:15PM or contact us directly to sign up or ask questions.

With gratitude,
Riikka and Brynn

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Garden Committee
It’s Planting Time!!

The Bridlemile Garden Committee is hosting 2 work parties in February to prep and plant a variety of native plants we purchased with grant money as well as to further prep garden beds for edibles.

Sunday, February 10 9am-1pm
Sunday, February 17 9am-1pm

Please join us in digging in the dirt and communing with neighbors to get our school garden ready for spring!
Please email Deedra Weill, deedra0330@gmail.com with questions or to RSVP.

MISSOULA CHILDREN’S THEATRE RETURNS TO BRIDLEMILE!
Mark your calendars to audition for Missoula Children's Theatre production of Blackbeard the Pirate! This year, our week-long residency begins February 25.

Auditions:
Monday, February 25, 2:30-4:20 (rehearsal following auditions, 4:30-7:00)
Showtimes:
**AUDITION EXPECTATIONS**
Missoula Children's Theatre production of Blackbeard the Pirate AUDITIONS will be held on **Monday, February 25** in the Bridlemile Cafeteria, **2:30-4:20**. Any student Kindergarten-5th grade can audition. **There is no cost to audition.** This is a fun and interactive group audition, and no advance preparation is necessary.

**REHEARSAL/PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS**
Students need to be prepared to begin rehearsals immediately following the auditions should they be chosen for a role. Students in the play are expected to clear their schedules for the entire week of Feb 25-March 2. Participation in both performances and all rehearsals is mandatory. Rehearsals will be held between 2:30 and 7:00PM, though younger students can expect shorter rehearsals, exact times TBD. **There is no charge to audition**, but there is a $45 expense fee for those students who do get a role in the play. **Full scholarships are available to anyone** and will be managed through the school counselor.

Stay tuned, more details will be posted next week, and permission slips will be sent home at the end of January!

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**FROM THE FOUNDATION**

**Kindergarten Morning Mingle**

*Wednesday, January 30th  
7:30 - 8:30 a.m.  
Location: Bridlemile Portable*

All Kindergarten families are invited to join the Bridlemile Foundation for coffee and donuts. Mingle with the Foundation board members, learn about the upcoming Auction and better understand how the Foundation supports Bridlemile.

**Auction News**

We can’t wait to see you at this year’s auction! We are already getting some questions on the attire. Dress is of course, casual, but if you want some theme ideas, check out this Pinterest page for some “lumberjack chic” looks:  
https://pin.it/c5xnzfnlqgfi
Our annual fundraising auction benefit is on March 9th at the World Forestry Center, and tickets are now available! You can purchase tickets at https://bridlemile.schoolauction.net/auction2019/ or learn more at www.bridlemileschool.com.

The Tall Trees & Big Dreams fundraising auction benefit is an evening event including both a live auction and silent auction, where you can purchase items & experiences to support our school. Available at this year's event and included in your ticket price:

- 🍺 Hosted beer and wine from local wineries and breweries – unlimited, no drink tickets needed!
- 🍴 Passed appetizers, family-style seated dinner
- 🎸 Live music from Old Barn Preservation Society

You will also have the opportunity to register early now to enjoy the following:

- ⚽VIP Whiskey Lounge featuring exclusive access to high-end whiskey and bourbon pours – limited number available!
- 🎁 Raffle ticket for the "Golden Axe" which gives you the chance to win $2000 towards any live auction item – only 100 will be sold!

Make sure to buy your tickets now and we can’t wait to see you there!

Weekly Auction Update #1 – Mobile Bidding!

This year our fundraiser auction will have online mobile bidding for the first time for all of the sign-ups, easel parties and silent auction items! Mobile bidding allows you to register before you arrive at the event, so no waiting in line! Not to mention, our mobile bidding option will open three days before the auction starts, so you can review and bid on items prior to the event and then go right to taste some whiskey, grab a signature cocktail or socialize when you arrive. Plus, you can be alerted if you have been outbid, making it convenient for you to bid from wherever you are and ensure you get to take home the items you want. No more standing by clipboards or losing out on items! Be sure to by your tickets soon so you are ready to bid mobile - and high!

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

School Information Night RGMS
Mar. 6, 2019
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
https://www.pps.net/Domain/120

RGMS School Tours
Wednesday, February 13 & May 1, 3:00 PM

Lincoln Youth Baseball Registration Open
www.lincolnyouthbaseball.com
*see attached flyer
**SW Portland Little League Spring Registration**

SW Portland Little League spring registration is now open! We offer programs for kids ages 5 to 14 in baseball and softball. (Tee ball is offered for 5 and 6 year old kids) Our program is both instructional and fun. Play ball!

[Link to spring registration](http://swpll.org/sites/swpll/program/19070/Spring-BaseballSoftball-Spring-2019)

**WINTER AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

**Monday**
- Soccer by Soccer Shots- Outside field
  [Soccer Shots PDX](https://www.soccershots.org/pdx/)
- Yoga Playgrounds, Faculty Lounge outside Portable
  [Yoga Playgrounds](http://www.yogaplaygrounds.com/)

**Tuesday**
- Chess Wizards, Faculty Lounge outside Portable
  [Chess Wizards](https://chesswizards.com/)

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

**Thursday**
- My Masterpiece Art, Faculty Lounge outside Portable
  [My Masterpiece Art Studio](http://www.mymasterpieceartstudio.com/education-contact/)

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**School Website**
503-916-6292
**Archived Friday Flyer Newsletters**
**PTA/Foundation website**