4/12/2019

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

- **Apr 16**<sup>th</sup>  Childcare Fair, 6-7:30pm, Cafeteria
- **Apr 18**<sup>th</sup>  Run For the Arts
- **Apr 23**<sup>rd</sup>-**26**<sup>th</sup>  Passport Club, Grades 1-5, Library, Lunch Recess
- **May 2**<sup>nd</sup>  Band & Strings Concert, 6:30pm
- **May 3**<sup>rd</sup>  Freaky Friday Carnival, 5:00pm-8:00pm
- **May 9**<sup>th</sup>  2<sup>nd</sup> Kindergarten Connect Tour, 8:15am, Cafeteria
- **May 14**<sup>th</sup>  PTA General Meeting, 6:30pm
- **May 14**<sup>th</sup>-**17**<sup>th</sup>  Passport Club, Grades 1-5, Library, Lunch Recess

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**MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Dear Bridlemile Community,

Assigning students to classes is an important task the staff at Bridlemile takes very seriously. A great deal of time, staff input, and many considerations go into the decision. Some of the considerations consist of looking at student strengths and weaknesses including academic and social/emotional needs, ratio of boys to girls, balancing specific needs of students and dynamics of individuals within the group.

This process is complicated and works best when the staff is able to make decisions based on individual student needs. We have a dedicated staff, trained and prepared to meet the needs of all students. Following state standards, all classes are expected to deliver the same curriculum in each grade level. Therefore, in whichever class your child is placed, you can expect them to be challenged at their level.

We also value and appreciate parent input and have attached an optional student placement questionnaire for you to fill out regarding your child that provides input for us to consider when we are making balanced classes for next year. In order to achieve balanced classes we are unable to take specific requests for teachers. If you choose to fill out the questionnaire please do not comment on or make requests for specific
Additionally, please do not approach your child’s current teacher to make classroom placement requests. All placement questionnaires should be submitted to the main office by Monday April 22nd.

We appreciate your input and look forward to providing a stellar educational experience in the upcoming school year!

Sincerely,
Brad Pearson
Principal

Child Care Fair is this Tuesday!
Reminder: The Bridlemile child care fair is this Tuesday, April 16th from 6-7:30 pm in the Bridlemile cafeteria. Champions will provide child care during the event. Please complete the survey, click here: [survey](#) by noon on Monday, April 15th, so they can have sufficient staff to cover the child care need. You may want to provide an extra snack for your child(ren). At the fair, child care organizations will have staff available to answer questions, share rate sheets and policies, and present why their organization is the best fit for Bridlemile. This information will also be posted on a website for easy access by this Tuesday.

FROM THE OFFICE
- Report Cards will be sent home in student backpacks on Monday April 15th.
- It’s time to sign up for Kindergarten! If you know of any new families planning to attend Bridlemile next fall, please spread the word! Registrations are due by June 1st but we encourage everyone to register as early as possible- it greatly helps with forecasting and staffing! Thanks!
- Please note, the May Kindergarten Connect Event date has changed. It has been changed to Thursday, May 9th. Same start time and location, 8:15am in the Cafeteria. If you know of any incoming K families planning on attending, please help spread the word. Thanks!

COUNSELOR’S CORNER

Welcome to the Counselor Corner!
Week of 4/8/19: Theme – Career Development

Activities – We are continuing with career development activities in K-5 classrooms this week. We encourage you to talk about these topics at home and share your own experiences growing up and as an adult, not limited to any one career end!

Books we are reading:
- [When I Grow Up](#) (Yankovic)
- [I’m Gonna Like Me](#) (Curtis & Connell)
- [Today I Feel Silly](#) (Curtis)
Videos we are watching:
- Overcoming Adversity with a Positive Attitude

Professional Development we are doing:
- Check out our website! It is under construction. :)
- Listening (on the Libby app! Check it out!) to Masterminds & Wingmen (Wiseman)

Resources to Explore:
- “Wonderful stories expressing mindfulness and kindness” → Great book list!
- 20 Chores Older Elementary-Aged Kids Should be Able to do
- 10 Emotion-Coaching Phrases to Use When Your Child is Upset

Up-Coming Community Events:
- Camp Erin - A free, weekend-long overnight Summer camp for children and teens who are grieving the death of someone close to them
- The International Dyslexia Association Conference is coming to Portland! Nov. 7-10th, 2019

Important Info for 5th Graders:
- West Sylvan Middle School Forecasting Sheet due back to teachers Friday, April 12th with parent signature.
- West Sylvan Middle School 6th Grade forecasting information
- 5th Grade Transition to Robert Gray Middle School Information

Have a wonderful weekend!

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FROM THE PTA

RUN FOR THE ARTS

*Run for the Arts* pledge form and instruction sheets were sent home and your pledge period has begun! We will run on **Thursday, April 18th**! K-2 is at 10:00 am and 3-5 is at 12:30 pm. Sign up to help out: [https://signup.com/go/UsRLxpT](https://signup.com/go/UsRLxpT)

We encourage you to use the online platform for ease of sharing and tracking your child's donations! [http://runforthearts.yaar.org/completeregistration.asp](http://runforthearts.yaar.org/completeregistration.asp)

In an effort to be equitable and fair to all, we have decided there will be **NO T-SHIRTS** awarded this year. Instead, each grade level will compete for most participation. The class from each grade that has the most participation (*turned in forms/online donations) will win a “Free” PE class period with Mr. Urke.

Thank you, Mona Rogers, RFA coordinator
**WALK & ROLL TO SCHOOL**
Mark your calendars and watch out for more details. May is Walk & Roll to school month! Pull on your sneakers and walk, bike, scoot, or skate to school! Track your involvement and win prizes for participating! More information to come!

**FREAKY FRIDAY**
On-line pre-orders will remain open for the weekend!
https://www.bridlemileschool.com/freakyfriday

Freaky Friday is our annual carnival and it’s on May 3rd this year from 5-8pm! It is an evening full of bouncy houses, carnival games, food to purchase and a few sweet treats. Kids can win Beagle Bucks and cash them in at the end of the night for prizes. Order your wristbands, T-shirts and tickets early for a discount. It is open to anyone so bring your friends!

Please sign up to volunteer for Freaky Friday!
https://signup.com/go/jXNoqcd

For questions you can contact Mariah Fairben or Amber Barratt @ freakyfriday@bridlemileschool.org

**Garden Pavers**
GARDEN PAVER UPDATE

Thanks to all who have purchased a personalized paver for the Bridlemile Garden! Installation of the learning plaza is planned for sometime this summer. If you haven’t ordered yet, deadline is Friday 4/17 to get your paver. You can order online at www.bridlemileschool.com or pick up an order form in the office. Remember, pavers are also a great way to honor a teacher (current or past) who has made an impact in your child's life!

Thank you!
Bridlemile Garden Committee
FROM THE FOUNDATION

Thank you so much Bridlemile Families, teachers, community members, and businesses who all helped make this year’s fundraiser auction benefit for Bridlemile a success! We netted over $132,000 dollars because of your participation and contributions! The money raised goes directly to pay for staff at our school and other schools in PPS, which this year has a reduced budget of approximately $17 million for the district. As such, your donations are critically important in today’s educational funding climate, and we thank you heartily on behalf of our students.

We are already planning for next year’s event, so if you are interested in helping out and being a part of the Auction Committee, please email Kristin at kcornuelle@orrick.com!

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

Robert Gray Middle School Tour
May 1, 3:00 PM

Wilson HS
Girls Soccer Camp
August 5th - 8th
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Ages: 7-13

**Please see attached flyer for details

Lincoln High School
Summer Youth Basketball Camp
June 24th -27th
9 AM-Noon
Ages: 5th Grade-Incoming Freshman

**Please see attached flyer for details

Lincoln HS Youth Baseball
Lincoln Youth Baseball is looking for more Kids to play AA Baseball!
This is for 2nd graders OR 3rd graders who haven't played before.

In AA ball there is a mixture of pitching machines, coach pitch, and player pitch. As always, the emphasis is on fundamental skills, including pitching, and the players begin to develop the ability to hit competitive pitching from an opposing player. Typically the season begins with machine pitch with a transition to player pitch as the season progresses. The season starts in April and goes through mid-June. AA Teams usually start with 2 practices per week and then as games get into full swing, practices may be just once per week. Games are typically played 2x per week.

Register now! [www.LincolnYouthBaseball.com](http://www.LincolnYouthBaseball.com)

Questions? email: [LincolnYouthBaseballSoftball@gmail.com](mailto:LincolnYouthBaseballSoftball@gmail.com)

Thank you,
Communications
Lincoln Youth Baseball & Softball

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**SPRING AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

**Monday**
- Soccer by Soccer Shots- Outside field
  [https://www.soccershots.org/pdx/](https://www.soccershots.org/pdx/)

**Tuesday**
- Math Gamers, Faculty Lounge outside Portable (Starts 4/16)
  [www.mathgamers.net](http://www.mathgamers.net)

**Wednesday**
- Spanish by Kids Like Languages, Faculty Lounge outside Portable (Starts 4/17)
  [Kids Like Languages](http://KidsLikeLanguages.com)
Direct enrollment link: https://kids-like-languages.myshopify.com/products/spanish-after-school-program-at-bridlemile

**Thursday**
- My Masterpiece Art Faculty Lounge outside Portable

**Attachments:**
- *Lincoln High Summer Basketball Camp*
- *Wilson High Summer Girls Soccer Camp*

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School Website
503-916-6292
[Archived Friday Flyer Newsletters](http://www.mymasterpieceartstudio.com/education-contact/)
[PTA/Foundation website](http://www.mymasterpieceartstudio.com/education-contact/)